

Chapter 2

Activity 1

Comprehension

Answer the following questions about Chapter 2. Answer with a complete sentence

1	What was the name of the area between the British and German trenches?
2	What is now the usual name for 'The Great War'?
3	What did the soldiers arrange on Christmas Day?
4	When the war first started, where did soldiers believe they would be by Christmas?
5	What happened instead?
6	What's the name of the song the Germans sang?
7	What game did the British and German soldiers play, and what was the result?
8	Where did this game take place?
9	What was the date when this happened?
10	What time were the soldiers back in their trenches?

Activity 2

Irregular verbs

Find the correct forms of the past tense of these irregular verbs.
 The first one has been done for you as an example

	PRESENT	PAST	PRESENT PERFECT	PAST PERFECT
1	freeze	froze	has frozen	had frozen
2	fall			
3	sing			
4	throw			
5	break			
6	win			
7	shoot			
8	tell			
9	show			
10	do			
11	know			
12	begin			

Activity 3

Joining beginnings and endings

Complete the sentences in group A by choosing the correct second half from group B.
 The first one has been done for you as an example

Group A

- 1 All along the front lines, troops stopped
- 2 In the midst of the madness,
- 3 For a few hours on Christmas Day, the spirit of
- 4 Along the front lines soldiers climbed out of their
- 5 This was because the trenches
- 6 German soldiers arriving in the trenches on Christmas Eve
- 7 The sound of the Germans singing this song
- 8 They found out that their enemies were

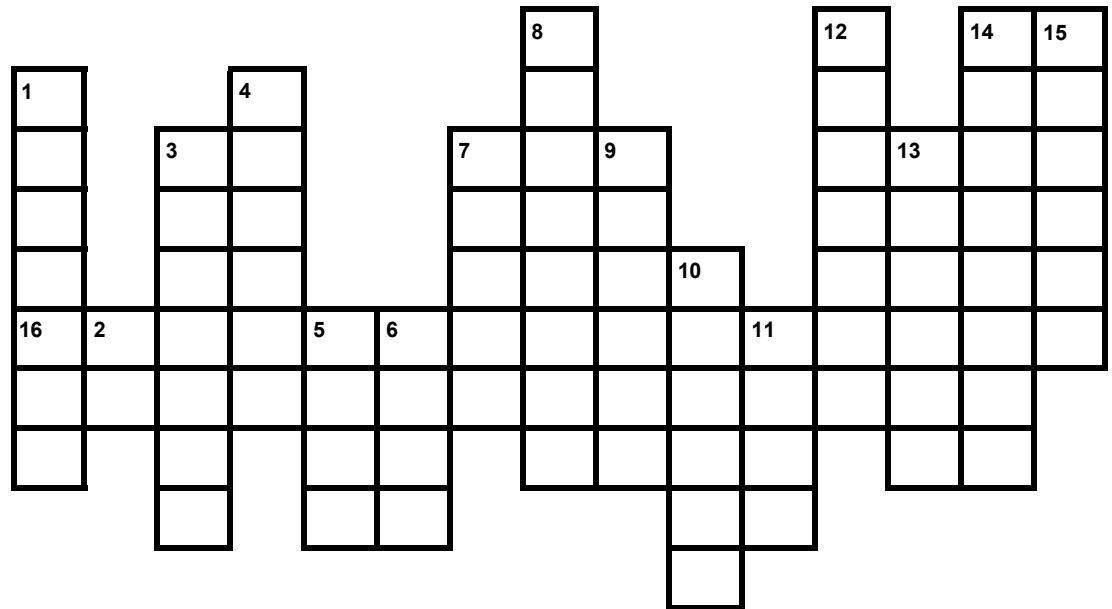
Group B

- a Christmas changed deadly enemies into friends.
- b were so close to each other.
- c carried with them food and presents.
- d fighting and met in no man's land.
- e just as human as themselves.
- f touched the hearts of the British soldiers.
- g some British and German soldiers reached out to each other.
- h trenches and started walking towards their enemies.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Activity 4

Find the key words

Solve the clues**and fill in the grid****to reveal the
key words**

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| 1 | On Christmas Day in 1914, German and British soldiers ... out to each other | 9 | The song <i>Silent Night</i> touched the ... of the British soldiers |
| 2 | The war dragged ... longer than expected | 10 | This would start again at midnight |
| 3 | Deadly ... became friends | 11 | This had fallen on Christmas Day, 1914 |
| 4 | The mud in no man's land was ... hard | 12 | British soldiers wanted these as souvenirs |
| 5 | The German soldiers liked eating tinned British ... | 13 | These soldiers arrived with presents and food |
| 6 | The ... was 1914 | 14 | There are stories about this game being played |
| 7 | The British and German soldiers stopped fighting; they had arranged a ... | 15 | It was one of the most bizarre ... of The Great War |
| 8 | In some places these were only a few metres apart | | <i>Key words? (16 across)</i> |

Activity 5Internet exercise (*Note: to do this exercise you must have a connection to the Internet*)**Go to The Century Web Site at <http://www.schooltimes.com/century.htm>****Click the link to The Century Reader. Then click the link to Chapter 2.****Once there, you will find the text of an interview with Harry Michelson.****Work together with a friend using the interview text as conversation practice****Note: You can print out the text of this interview or work 'offline' on your computer screen**

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