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
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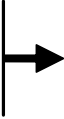



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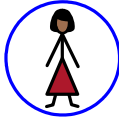

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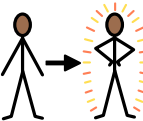


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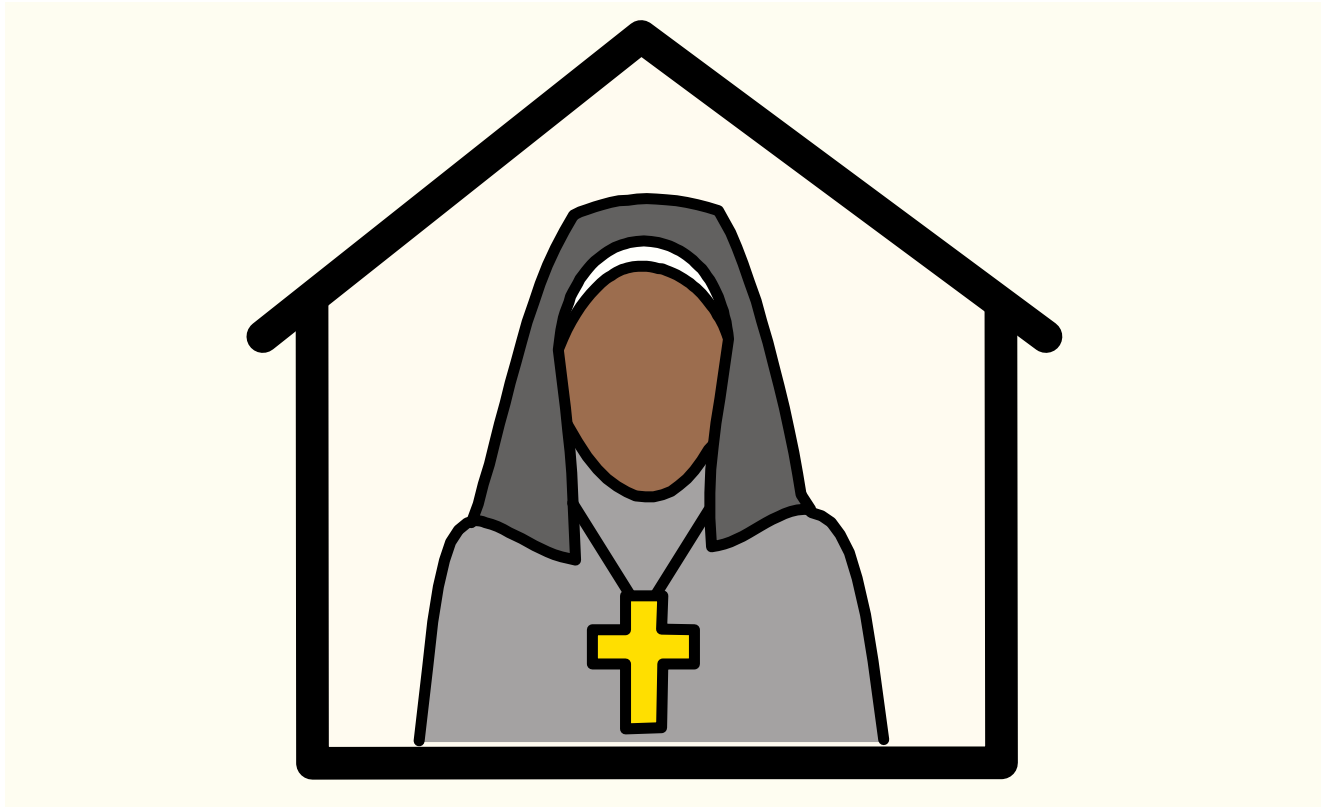



 Lilian Bader
 
 was born
 
 in
 
 Liverpool
 
 in 1918.


 Her
 
 father
 
 was from
 
 Barbados
 
 in
 
 the West Indies.


 Her
 
 mother
 
 was British.


 Lilian
 
 became
 
 an orphan
 
 at the age
 of 9.



