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The British planes, such as the Hurricane and Spitfire, were heavily armed, fast-moving and manoeuvrable.

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The British had RADAR bases positioned around the coast, giving early warning of any German planes coming over the Channel.

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British pilots had home advantage. If a British pilot was shot down and bailed out, he could fight again, whereas the German pilots were taken prisoner.

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The Spitfires were slightly faster than the German Messerschmitt Me-109s.

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German losses in July 1940 were twice as high as British losses.

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By the end of August 1940 Britain was producing over 550 planes a month while the Germans were making only 150.

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The Messerschmitts carried only 2 machine guns compared with 8 on the Spitfire.

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German fighters could carry only enough fuel to fly over Britain for half an hour at a time.

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The German fighters were ordered to fight in close formation, making it easier to attack them.

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The Spitfire and the Hurricane had Rolls-Royce engines allowing them to climb quickly.

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The young British fighter pilots called 'The Few' by Churchill fought very cleverly and courageously.

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