

Worksheet: Battle of Britain

Strengths of Britain

Unified system to defend Britain including fighter command; searchlights; anti aircraft guns

Britain's defences divided into sectors with their own operations room.

The planes could not land to refuel or take on extra ammunition

The pilots came from a variety of countries and worked long hours fighting in dog fights over Southern England.

RAF bomber command carried out attacks on German ports and airfields

Weaknesses of Germany

Early warning of incoming German planes by 51 radar stations and 1000 observation posts.

Lack of heavy bombers (they did not carry many bombs)

Goering the head of the Luftwaffe did not realise the importance of radar and so did not consistently attack the radar stations.

Production of aircraft in Britain outstripped losses of aircraft.

Hitler changed his tactics and stopped bombing the airfields and started bombing London.





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Worksheet: WW2 jobs

Match the key information or responsibility to the appropriate job on the airfield:

Driving

Telephone operator

Communicate messages to the pilots about new intelligence

Were all female

You had to be brave and not scared of heights!

Only 10 hours of training

Average age of 21

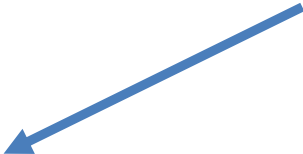
Keeping everyone safe

Shelter

WAAF:

Pilot:

ARP Warden:





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Worksheet: Top trumps

Spitfire



Max speed 362 mph
Weapons 8 machine guns in wings
Crew 1

Plane was fast, handled well and was more than a match for German fighters.



Hawker Hurricane



Max speed 328 mph
Weapons 8 machine guns in wings
Crew 1

Plane could turn sharply and take a lot of damage before the pilot had to 'bail out'. The Hurricane was the most common RAF fighter.



Messerschmitt ME109



Max speed 357 mph
Weapons 2 machine guns on engine, 2 cannons in wings
Crew 1

Most deadly and feared of all German planes.



Junkers JU87



Max speed 242 mph
Weapons 2 machine guns and 450kg of bombs
Crew 2

Its lack of maneuverability, speed and defensive armament meant that it required a heavy fighter escort.



Gloster Gladiator



Max speed 251mph
Weapons 4 machine guns
Crew 1

The RAF's last biplane fighter aircraft and was rendered obsolete by newer monoplane designs even as it was being introduced.



Dornier Do17

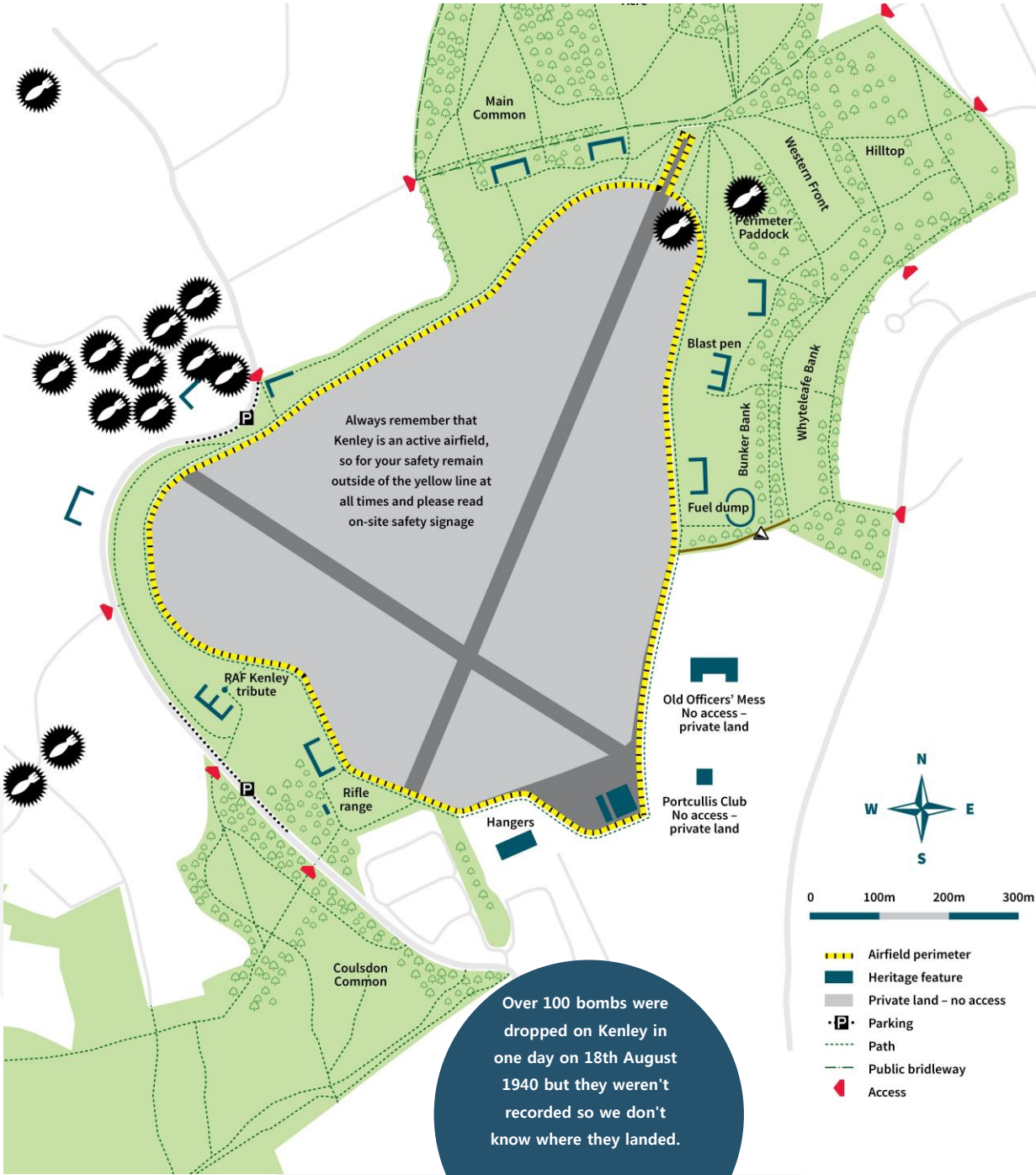


Max speed 220mph
Weapons 6 machine guns and 1000kg of bombs
Crew 4

German light bomber. Good handling at low altitude made it harder to hit than other German bombers.



Worksheet: Bomb damage



Worksheet

Table	1	2	3	4	5
What do you think your objects were used for? Write as many ideas as you can and					
Where do you think your objects came from? Explain why you think that.					
What is the most interesting thing about your object?					



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