Lilian



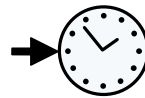
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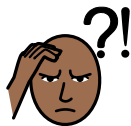


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It was

difficult

for



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to



find

a



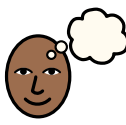
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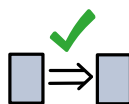


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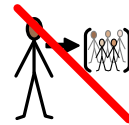
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this was



because

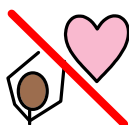
of



discrimination.



People



didn't want

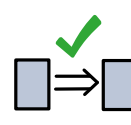
to



employ



her



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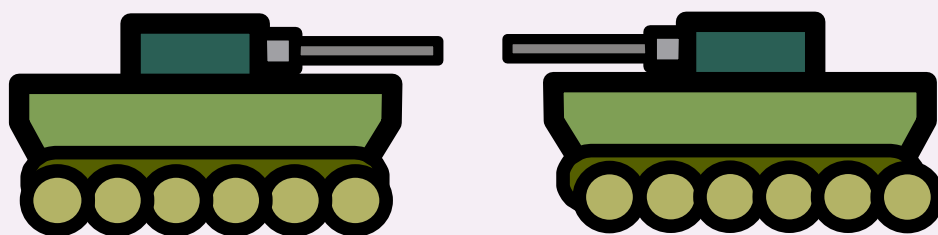
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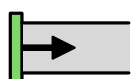
race.



II



World War 2



began

in

1939

1939.



Lilian

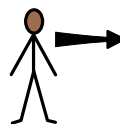


wanted to



help

so she



joined

the



NAAFI.



The

NAAFI



supported

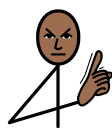
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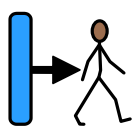
armed forces.



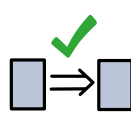
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had to



