

REARMAMENT 1935

C → B → A → A* JUDGE

The military terms of the Treaty of Versailles stated that:

- German army limited to 100,000 men
- Conscription not allowed.
- No submarines (No Unterseeboot/U-Boats).
- No aeroplanes.
- Only 6 battleships.
- No armoured vehicles (no tanks).
- Rhineland de-militarised.



CAN YOU SPELL?

rearmament conscription
Luftwaffe disarmament



DESCRIBE GRADE C

- In 1932-33, 61 nations met at an international **disarmament conference** to discuss disarmament.
- In 1933 Hitler walked out of the conference when the other powers refused to disarm to Germany's level. This gave Hitler the legal justification to begin rearmament.
- Hitler also walked out of the **League of Nations** in 1933.
- In 1935 Hitler began building a new air force, the *Luftwaffe*.
- Germany began to **rearm**, introducing **conscription** in 1935.

EXPLAIN GRADE B

- Rearmament breached the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.
- Many in Britain felt that the Treaty of Versailles was unfair and needed to be revised.
- France were afraid of German recovery but would not act alone.
- Britain sympathised with Germany, France did not. Hitler took advantage of these differences.
- Soviet Russia, afraid of a strong Germany joined the League of Nations.
- Although Hitler often threatened to use force to achieve his aims, every time he acted against the treaty he followed it with promises of peace. Britain paid more attention to these promises than to the reversal of the treaty.
- 1934 **Ten year non-aggression pact** with Poland guaranteed the boundaries of Poland. Britain saw this as proof that Hitler's aims were peaceful.
- 1935 **Anglo-German Naval Agreement** - Britain agreed to Germany rearming but this agreement allowed Britain to limit the size of the German navy.

ASSESS RESULTS GRADE A

- Hitler openly broke the Treaty of Versailles and got away with it
- Britain HELPED him, Anglo-German Naval Agreement - beginning of appeasement
- Not necessarily aggressive - Hitler said he only wanted them as a deterrent ... but he later used them to threaten and bully.
- Rearmament allows Hitler to achieve his Foreign Policy aims - he needed a strong army.