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## **Level 3**

### **BBC plans 2,500 hours of World War I shows**

**19th October, 2013**

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# THE ARTICLE

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World War I (WWI) is also known as the First World War. It was a global war that mostly took place in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and lasted until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" until 1939, when World War II started. More than 9 million soldiers were killed in WWI. This makes it the fifth-deadliest conflict in human history. Over 70 million people fought in countries all over the world. The United States joined the fighting in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new nations were created. There were also revolutions in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries. This lasted for many years and was one of the causes of World War II.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-24552194>  
<http://www.broadcastnow.co.uk/news/broadcasters/wwi-centenary-plans-revealed-by-bbc/5062538.article>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_War\\_I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I)

# WARM-UPS

**1. WORLD WAR I:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about World War One. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*BBC / TV programmes / WWI / one hundred years / history / commemorate / stories / global war / WWII / soldiers / conflict / new nations / revolutions / unhappiness*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. WWI:** What do you know about it? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Try to find the things you want to know. Change partners often.

	I know that...	I want to know...
How it started		
How it ended		
Who fought in it		
How the world changed		
The key people		
The saddest story		

**4. WAR:** Students A **strongly** believe never does any good; Students B **strongly** believe it does. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. LEARN:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the things you want to learn about WWI at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- how it started
- the weapons
- soldiers' feelings
- the battles
- city life
- a soldier's mother's feelings
- how the world changed
- a country's leader

**6. SCHEDULE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "schedule". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The BBC will have around 2,500 hours of shows to commemorate WWI. T / F
- b. The shows will be on TV and radio over a 4-year period. T / F
- c. A BBC boss said there is nothing new we can learn about World War I. T / F
- d. None of the shows will tell new stories about the war. T / F
- e. WWI is also commonly known as the "First Global War". T / F
- f. WWI was not called "WWI" until WWII started. T / F
- g. More soldiers died in World War One than in any other war in history. T / F
- h. Many new countries were created after the end of WWI. T / F

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. released     | a. air            |
| 2. mark         | b. largely        |
| 3. broadcast    | c. reasons        |
| 4. broaden      | d. remember       |
| 5. perspectives | e. widen          |
| 6. mostly       | f. war            |
| 7. lasted       | g. made known     |
| 8. conflict     | h. misery         |
| 9. unhappiness  | i. points of view |
| 10. causes      | j. continued      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. mark the centenary of                  | a. from 2014 to 2018         |
| 2. These will be broadcast                | b. conflict in human history |
| 3. We are setting out to broaden people's | c. far untold                |
| 4. well-known stories                     | d. of World War II           |
| 5. original stories so                    | e. understanding of the war  |
| 6. a global war that mostly               | f. in a lot of countries     |
| 7. the fifth-deadliest                    | g. fighting in 1917          |
| 8. The United States joined the           | h. World War I               |
| 9. There were also revolutions            | i. from fresh perspectives   |
| 10. one of the causes                     | j. took place in Europe      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

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*broaden*  
*since*  
*mark*  
*untold*  
*details*  
*caught*  
*chance*  
*broadcast*

World War I (WWI) is also known as the First World War. It was a global war that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ took place in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" until 1939, when World War II started. More than 9 million (11) \_\_\_\_\_ were killed in WWI. This makes it the fifth-deadliest (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in human history. Over 70 million people fought in countries all over the world. The United States joined the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new nations were (14) \_\_\_\_\_. There were also (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries. This lasted for many years and was one of the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of World War II.

