

# War at sea and in the air



# What part of the British armed forces works at sea?



What do you think that the three main roles of the Royal Navy were in the First World War?

- Transporting troops/supplies across the Channel to France.
- Defending British shores.
- Defending British shipping against German attacks

# The Battle of Jutland

- There was only one major **NAVAL** battle during WWI, the ***Battle of Jutland*** which took place between 31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 1916. Both Britain and Germany claimed victory by the end of the battle.



# The Battle of Jutland

Germany claimed it had won due to the fact that Britain lost 14 ships compared to Germany's 11. Whereas, Britain claimed a victory since Germany retreated and did not venture from her ports for the rest of the duration of the war leaving Britain's fleet in control of the seas.



What part of the British armed forces works in the air?





The air raids that shook Britain During the WW1 was the first time Britain had come under attack from the air in its history. At the start of the war Britain's home defence strategy focused on patrolling at sea and defending the coast with guns. Britain was not prepared for aerial attack. At the beginning of the war, the British Royal Flying Corps (RFC) was involved in reconnaissance overseas, and there were few aircraft left to defend Britain.

The biggest aerial threat came from German airships, Zeppelins. At 11,000 feet, Zeppelins could turn off their engines and drift silently to carry out surprise attacks. Zeppelin attacks in 1915 and 1916 caused a lot of damage and led to public anger against the British government.

Answer in full sentences:

What were Zeppelins?



In response to the threat, street lights were dimmed and guns, searchlights and observers were organised. Some RFC and Royal Naval Air Service units came back to help, and defence changed from anti-aircraft guns to aeroplanes. Ammunition for aircraft was developed for bringing down the airships.

Answer in full sentences

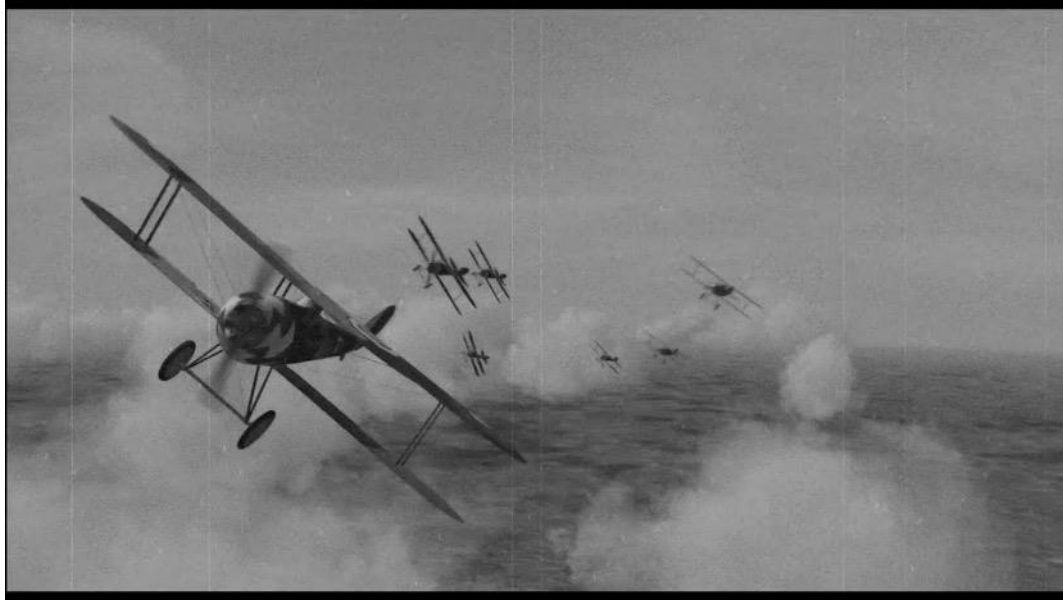
How did Britain stop the threat from airships?

- [https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/voices-of-the-first-world-war-zeppelins-over-britain?\\_ga=2.29908607.1591096838.1533303060-1008345706.1533303060](https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/voices-of-the-first-world-war-zeppelins-over-britain?_ga=2.29908607.1591096838.1533303060-1008345706.1533303060)
- How do these British citizens describe the Zeppelin attacks? Were they frightened? Excited? etc





## The Dog Fights of World War I



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f85CDEpiMhQ>



Try to answer all of the following questions as you watch this clip about the Dog Fights of WWI

- What was the common British reconnaissance aeroplane called? **BE2**
- What was the British fighter plane called? **SOPWITH**
- What was the German plane called?

**FOKKER DR1 TRIPLANE**

- What was the advice if you were being directly attacked?

**Fly straight towards it**