



School Times Worksheet

Vietnam: 40 Years On

Missing words

This is the text of a real letter sent by a US soldier from Vietnam. However, some of the words are missing. Use these words to complete the letter:

alive, death, feel, forward, friend, holiday, letter, married, men, place, suffered, tomorrow, whole

Letter from Vietnam

25 May, 1968

Dear Kate,

Today is probably the worst day I have ever lived in my _____ life. Once again we were in contact with Charlie [the North Vietnamese], and once again we



_____ losses. The losses we had

today hit home, as my best _____ was killed.

He was only 22 years old and was going on _____ on the first of June to meet his wife in Hawaii. I feel that if I was only a half second sooner in pulling the trigger, he would still be

_____. Strange how short a time a half of a second is — the difference between life and

_____. This morning we were talking about how we were only two years different in age and how we both had gotten _____ before coming to this place. You know, I can still

_____ his presence as I write this letter. If there is a _____ called Hell this surely

must be it. I keep asking myself if there is a God, then how come young _____ with so

much to live for have to die. I just hope that his death is not in vain. I hope that _____ is

quiet. We will be going into base camp soon for our three-day stand down [rest]. I will try to write

you a longer _____ at that time. Please don't worry too much about me ... I will take care of

myself and look _____ to the day I am able to be with you again.

Love,
David

* (Please note: we have changed the names in this letter in order to protect the writer's identity. We have also left out some of the details to make the letter short enough for this exercise)



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Quiz of the Year 2003

**How much do you about the events of 2003?
Test your general knowledge here**

1 The Women's Soccer World Cup was held in the USA in 2003.

Which team became world champions?

- a. Sweden
- b. USA
- c. Germany

2 At the beginning of the year the Australian Open tennis championships were held. Who won the women's singles title?

- a. Jennifer Capriati
- b. Serena Williams
- c. Kim Clijsters

3 Which country sent a man into space for the first time?

- a. India
- b. China
- c. Japan

4 Concorde, the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft, 'retired' in 2003. Which two countries developed and built it?

- a. Britain and France
- b. America and Germany
- c. Russia and China

5 A well-known actor became a US politician in 2003. Who was he?



- a. Robert Redford
- b. Brad Pitt
- c. Arnold Schwarzenegger

6 Which English football star moved from English to Spanish football in 2003?

- a. Alan Shearer
- b. David Beckham
- c. Michael Owen

7 In the January 2003 issue of *The School Times* there was an article about the European Union.

It described how a number of new member countries will join in 2004. How many new members?

- a. 10
- b. 12
- c. 15

8 In our April 2003 issue our film news article was about a movie starring Rowan Atkinson. The film was a comedy. What was it called?

- a. Goldmember
- b. Blackadder
- c. Johnny English

9 War broke out in a Middle-Eastern country in 2003. Which country?

- a. Iraq
- b. Iran
- c. Kuwait

10 A skydiver 'jumped' from England to France in 2003. Perhaps you read about him in our September 2003 issue. What was his name?

- a. Tony Hawk
- b. Charlie Sheen
- c. Felix Baumgartner





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11 On November 22, 2003, it was exactly 40 years since the US president was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas. What was his name?

- a. President Johnson
- b. President Kennedy
- c. President Nixon

12 In December 2003 the world remembered the 100th anniversary of a very important event. What was that event?

- a. The world's first powered flight
- b. The beginning of World War 1
- c. The Russian Revolution

13 Which European country voted 'NO' to joining the Euro in 2003?

- a. Greece
- b. Sweden
- c. Spain

14 What well-known female singer released the album 'Body Language' in November 2003?

- a. Alanis Morissette
- b. Avril Lavigne
- c. Kylie Minogue

15 England's national football (soccer) stadium was knocked down in 2003. This was to make way a newer more modern stadium. What was the stadium called?

- a. Hampden Park
- b. Wembley
- c. St James's Park



16 In early 2003 there was a space tragedy. A US space shuttle broke and exploded while returning to Earth. What was the name of the shuttle?

- a. Columbia
- b. Enterprise
- c. Challenger

17 In November 2003, the world's oldest person, Charlotte Benkner, celebrated her birthday. How old was she?

- a. 102
- b. 109
- c. 114

18 In 2003 the America's Cup was held in New Zealand. It is one of the best-known boating events in

the world. Which country won the cup?

- a. Switzerland
- b. Italy
- c. New Zealand

19 The latest Harry Potter book was 'pirated' in 2003. Copies of the book appeared on Chinese websites months before the book was published. What was the name of the book?

