

# EVACUATION FROM LONDON



Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie were sent away from London, the city where they lived with their parents, because of bombings that happened during World War II. **World War II** (or the Second World War) was a war that was fought on almost every continent in the world from 1939 to 1945.

In World War II **Britain** (the country where the Pevensie family lived) mostly fought against **Germany**, another country in Europe. When the war began, people thought that large cities would be attacked more than other places. Enemy fighters would want to destroy factories and supplies, but people who lived nearby would be hurt or killed, too.

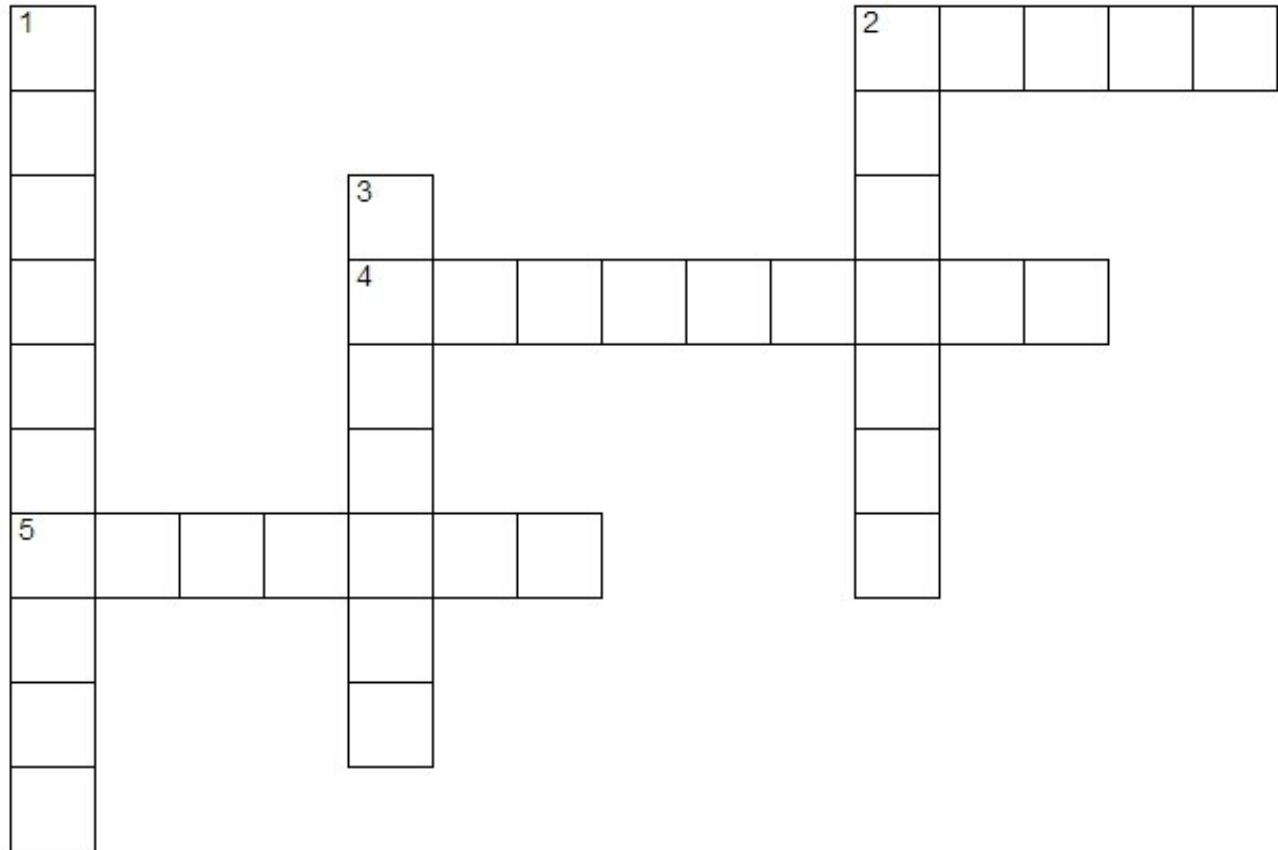
The Pevensie children were evacuated during something called the **Blitz**. During the Blitz there were many, many **air raids** over London. In an air raid, enemy planes drop bombs. More than one million homes were damaged or destroyed during the Blitz, and tens of thousands of people were killed.

To protect them from the bombs, many children as well as pregnant women and mothers with babies were **evacuated** – or sent away – from the cities. They went to the country, where people thought there would be fewer bombs. People who had houses with extra space let the mothers and children stay with them until the war was over.

Because Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy were all older children, they were evacuated without their parents. They went to stay with Professor Kirke in his big house in the country, and that's where they began their adventures.

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Use the reading from the last page to help you solve the puzzle.



## Across

2. During the \_\_\_\_\_, there were many, many air raids.
4. Lucy and her siblings were \_\_\_\_\_ from London for their protection.
5. An attack where enemy planes drop bombs.

## Down

1. Another name for the Second World War.
2. The country where the Pevensie family lived.
3. A country that fought with Britain.