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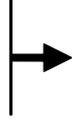
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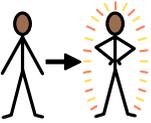
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 was  born  in  Liverpool  in 1918.

 Her  father  was from  Barbados  in  the West Indies.

 Her  mother  was British.

 Lilian  became  an orphan  at the age  of nine.



Lilian



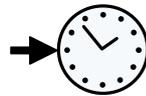
lived



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a convent



until

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It was

difficult

for



her

to



find

a



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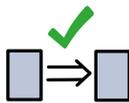


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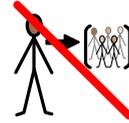
thought

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of



discrimination.



People



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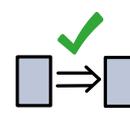
to



employ



her



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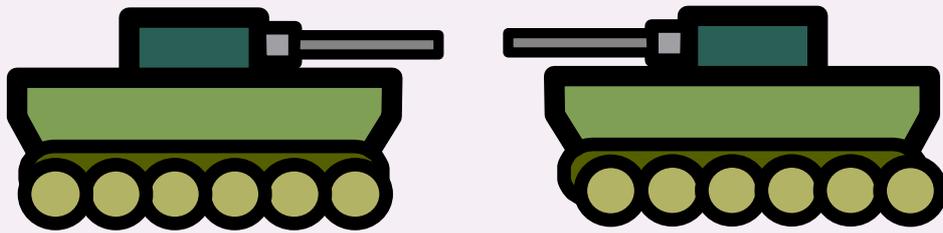
of her



race.



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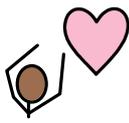


1939

World War 2 began in 1939.



Lilian

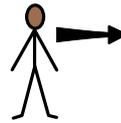


wanted to



help

so she



joined

the



NAAFI.



The

NAAFI



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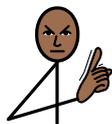
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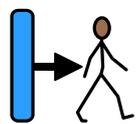
armed forces.



