



A Spitfire coming to attack a German bomber.



A real picture of a German bomber that has been shot by a Spitfire. It has smoke coming out of its engine like in my story and is going to crash. Do not worry! The crew had escaped using parachutes.

There are many clips of Spitfires on the internet but I would recommend that an adult checks any footage on sites such as youtube before showing it to their child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-spitfires-scramble/zf97d6f> the sound of the British Spitfire engine as it takes off.

Your Challenge

This week, we are focusing on the exciting section of the story, which will be a battle in my story. In this section, try and build excitement and suspense. Use short sentences and don't forget exclamation marks too! In my story, a British fighter pilot will shoot down a German bomber in a dog fight (a fight between two aircraft in the sky). To make the story more exciting, I will make sure that the British pilot, who is the hero of my story, will nearly lose because people find the possibility of failure exciting. I have left my previous model in bold black writing so you can see how the story continues.

Old Teacher Model

It was another sunny day in Duxford. The pilots were waiting around outside their lunch room playing chess. The pilot David was playing against his friend James, who always beat him at chess. However, he didn't mind because James would then have to play Arthur, who was the best chess player in the whole of the air base! After the game was over, David was relaxing in the sun with his feet up on another chair however he knew that at any moment the alarm could sound and they would be up and running. Suddenly, it happened. The siren started as a low moan and rose to a high-pitched cry. David, James and Arthur jumped out of their chairs, sending the pieces of the chess game flying into the air. They all sprinted towards their aircraft as Arthur shouted, "Good luck chaps! See you back at base for dinner!" As David approached his Spitfire, he could see his trusty mechanic and friend Albert refuelling the Spitfire ready for action. David climbed up on the wing, jumped into the cockpit and Albert shut the roof, giving him the thumbs up at the same time. Time to fly.

This week's teacher model

The Spitfire's engine gave a mighty roar as it hurtled down the runway and into the sky. Soon, David was joined by his fellow pilots, James and Arthur, and set out for London. Suddenly, David's radio crackled as Albert told them about their mission, "German bombers have been seen heading towards London, they are trying to drop bombs on Buckingham palace, our mission is to intercept and stop them."

"Roger that." David replied.

After ten minutes, the three British pilots were over London and could see the German bombers. There were three German aircraft and each one looked as if it was carrying a forest of machine guns! David took a deep breath and started his attack. He came from above the Germans, out of the clouds so they couldn't see him. Fire from the German guns screamed past his Spitfire. Suddenly, David's plane lurched downwards. He had been hit! He pulled back on the control stick, luckily the damage was not too bad and he could still fly. With shaking hands, David lined up the German bombers and pressed the red button to fire his own machine guns. A burst of bullets shot from the Spitfire and hit the bombers engine! Black smoke started to appear from the German aircraft, then fire and finally it began to fall to the ground. "Yes!" David cried in relief and as he looked out of the cockpit window he could see Arthur and James had shot down the other two enemy bombers as well. "Time to go home boys," said Arthur over the radio.

Characters / Location

David - The pilot who I will be writing about

James - Another Pilot and David's friend

Arthur - The pilot leader, he is called the squadron commander

Albert - The Spitfire's mechanic, he gets the aircraft ready for David to fly and fixes it after battle

Duxford Air Base - this is the 'airport' where the pilots live and take off from

London - Capital city of England and the target for the enemy German bombers.