leave



because



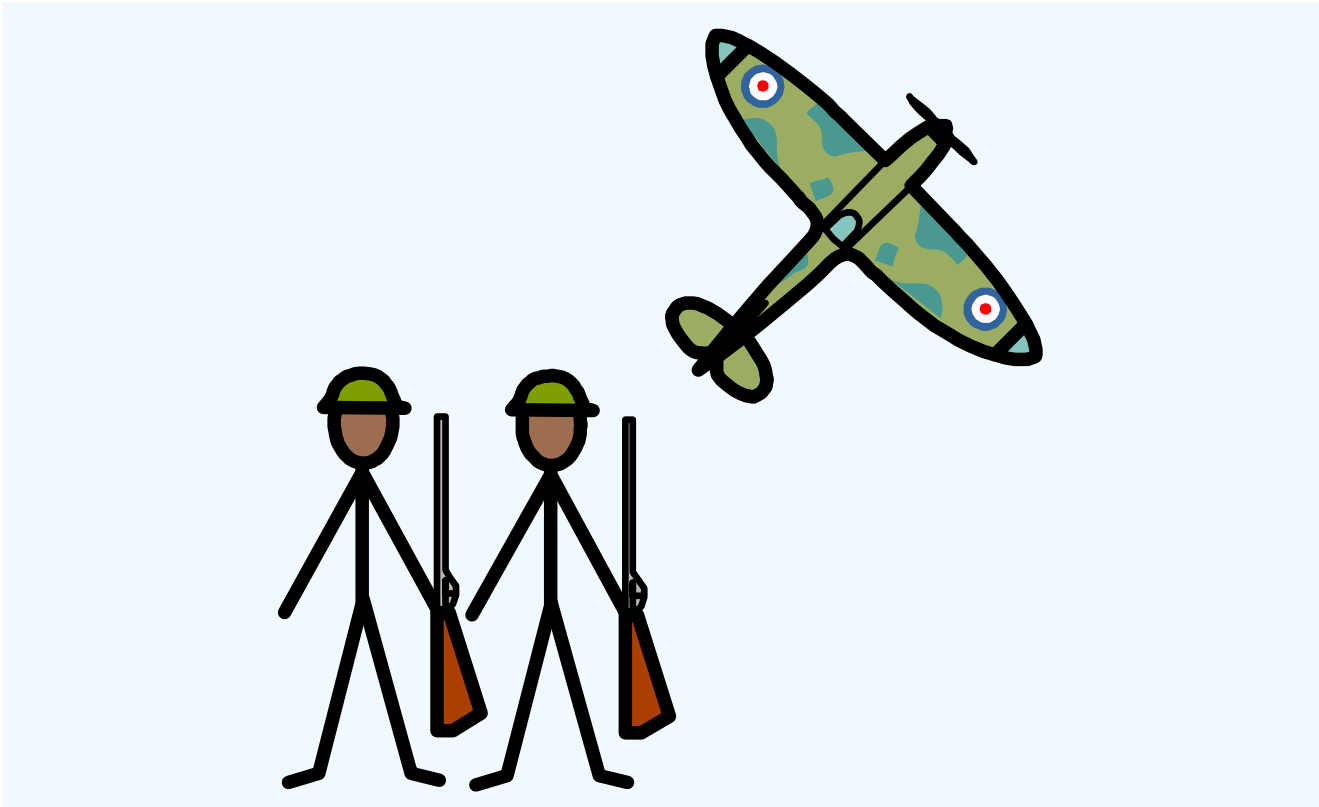
her father



wasn't



British.




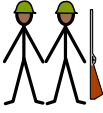


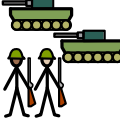
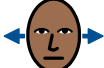



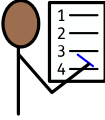





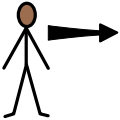



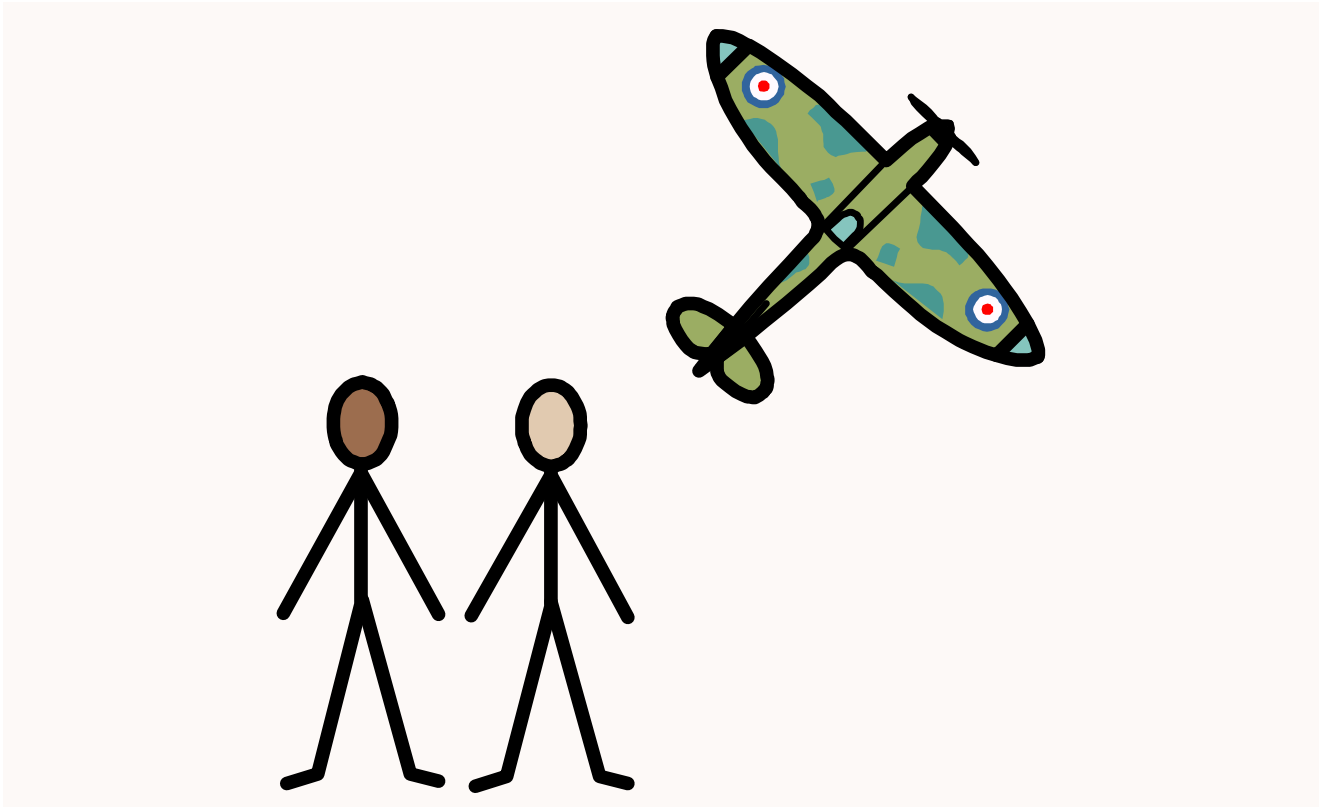



 One day Lilian heard West Indian men on the radio.





