Lenin and the NEP
The New Economic Policy
Recap

- What was War Communism?
- Why was it introduced?
- Identify two benefits that War Communism brought to Russia.
- Identify three reasons why people would be unhappy with War Communism.
The End of War Communism

This is a picture taken in Russia in 1921.

Answer the following questions:

1. Describe the people in the photograph.
2. What does this photograph suggest about life in Russia in 1921?
3. How do you think this came about?
## Reasons for Ending War Communism

| Russia was bankrupt after WWI and the Civil War. | Famine as a result of War Communism. |
| Peasant and Worker Uprisings. | Fall in industrial production. |
The Kronstadt Rebellion

- In 1921 a naval base in Kronstadt revolted against the Bolsheviks and War Communism.
- They demanded new elections, freedom of speech, freedom of trade unions and the right to private property.
- Trotsky and the Red Army attacked the sailors and thousands on both sides died.
- Lenin, however, realised his policies needed to change.
The New Economic Policy (NEP)

- Peasants could keep food
- Peasants could sell extra produce
- Small level of private trade allowed
- Introduced in 1921
- Heavy industry controlled by state
## Results of the NEP

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<th>Rise in Living Standards</th>
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| Nepmen                   | A new class of people who controlled the trade between the Kulaks and the cities. |
Make a Venn Diagram

War
Comunism

NEP
Use these Words in your Venn Diagram

- Nepmen
- Civil War
- Prosperity
- Rationing
- Cheka
- Gulags
- Unrest
- State Control of Industry
- Kronstadt Rebellion
- Private trading
- State control of trade
- Improvements
- 1921
- 1918
- Famine
- Kulaks
- Survival
- War
- Peace
In Conclusion

- War Communism was brutal yet effective in the short term.
- The NEP was introduced in 1921.
- It allowed limited capitalism.
- Food and industrial production increased.
- Standard of living increased.