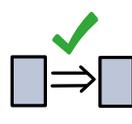
Lilian



had to



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because



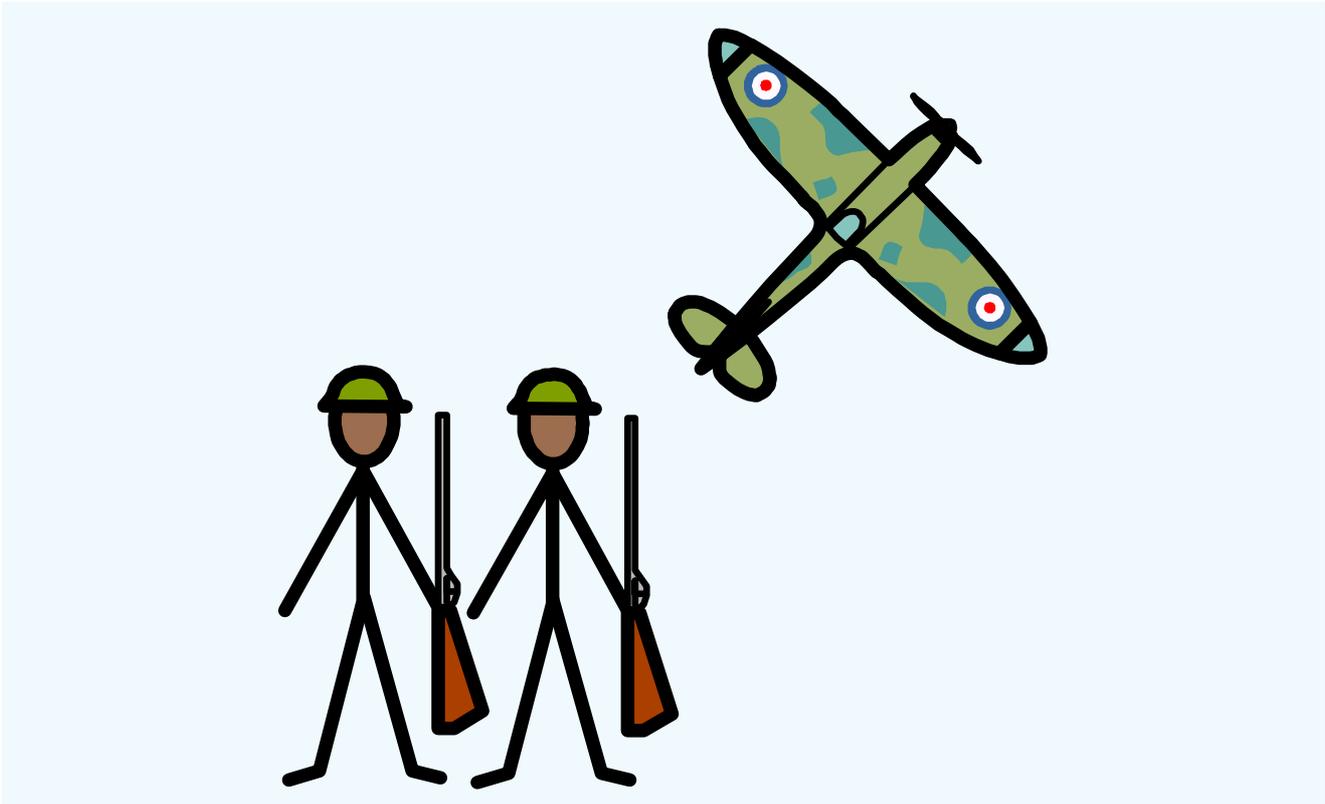
her father



wasn't



British.









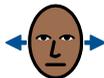


 One day Lilian heard West Indian men on the radio.

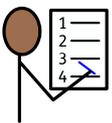





 The men talked about wanting to be soldiers.

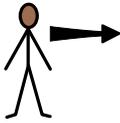





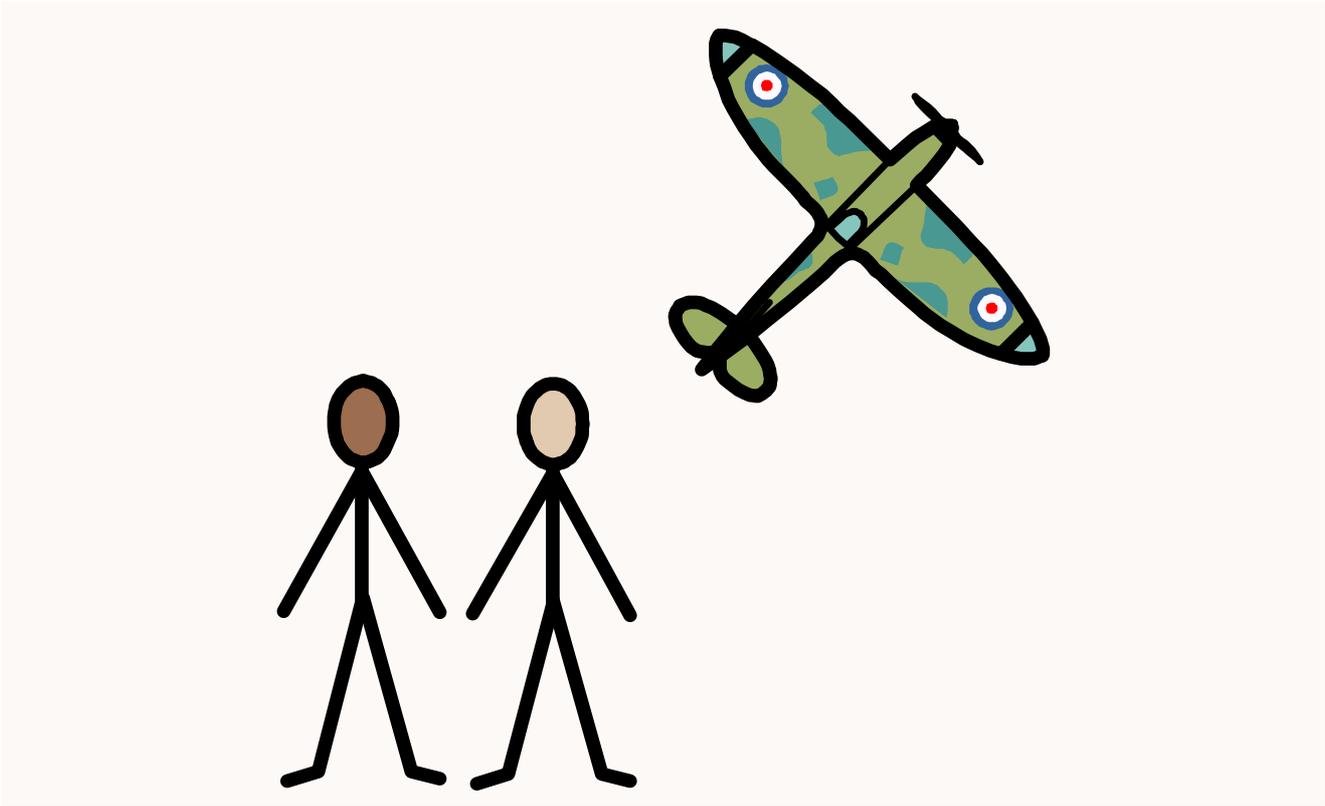


 The army would not let West Indian men enlist.