*fighting*  
*causes*  
*lasted*  
*created*  
*conflict*  
*mostly*  
*revolutions*  
*soldiers*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) has released details of its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. programme scheduler
  - b. programme schedules
  - c. programme scheduled
  - d. programme schedule
- 2) It is planning almost 2,500 hours of new TV \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and radio showings
  - b. and radio shows
  - c. and radio show
  - d. and radio show us
- 3) a chance for us all to learn something new about a war we think \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. we know swell
  - b. we know so well
  - c. we know well
  - d. we know wells
- 4) commemorate and remember those who were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. caught out in it
  - b. caught down in it
  - c. caught up in it
  - d. caught tap in it
- 5) tell both well-known stories from fresh perspectives and original stories \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. so far not told
  - b. so far and told
  - c. so far up told
  - d. so far untold
- 6) It was a global war that mostly took \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. places in Europe
  - b. placed in Europe
  - c. placing in Europe
  - d. place in Europe
- 7) It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" until 1939, when World \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. War II started
  - b. War II started it
  - c. War II start it
  - d. War II start
- 8) This makes it the fifth-deadliest conflict \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on human history
  - b. in human history
  - c. of human history
  - d. an human history
- 9) The United States joined the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fight in 1917
  - b. fighting in 1917
  - c. fought in 1917
  - d. fights in 1917
- 10) This lasted for many years and was one of \_\_\_\_\_ World War II
  - a. the cases of
  - b. the courses of
  - c. the causes of
  - d. the cause is of

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

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World War I (WWI) is also known as the First World War. It was a global war that (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and lasted until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" until 1939, when World War II started. More (8) \_\_\_\_\_ were killed in WWI. This makes it (9) \_\_\_\_\_ conflict in human history. Over 70 million people fought in countries all over the world. The United States (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new (11) \_\_\_\_\_. There were also revolutions in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries. This lasted for many years and was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of World War II.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

1. What does 'BBC' mean?

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2. How many hours of new shows is the BBC planning?

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3. When will the BBC broadcast the shows?

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4. What did the BBC boss say the shows were a chance for us to do?

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5. What does the BBC want to broaden?

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6. What is another name for WWI?

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7. When was WWI known as WWI?

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8. How many soldiers fought in WWI?

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9. When did the USA join the war?

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10. What was one of the causes of WWII?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

1. What does 'BBC' mean?
  - a) British Broadcast Company
  - b) Britain's Best Company
  - c) British Broadcasting Corporation
  - d) Britain's Broadcasting Company
2. How many hours of new shows is the BBC planning?
  - a) almost 2,500
  - b) 25,000 hours
  - c) just over 2,500
  - d) 12,500
3. When will the BBC broadcast the shows?
  - a) in 2014
  - b) between 2014 and 2018
  - c) in 2014 and 2018
  - d) in 2018
4. What did the BBC boss say the shows were a chance for us to do?
  - a) make a project
  - b) watch TV
  - c) make friends
  - d) learn something new
5. What does the BBC want to broaden?
  - a) smiles
  - b) beans
  - c) people's understanding
  - d) horizons
6. What is another name for WWI?
  - a) The Global War
  - b) the First World War
  - c) Global War I
  - d) The Pan-European War
7. When was WWI known as WWI?
  - a) 1962
  - b) 1944
  - c) 1938
  - d) 1939
8. How many soldiers fought in WWI?
  - a) 700,000,000
  - b) 70,000,000
  - c) 17,000,000
  - d) 170,000,000
9. When did the USA join the war?
  - a) 1914
  - b) 1917
  - c) 1916
  - d) 1915
10. What was one of the causes of WWII?
  - a) unhappiness
  - b) language
  - c) water
  - d) disease

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – TV shows**

You think TV shows are the best way to mark the centenary of WWI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): school lessons, a WWI website or a global art exhibition.

## **Role B – School lessons**

You think school lessons are the best way to mark the centenary of WWI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): TV shows, a WWI website or a global art exhibition.

## **Role C – WWI website**

You think a WWI website is the best way to mark the centenary of WWI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): school lessons, TV shows or a global art exhibition.

## **Role D – Global art exhibition**

You think a global art exhibition is the best way to mark the centenary of WWI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): school lessons, a WWI website or TV shows.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'TV' and 'radio'.