 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.



Lilian



still



wanted to



help

in the



war.



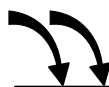
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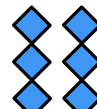
thought



she could try



again



like

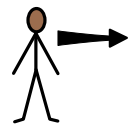
the



men.

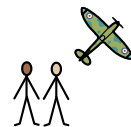


Lilian



joined

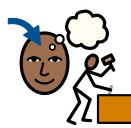
the



Women's Auxiliary Air Force.



She



trained

as a

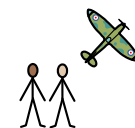


mechanic

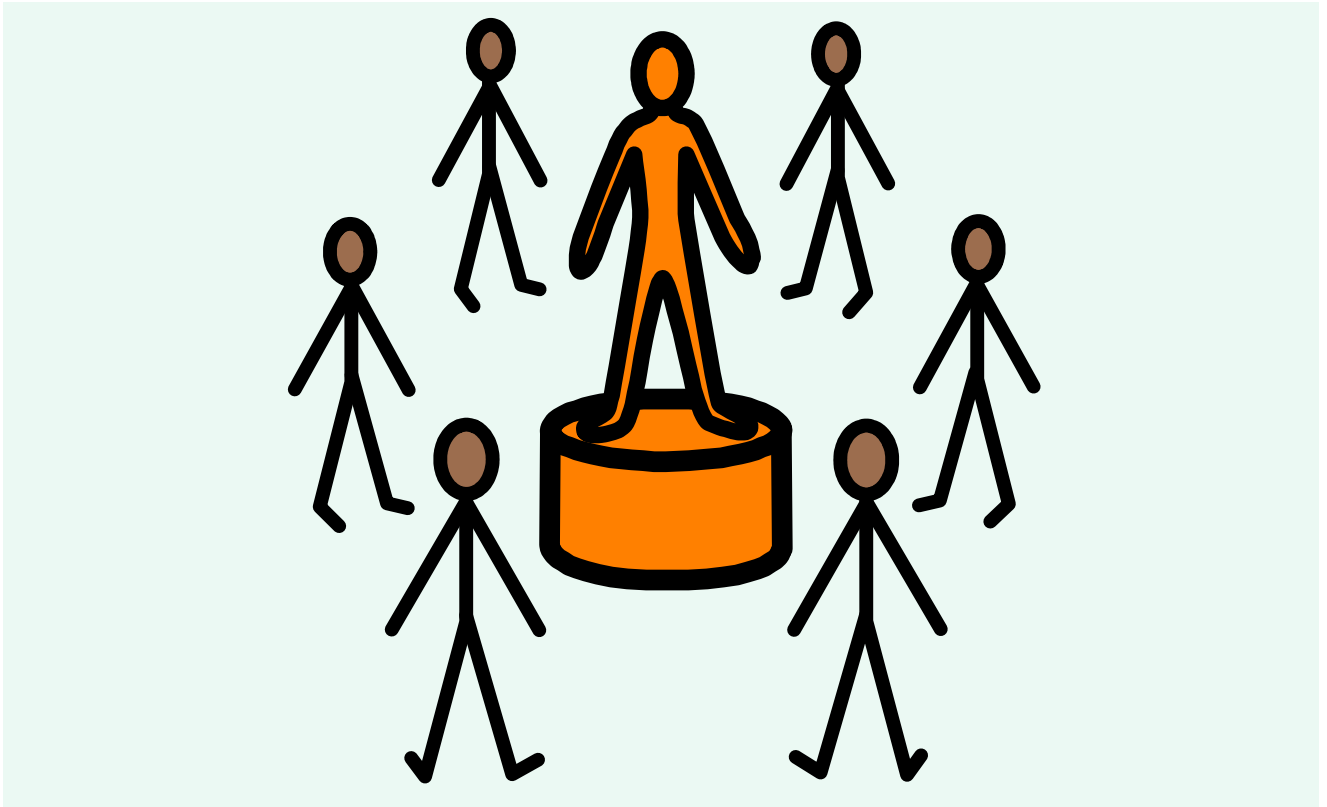


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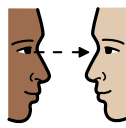


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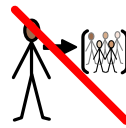


Lilian

had



faced



discrimination

in



her



life.



