



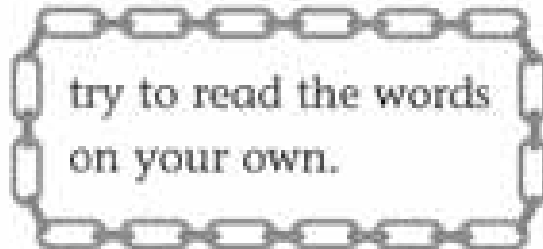
# ESCAPE



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# KEY

When you see this:



# Escape

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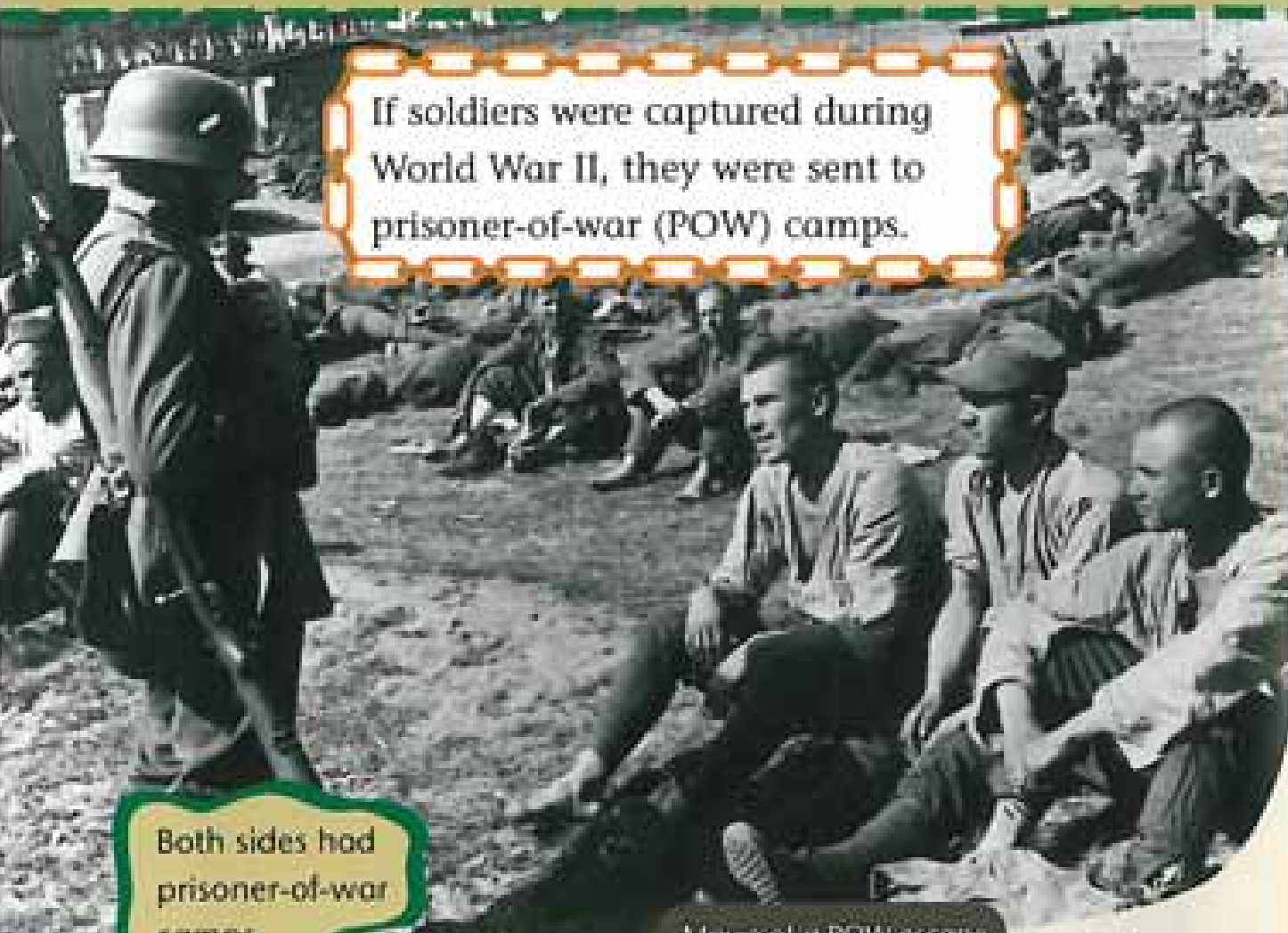
### Definition:

escape:

1. to get free
2. to get away



# World War II



If soldiers were captured during World War II, they were sent to prisoner-of-war (POW) camps.

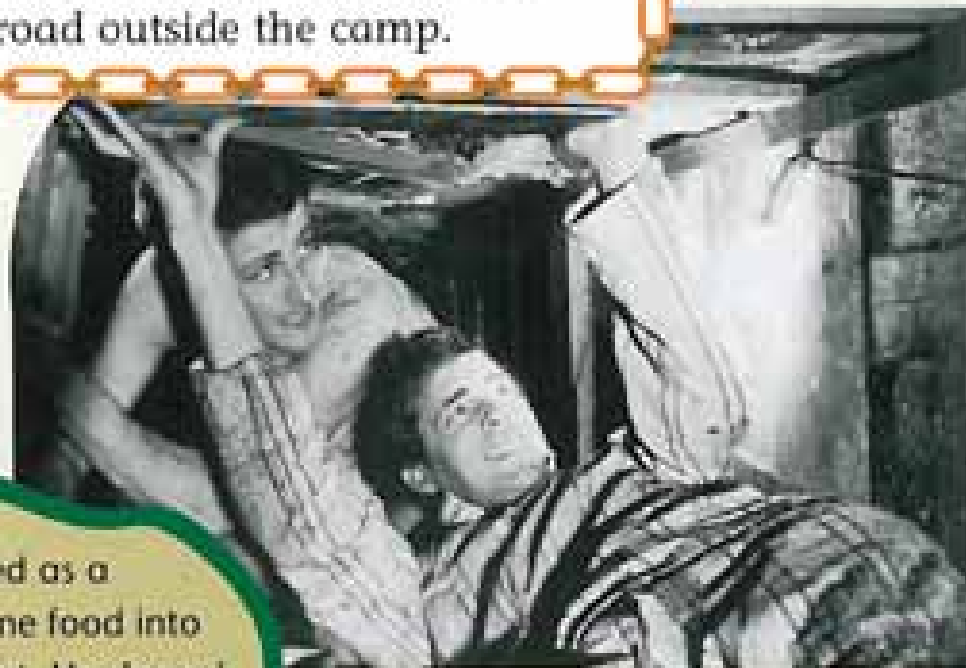
Both sides had prisoner-of-war camps.

Many of a POW escape

Some prisoners tried to escape because they wanted to get home or start fighting again.

**Definition:** Nazis: members of the ruling political party in Germany, 1937–1945

Pat Reid was a British soldier who was caught by the Nazis. In 1940 he escaped from a prison camp by digging a tunnel from the camp under a road outside the camp.



Reid escaped dressed as a woman. He put some food into socks across his chest. He shaved his legs and made a skirt out of a curtain. He wore a red spotted handkerchief on his head.

Reid walked 75 miles (120 km) in five days, but then he was caught again.

Many prisoners of war who escaped did not reach safety. Like Reid, they were caught again. They were all sent to Colditz, a prison for difficult prisoners from which there was supposedly no escape.