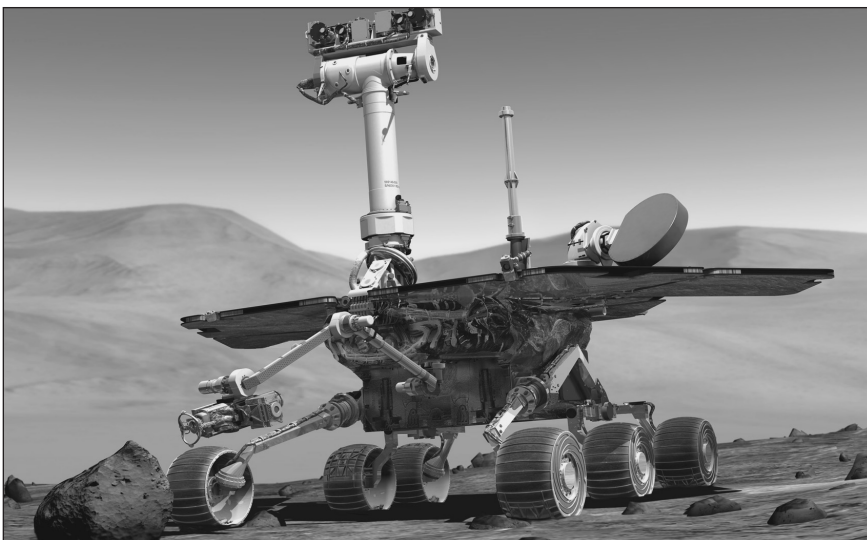
- a. The Order of the Phoenix
- b. The Philosopher's Stone
- c. The Goblet of Fire

20 Three different space missions were on their way to Mars in 2003. One of them was called Nozomi. Which country sent Nozomi on its way to Mars?

- a. USA
- b. Japan
- c. China

21 In late November 2003 an 'AIDS' concert was held. Those who took part wanted to bring attention to the terrible effects of the AIDS disease. The concert was named the 'Nelson Mandela Concert'. Nelson Mandela used to be president of what African country?

- a. Nigeria
- b. Botswana
- c. South Africa





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Teacher's Page



'Over the river and through the wood, To grandfather's house we go; The horse knows the way To carry the sleigh, Through the white and drifted snow.'

**Lydia Maria Child
1802-1880**

Dear Teacher,
Happy New Year! After 10 years as a print publication we are now available online. This month sees the beginning of *The School Times Online*. We have also released our latest audio CD/cassette this month. Our three audio texts this month are: Tony Hawk: a Skateboarding Legend, Child of Courage, and Keiko: Free at Last. We hope that you and your students will enjoy this first issue of 2004!

Remember, you can keep up to date with news from *The School Times* during the school year 24 hours a day by visiting our web site at: www.schooltimes.com

**Peter Young
Editor**

WORKSHEET 1
Missing words (in order) whole, suffered, friend, holiday, alive, death, married, feel, place, men, tomorrow, letter, forward

**WORKSHEETS 2 & 3
Quiz of the Year 2003**
1—c; 2—b; 3—b; 4—a; 5—c; 6—b; 7—a; 8—c; 9—a; 10—c;

11—b; 12—a; 13—b; 14—c; 15—b; 16—a; 17—c; 18—a; 19—a; 20—b; 21—c

Quick Puzzle (page 5)
1 Asia; 2 soldier; 3 unpopular; 4 country; 5 north; 6 deserve; 7 million; 8 news; 9 protester; 10 communist; 11 scary; 12 argument
Key words (13 down)
SOUTH VIETNAM

Questions on the text (page 5)
1 There were about 80,000 US soldiers in Vietnam by 1964.
2 The conflict lasted more than 10 years.
3 It different because it was the first war to be shown on television (as it happened).
4 They were treated like criminals (not as war heroes).
5 No, the two countries are becoming good friends again.
6 He cried because no one had ever thanked him before (for what he did in Vietnam).

Crossword Puzzle (page 9)
ACROSS
1 nightmare; 5 dad; 6 are; 7 ten; 8 never; 10 pro; 11 hurt; 13 contest; 16 fan; 17 see; 18 house; 20 loser; 21 I've; 22 we; 23 hero; 24 and; 25 her; 26 in; 27 go; 28 snow; 30 guy; 31 eye
DOWN
1 nut; 2 generous; 3 Tony; 4 ear; 5 depressed; 9 vacation; 13 on; 14 see; 15 terrible; 18 Hawaii; 19 energy; 20 learns; 23 he; 29 we

Questions on the text (page 9)
1 Tony's brother started him off as a skateboarder /Tony's brother bought him his first board.
2 Skating changed his personality. He began to think about others and became more generous.
3 He describes himself as a 'terrible' youth.
4 Tony got his first sponsor when he was 12 years old.
5 By the time he was 17 he was the world's best skateboarder.
6 No, sometimes it's 'in fashion' at other times it is not. / No, sometimes it's cool but at other times it's not.
7 He thought he could do video editing or web design.
8 Tony and Activision created a skateboard video game.
9 Yes, he still skates and learns new tricks.
10 No, he didn't!

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11 He want to give something back to the sport that has given him so much.

with humans than with his own kind.
7 He has helped us learn more about the sea and about ourselves.

Questions on the text (page 11)
1 They got upset when they found out that Keiko was living in poor conditions.
2 He was trained to be a wild whale once again.
3 He was flown to Iceland on a US Air Force jet.
4 He joined a group of wild whales.
5 Children were most interested and inspired by the 'Free Willy' movies.
6 No, not everyone thinks that it was a good idea. This is because Keiko was happier

Jumbled Words (page 11)
1 movie; 2 Free Willy; 3 Iceland; 4 fairytale; 5 Norway; 6 Hollywood; 7 humans; 8 family; 9 Oregon
Key words
ORCA WHALE

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