Now



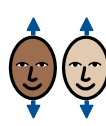
she

was



proud

to be



accepted

in the



WAAF.

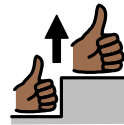


She



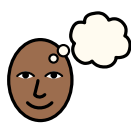
worked hard

and was



promoted to Corporal.

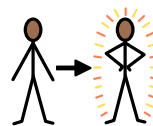
This



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became

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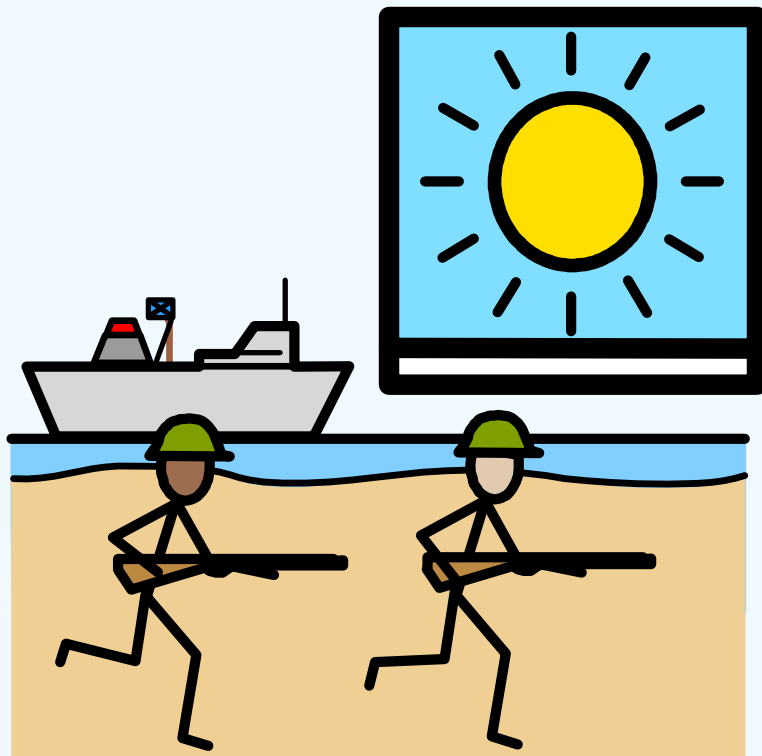


leader

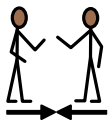
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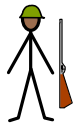
team.



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met



a soldier



called



Ramsay Bader.



Lilian



and



Ramsay

were



married

in

1943

1943.

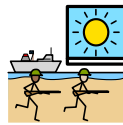


Ramsay



took part

in the



D-Day landings.



