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# Quick Questions



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# Answers



1. Where did the Luftwaffe come from?

**Accept: Germany**



2. Find and copy two words that mean the same as 'a large amount'.

**Accept: 'mass', 'extensive' or 'thousands of'.**



3. Why do you think The Blitz was so named?

**Accept reference to 'the lightning war' and the flashes of light that would have been seen when the bombs were dropping.**



4. Summarise the main points about The Blitz in 20 words or less.

**Accept any reasonable summary which includes the main facts about The Blitz and is 20 words or less in length.**