

**How did people protect themselves during the Blitz?**

Listen to this clip of an air-raid siren.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-air-raid-in-progress/zkpbf4j>

**Why would this noise be heard?**

**When might it be heard?**

**What Does Blitz Mean?**

The word Blitz is short for the German word 'Blitzkrieg', which means 'lightning war'.

From September 1940 until May 1941, Germany began air raids in which they bombed parts of Britain at night-time. They decided to concentrate on bombing London and on 7th September 1940, London's first night of the Blitz took place, killing over 2000 people.

Watch this clip:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-the-blitz/zm22jhw>

The time of air-raids and heavy bombing was known as  
**The Blitz**



You may have seen this sign on **Highbury Corner** – this is in commemoration of people who lost their lives in a Blitz attack in our local area.

**Details for: Air raids on Saturday 12th October 1940**

On the day when the planned German invasion of England, Operation Sealion, was officially abandoned pressure was maintained on the British air defences. There were seven main attacks during the day, of which five penetrated as far as London. London was also the principal target during the night, with raids from 1900 to 0300 hours the next day. 70 Londoners were killed and 29 elsewhere. A number of properties were damaged in Islington. Isledon Road was hit with the loss of 19 lives. The Luftwaffe lost 13 aircraft this day.

## Task

During the time of The Blitz many measures were taken to protect people from air attacks.

Produce an **information poster** that shows pictures and detail of the precautions people took to protect themselves e.g. blackout, shelter (Anderson, Morrison, public) – wardens, sirens, evacuation, gas masks etc.

**Answer the big question – How did people protect themselves during the Blitz?**

These websites may be helpful:

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/the-blitz-what-would-you-have-done-when-the-bombs-fell/zn6ggp8>



### Why Did the Raids Stop?

The Blitz ended on 16th May 1941 when the German bombers were ordered to fly to Russia. Germany was planning to invade Russia next.

The map shows the UK in Europe, Germany in Europe, and Russia in Asia. Other regions labeled include North America, South America, Africa, Australia, North Pole, South Pole, Arctic Ocean, Antarctic, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, and Southern Ocean.