Lilian



prayed

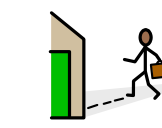
that



Ramsay



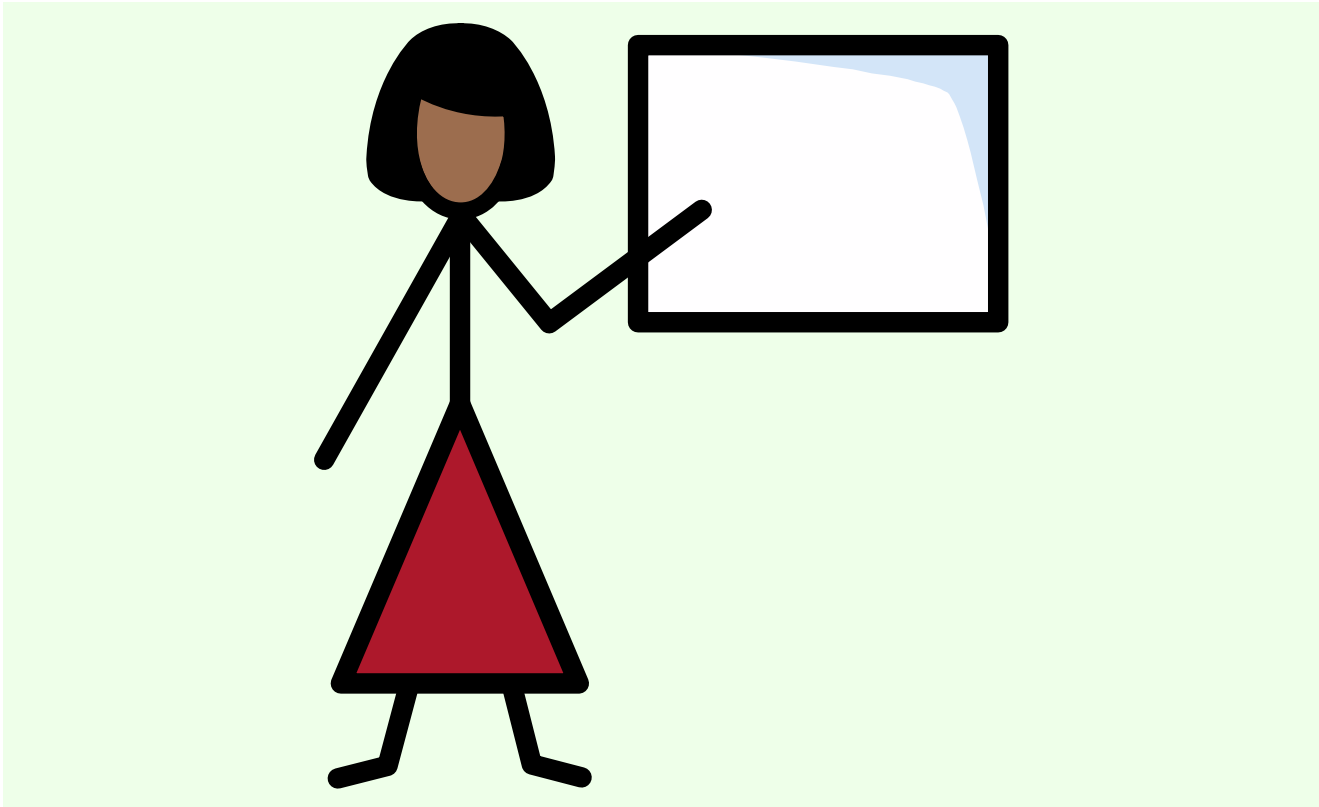
would








come home


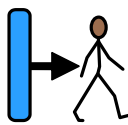
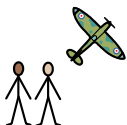




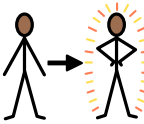



safe.






 and
 
 to
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 and
 
 had two
  children.


 had to
 
 the
 .

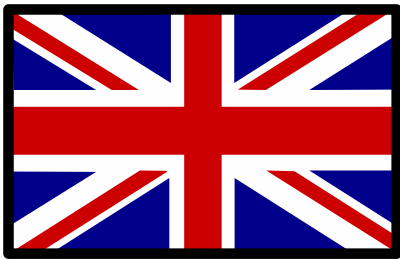

 studied
 
 to become
 
 a teacher
 
 instead.
 
.



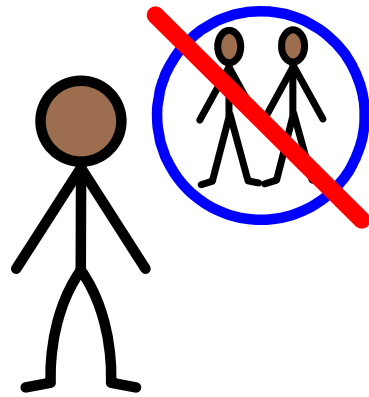
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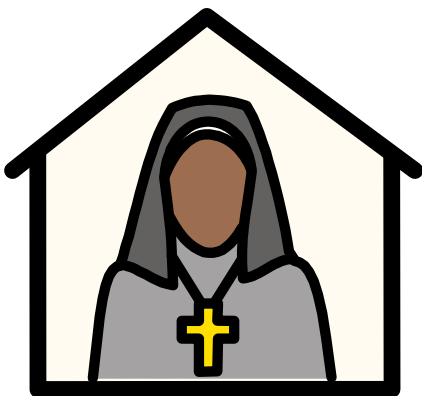
West Indies



