

## Year 9: World War Two - How significant were the D-Day landings to the eventual defeat of the Nazis?

Term	Definition
1. The Anschluss	In March 1938 the Nazis signed an agreement with Austria to unite. Such agreements had been termed illegal by the Treaty of Versailles, signed after WWI.
2. The evacuation of Dunkirk	As the Nazis used their 'blitzkrieg' tactics to advance through France the British Expeditionary Force were forced to flee to Dunkirk. There they had to wait for the arrival of boats to take them back to England.
3. Operation Sealion	This is the codename for Hitler's planned invasion of Britain during World War Two.
4. The Battle of Britain	As fighting raged on the continent the British RAF and Nazi Luftwaffe fought in the air. Britain ultimately defeated the Luftwaffe and forced the Nazis away from their air space.
5. The Blitz	Following the failed attempt to take Britain during the Battle of Britain, the Nazis conducted a sustained campaign to bomb cities in Britain and to inflict large damage on the people living there.
6. Blitz spirit	This term was a propaganda term, used by the British, to suggest that the Nazis were not successful in their attempts to damage British morale during WWII.
7. The Home Front	For those people who did not go to war the homefront was their everyday life. Here all efforts were turned to supporting the war. For example, wherever possible food production and factories did their best to supply troops.
8. Evacuation	To protect children from the Blitz the British decided to evacuate children, living in the cities and towns, to the countryside. Many parents and children were reluctant to be separated.
9. D-Day	When the British decided to launch an invasion, starting in France, they codenamed it D-Day. The plan was for British, American, French and Norwegian troops to land and to push the Nazis back towards Germany.
10. Stalingrad	During the Second World War Hitler was determined to take Stalingrad in Russia. This is because the city bore Soviet leader Stalin's name. By diverting his troops there the Nazis got stuck in the Russian winter.