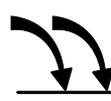
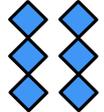


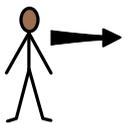



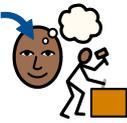

 But West Indian men could join the Royal Air Force.

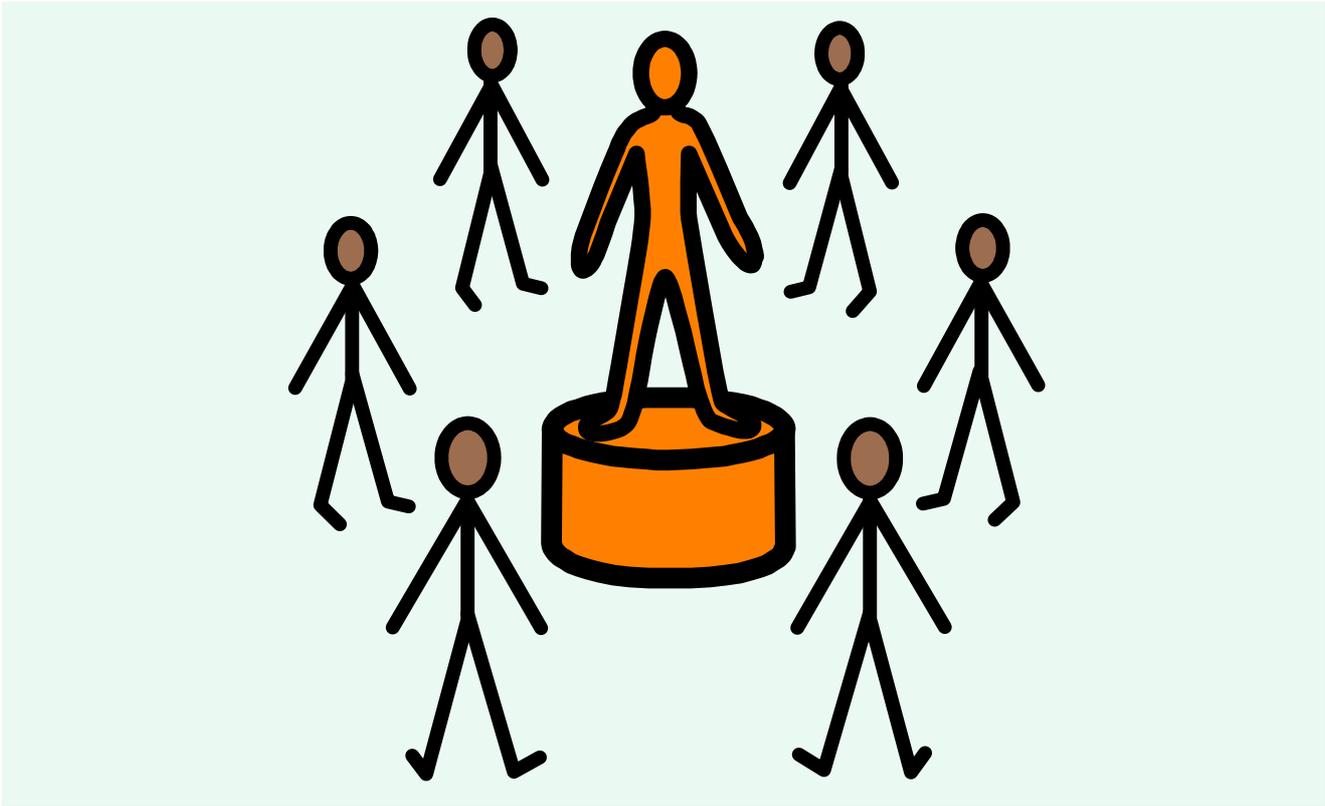



 still
 
 wanted to
 
 help
 
 in the war.


 She
 
 thought
 
 she could try
 
 again
 
 like
 
 the men.

