

Daily Challenge Day 27 Facts about Tanks!

Who made the first tank?

Why were they called tanks?

The first tanks were made by the British Royal Navy and French car manufacturers during World War I as a way of attacking enemy trenches. They were called **tanks** to trick the Germans into thinking they were water carriers for the Middle Eastern theatre of World War I. Tanks became a main weapon during World War II.

What is a tank?

How many soldiers can a tank carry?

A **tank** is an armoured combat vehicle, typically armed with a large cannon mounted on a turret and a few machine guns.

A tank is covered in thick armour to protect it from enemy weapons. Tanks have tracks that wrap around its wheels to spread out its weight and let it cross rough ground. Most tanks have a powerful gun and one or more machine guns.

A tank's crew is normally 3-5. A driver, commander and gunner are always present. There may also be a loader, who handles the ammunition for the main gun (so the gunner doesn't have to take eyes off the target). Some WWII tanks also had a separate soldier responsible for the radio.

Challenge:

Can you put these pictures of tanks into order according to age? Explain your reasoning. One is from the first world war, one is from the second world war and the third is a modern tank.

Can you find out how a tank's wheels work?

