



Remembrance Day Service

It was a Sunday. Tommy liked Sundays. On Sundays they always had a nice roast dinner. Tommy's mum set two places even though there was space for more. Then they sat round the table and ate loads of food. Tommy loved gravy. This Sunday was different though. They were going out instead. They had to wear smart clothes. Tommy's mum said it was a special Sunday.

She said it was called Remembrance Sunday.

"Why is it called that?" Tommy asked.

"Because... on this Sunday we have to remember. We have to remember lots of people. All the people who have died in wars. We remember them on this day," Tommy's mum explained. Suddenly, Tommy felt sad.

Tommy had a diary that listed all of the days in the calendar. He went and fetched it. He found today's date. It was the 11th of November. Sure enough, it said 'Remembrance Sunday' on the diary.

Then, it was time to go. Tommy and his mum climbed into their car. Tommy's mum drove a short way into the town.

There were lots of people in the town. They all wore smart clothes. Most people were wearing black. Tommy noticed that people were wearing red flowers on their chests. The flowers weren't real though. They were made of paper.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What date is Remembrance Sunday?
2. What colour were most people wearing?
3. What were the red paper flowers called?
4. Where did people place the wreathes?



“What are those paper flowers?” he asked his mum.

“They are called Poppies. They grew on the fields after the First World War. They help us to remember,” Tommy’s mum said.

Some people were holding lots of poppies, all tied in a circle.

“What are those?” Tommy asked

“They are called wreathes. We place them at the bottom of the statue... look.”

Tommy’s mum pointed to a wreath beneath the statue.

It began to rain. Tommy was cold but he knew that the day was important and special. He knew why he was there.

As the rain started falling. Tommy looked up at the clouds. It made him think about his dad. His dad used to wear a smart, green uniform.

“Do you know why we are here today?” Tommy’s mum asked.

He nodded and said, “Yes, to remember.”

VIPERS QUESTIONS

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What word tells you how Tommy felt on Remembrance Sunday?

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How many people live in Tommy’s home?

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What do you think happened to Tommy’s dad?

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How does the story make you feel? Explain your answer.