

In the Trenches Activities **B1**

A. Definitions

Match the words from the text with their definition.

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| 1. a trench (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> a. a type of strong metal wire with sharp points on it, used to prevent people or animals from entering or leaving a place |
| 2. a dugout (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> b. a town in Belgium located on the coast by the North Sea |
| 3. injured (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> c. to form a hole by moving soil |
| 4. barbed wire (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> d. a long narrow ditch dug in the ground by men, made to protect soldiers against gunfire |
| 5. to fire (vb) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> e. that comes from Switzerland |
| 6. a weapon (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> f. any object used in a fight or a war: gun, knife, rifle, grenade, poison gas... |
| 7. a volunteer (n) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> g. a shelter for soldiers so they can sleep, made by digging a deeper hole in the ground and covering it |
| 8. Swiss (adj) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> h. to cause a weapon to shoot bullets, arrows or missiles |
| 9. Ostend (name) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> i. a person who does something without being forced or paid, especially to help other people |
| 10. to climb (vb) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> j. to use your legs and your hands to go up or onto the top of something |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> k. physically hurt, severely damaged |

B. IF....

Read the article and finish the sentences using correct verb tense.

Example (from the text): *If the volunteers didn't obey, they would be executed.*

1. If there had not been WWI _____ (survive)
2. If you wanted to sleep, _____ (go to / sleep in)

3. If you were injured, _____ (evacuate to)

4. If the soldiers went "over the top", _____ (kill).
5. If you were not killed, _____ (go home).
6. Invent your own sentence: _____

C. Numbers

A. Match the numbers with the words and to the things they refer to in the article.

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| 1. 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> a. nineteen thousand two hundred and forty | <input type="checkbox"/> A. total men lost (dead and injured) by the British on the first day of the attack |
| 2. 60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> b. one point eight | <input type="checkbox"/> B. the width (in metres) of the trenches |
| 3. 19,240 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> c. thirteen | <input type="checkbox"/> C. British men who died on the first day of the battle |
| 4. 1.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> d. sixty thousand | <input type="checkbox"/> D. the territory (in kilometres) won by the Allies at the end of the battle |

B. Now write the words for each number.

1914: _____

1,000,000: _____

38,230: _____

1.5 km: _____

D. Past tenses:

A. Match the tense with its use.

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| 1. simple past | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> a. puts emphasis on the course of an action in the past. |
| 2. past continuous | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> b. expresses an action in the past taking place once, never several times. |
| 3. past perfect | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> c. expresses an action taking place before a certain time in the past. |

B. Find these tenses in the article.

2 past continuous:

- _____
- _____

2 past perfects:

- _____
- _____

C. Irregular verbs: find the bare infinitive form of the following conjugated verbs. The first one is done as an example.

1. meant: **mean**

2. fought: _____

3. told: _____

4. could: _____

5. lost: _____

6. made: _____

7. won: _____

8. began: _____