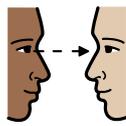

 Lilian
 
 joined
 
 the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.


 She
 
 trained
 
 as a mechanic
 
 in
 
 the WAAF.



Lilian

had



faced



discrimination

in



her



life.



Now



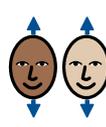
she

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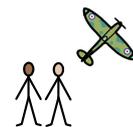
proud

to be



accepted

in the



WAAF.



She

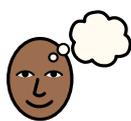


worked hard

and was



promoted to Corporal.

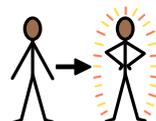


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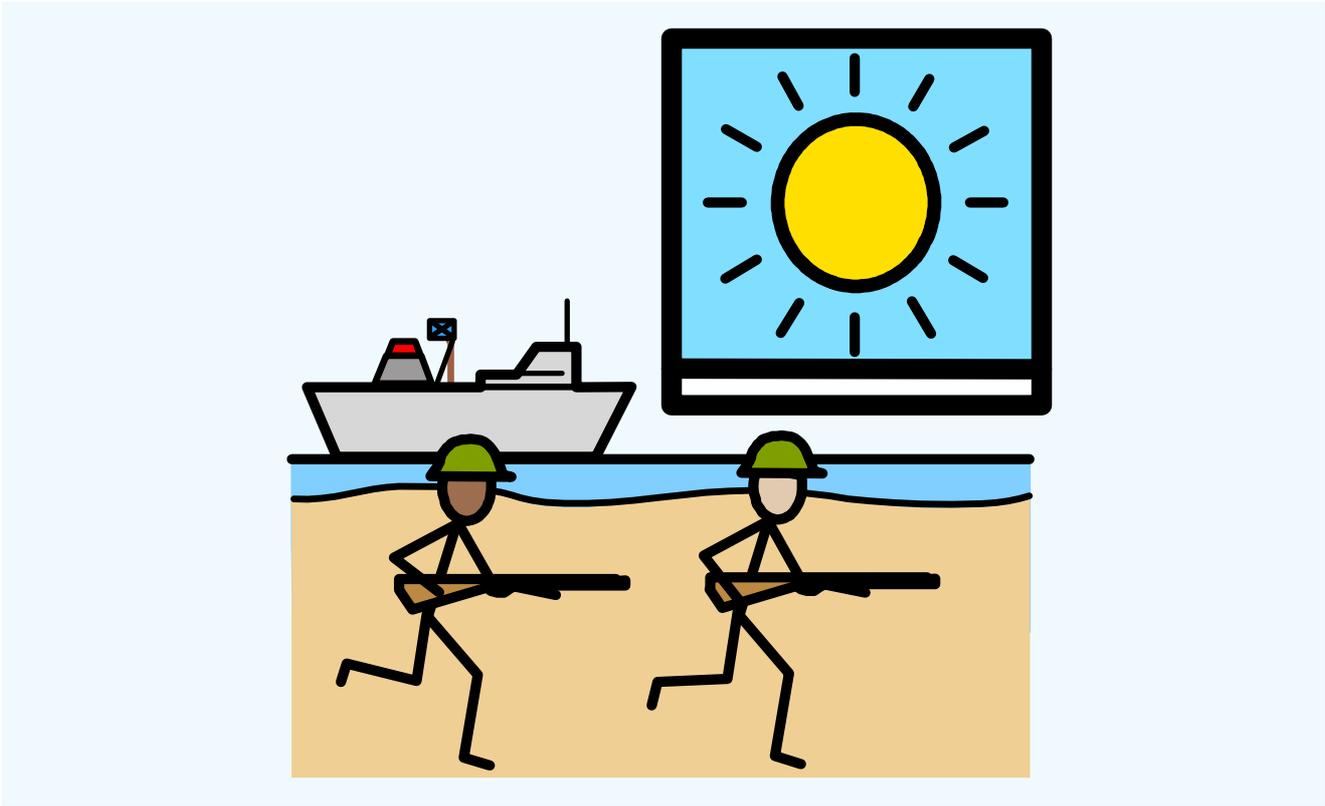


leader

of a



team.



Lilian



met



a soldier



called



Ramsay Bader.



Lilian



and



Ramsay

were



married

in

1943

1943.



Ramsay



took part

in the



D-Day landings.



