

Remembrance Day

When Is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day is celebrated every year on 11th November. There is also a celebration on the second Sunday of November which is called Remembrance Sunday.

What Is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day commemorates the date and time the First World War ended. It finished on 11th November 1918 at 11 a.m. It has been an annual memorial day since 1919.



How and Why Is It Celebrated?

On both Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, a two minute silence is held. The silence is to remember the millions of people who have died at war.

Many people go to a cenotaph to lay a wreath of poppies. In London, members of the royal family visit the Cenotaph. The silence starts and ends with the firing of a gun or cannon.



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Remembrance Poppies

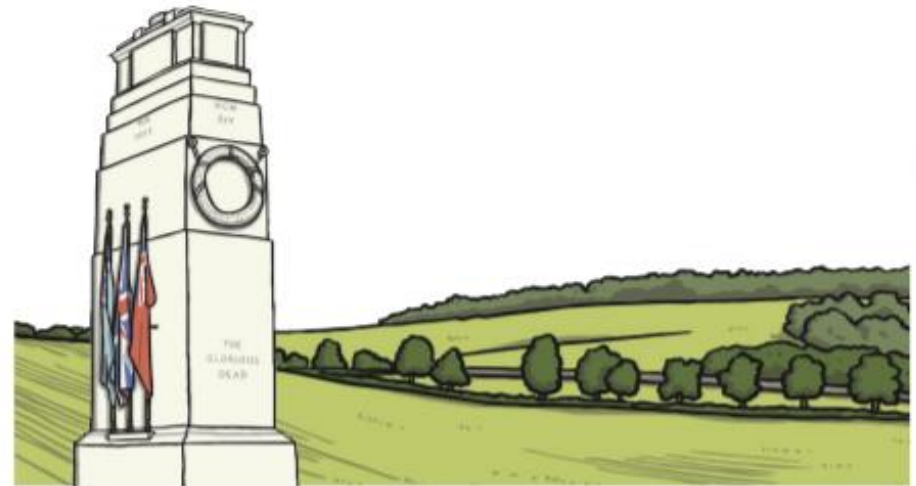
Poppies are worn on Remembrance Day because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after the First World War ended.

The Royal British Legion Charity sells stickers, pins and badges to raise money for those in the armed forces and their families.



Did You Know?

Remembrance Day is sometimes called Armistice Day.



Questions

1. In the following sentence what does the word 'commemorates' mean?

Remembrance Day commemorates the date and time the First World War ended.

- shouts
- remembers
- walks

2. Find and copy one other word which means every year.

3. Why do you think Remembrance Day has been celebrated since 1919?

4. How is the two minute silence in London marked?

5. The Royal British Legion Charity raises money for poppy shows.

- True
- False