Why are there wars?

Wars happen because groups of people decide they need to fight, either to get what they want or to protect themselves.

So what IS a war?

How do wars begin?

Are there always good guys and bad guys?

Are wars ever a good idea?

Does EVERYBODY join the fighting?

Will a war happen here?

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Have there ALWAYS been wars?

Yes, there have been wars all through history – but for most of the time, most people have lived in peace.

What's it like in the middle of a war?

It can be loud, scary and confusing, with lots of nervous waiting, too. There are people doing all kinds of jobs – not just fighting, but helping others to stay safe.