Lilian



prayed

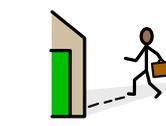
that



Ramsay



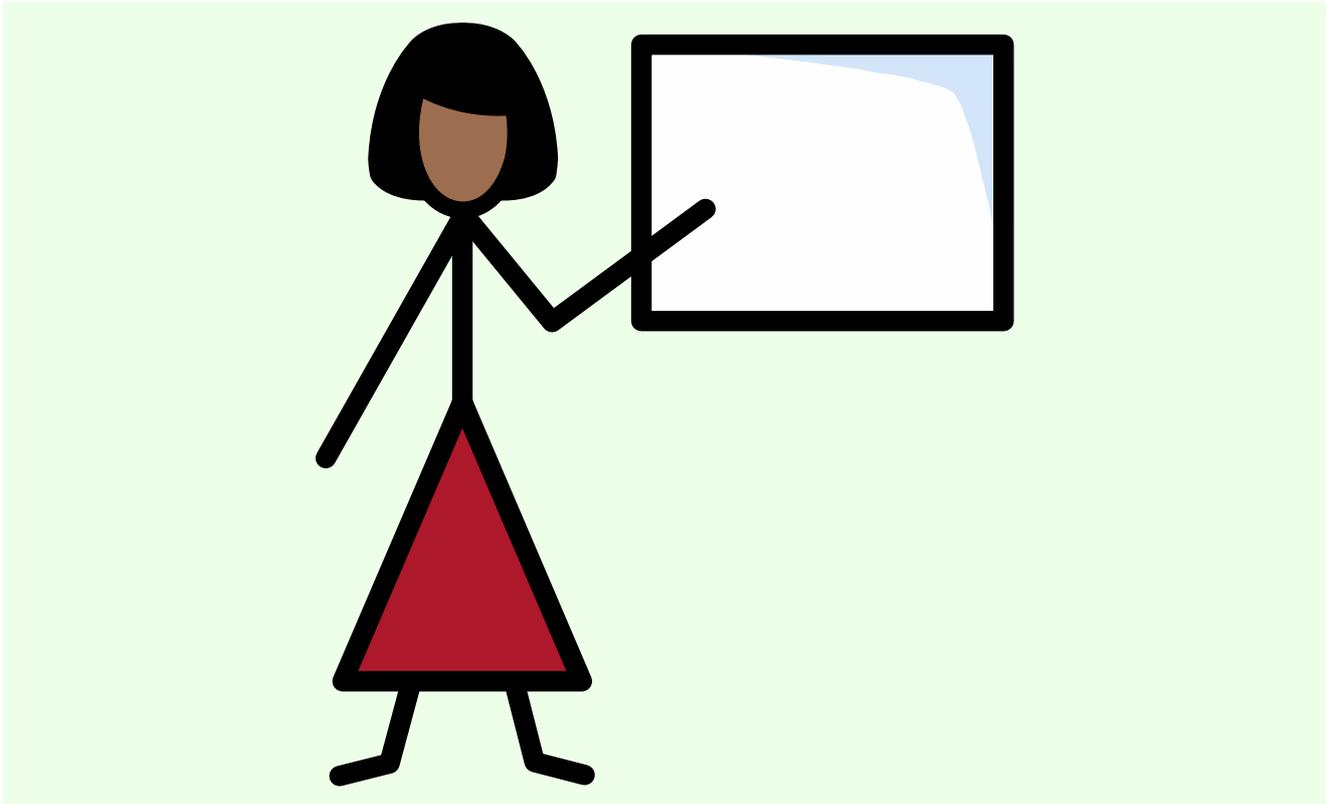
would



come home

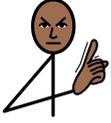
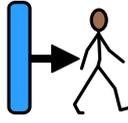


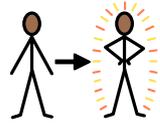
safe.



 Ramsay  survived  D-Day  and came home to  Lilian.

 Ramsay  and Lilian  had two  children.

 Lilian  had to  leave  the  WAAF.

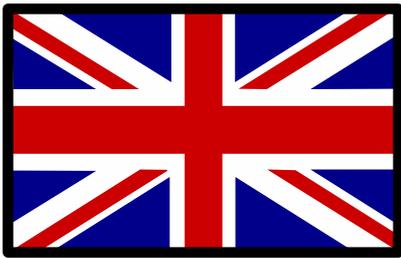
 She  studied  to become  a teacher  instead. 



