

What was evacuation and why did it happen?

Watch the following clip: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01ml6m6/clips>
(an evacuees adventure)



Think about the following questions:

What can you see in this image?

What might people be saying?

What might people be thinking?

What might people be feeling?

Evacuation

Read and Remember



Mostly children were evacuated but other evacuees included mothers with very young children, pregnant women, disabled people, teachers and helpers to look after the children.

Evacuation happened in distinct waves with the first wave of evacuations beginning on the 1st September, 1939, which was two days before Britain officially declared war on Germany. Other waves occurred at the start of the Battle of Britain in June 1940 and at the start of the Blitz in September 1940.



Task

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/evacuation1.html>

Imagine you are an evacuee from a city, who has just been billeted with a family in the countryside.

Write a letter home to your parents describing your experience so far.

Make sure you organise your letter into sensible paragraphs and that you keep related information together. Add your ideas for paragraphs and notes for each around the picture of the evacuee.



The above website will give you more information about evacuation; what it is and why it happened.

These 2 videos might help too:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHTJrRV_uus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NHj1H_KJ7s

Paragraph 1 – Introduction (explain why you are writing)

Dear...

I am writing to...

Well, I've arrived...

Paragraph 2 – The journey

The journey here was very unpleasant/rather exciting/a bit emotional...

Unfortunately / Fortunately, the journey here...

Paragraph 3 – The billeting process (being placed with a family)

When we arrived...

The billeting officer...

Paragraph 4 – Your new home and family

After I was taken to my new home...

My new family are...

Paragraph 5 – Emotions (how you are feeling/what you miss about home/what you are looking forward to/what you are worried about)

Sadly, I wish/miss...

Although it's not so bad here...

Paragraph 6- Conclusion (sum up your experience and sign your letter)

Overall the evacuation went quite well/really badly...

On reflection, I think...

Lots of love,

Yours affectionately,