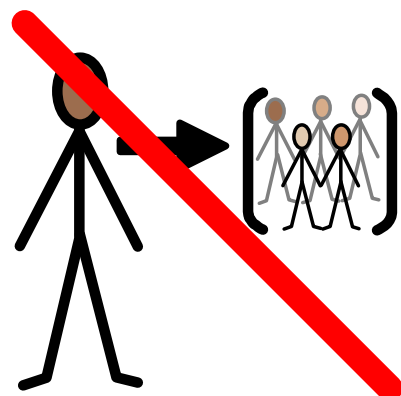
British



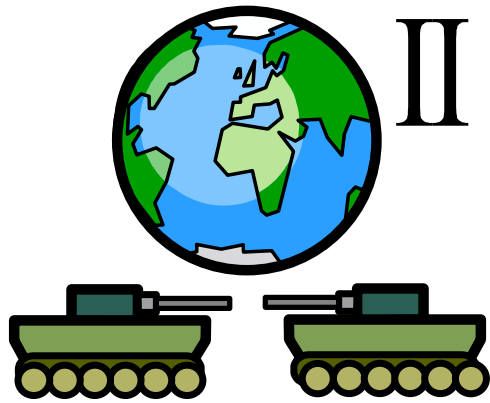
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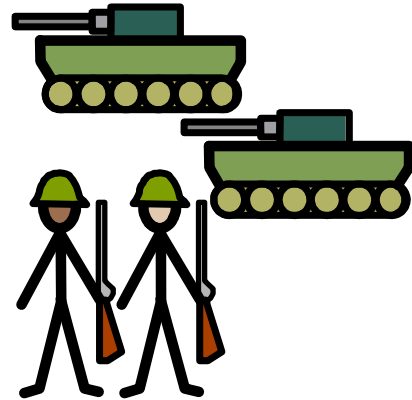
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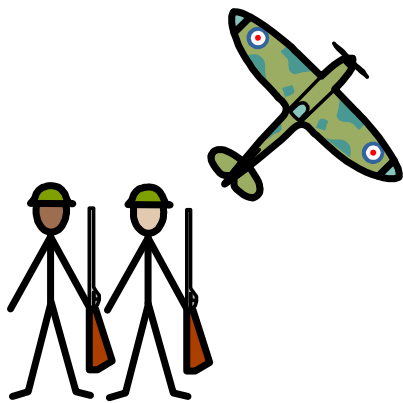
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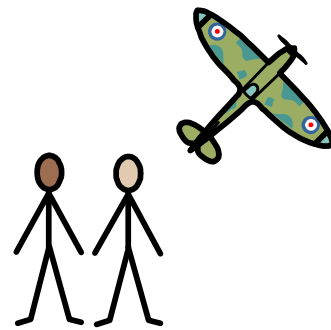
World War 2



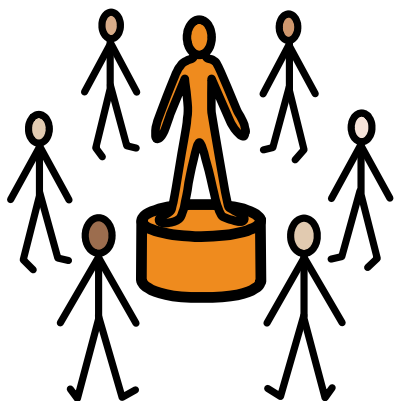
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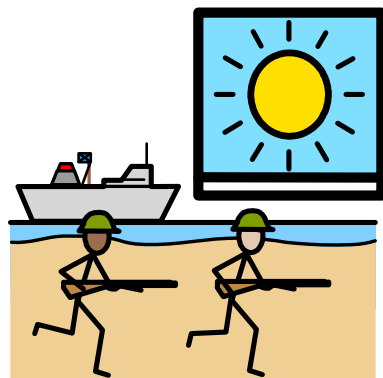
Royal Air Force



Women's
Auxiliary Air Force



leader



D-Day landings