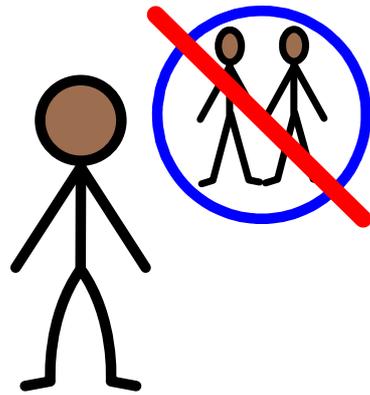
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West Indies



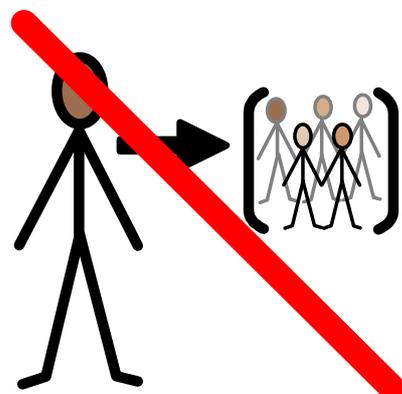
British



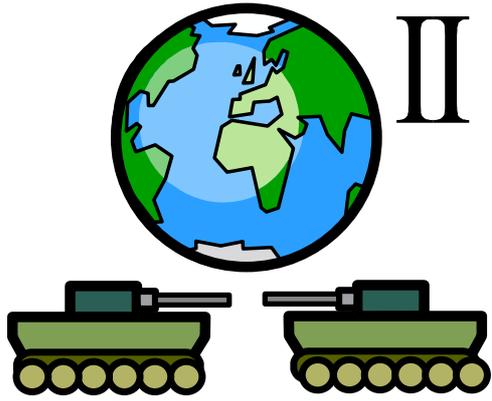
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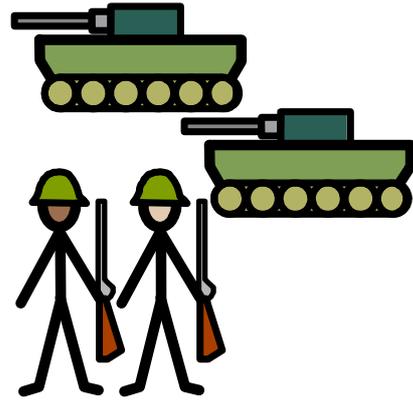
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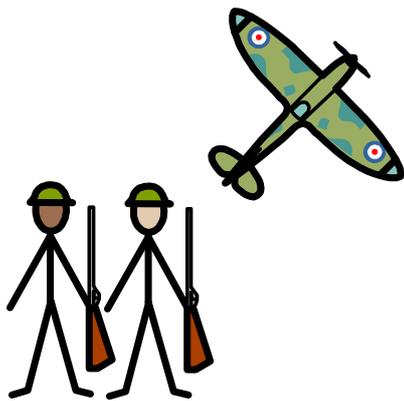
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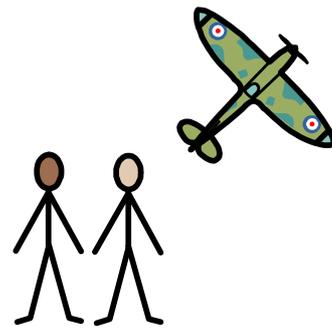
World War 2



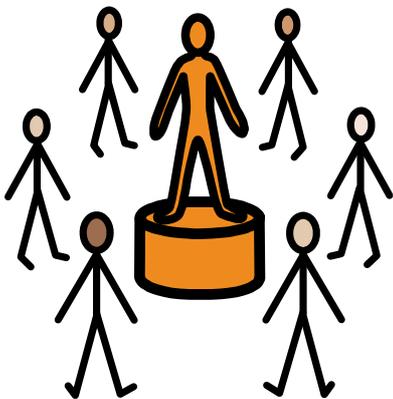
army



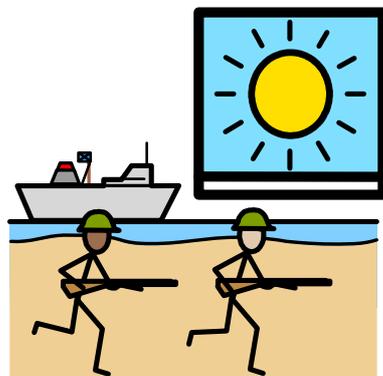
Royal Air Force



Women's
Auxiliary Air Force



leader



D-Day landings