<b>TV</b>	<b>radio</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• details</li><li>• almost</li><li>• since</li><li>• learn</li><li>• understanding</li><li>• far</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• known</li><li>• 1918</li><li>• killed</li><li>• fought</li><li>• fighting</li><li>• causes</li></ul>
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# WORLD WAR I SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

Write five GOOD questions about World War I in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WORLD WAR I DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the name 'World War I'?
- c) What do you know about how WWI started?
- d) What do you think of the BBC's plans?
- e) Would you like to watch and listen to the BBC programmes?
- f) What do you think is a good way to commemorate the centenary of WWI?
- g) What would you like to learn about WWI?
- h) Is it important to commemorate past wars?
- i) What should your country do to commemorate WWI?
- j) How did WWI change the world?

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# WORLD WAR I DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How was WWI different to previous wars?
- c) Do you like looking at war movies?
- d) Do wars do any good?
- e) Why do we still fight wars?
- f) Why didn't the USA join WWI until 1917?
- g) What would you like to know about WWI?
- h) What kind of unhappiness was a cause for WWII?
- i) Do you think there will ever be a WWIII?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of the BBC?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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World War I (WWI) is also known as the First World War. It was a global war that mostly (7) \_\_\_\_\_ place in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" until 1939, when World War II started. More than 9 million soldiers were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in WWI. This makes it the fifth-deadliest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in human history. Over 70 million people fought in countries all over the world. The United States joined the fighting in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new nations were created. There were also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries. This lasted for many years and was one of the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of World War II.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                   |                 |                |                 |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) released      | (b) releases    | (c) releasing  | (d) realised    |
| 2.  | (a) planned       | (b) plans       | (c) planning   | (d) plan        |
| 3.  | (a) during        | (b) for         | (c) since      | (d) post        |
| 4.  | (a) try           | (b) fate        | (c) likelihood | (d) chance      |
| 5.  | (a) in            | (b) up          | (c) out        | (d) over        |
| 6.  | (a) flesh         | (b) fresh       | (c) crispy     | (d) crisp       |
| 7.  | (a) happened      | (b) took        | (c) was        | (d) did         |
| 8.  | (a) reared        | (b) lasted      | (c) finished   | (d) carried     |
| 9.  | (a) died          | (b) passed away | (c) killed     | (d) eliminated  |
| 10. | (a) consent       | (b) conduct     | (c) conduit    | (d) conflict    |
| 11. | (a) revolutionary | (b) revolution  | (c) revolving  | (d) revolutions |
| 12. | (a) ceases        | (b) courses     | (c) cases      | (d) causes      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. British Broadcasting nrrCotioapo
2. programme eecshlud
3. rbasdcaot from 2014
4. nrebado people's understanding
5. rotocemmema and remember
6. glioianr stories

## Paragraph 2

7. 9 million iroslsde were killed
8. the fifth-deadliest nctfcloi in human history
9. The United States joined the gifgtnih
10. There were also otiselvnuro in a lot of countries
11. a lot of isehuppsann
12. one of the usesca of World War II



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) place in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and lasted until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the
- ( ) deadliest conflict in human history. Over 70 million people fought in countries all over the world. The United States
- ( ) World War I (WWI) is also known as the First World War. It was a global war that mostly took
- ( ) people's understanding of the war, to commemorate and remember those who were caught
- ( ) new about a war we think we know well". A BBC spokesman said: "We are setting out to broaden
- ( ) "Great War" until 1939, when World War II started. More than 9 million soldiers were killed in WWI. This makes it the fifth-
- ( **1** ) The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) has released details of its programme schedule to mark
- ( ) history. Tony Hall, the head of the BBC, said the programming would be, "a chance for us all to learn something
- ( ) the centenary of World War I. It is planning almost 2,500 hours of new TV and radio shows. These will be
- ( ) in some countries. This lasted for many years and was one of the causes of World War II.
- ( ) were created. There were also revolutions in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness
- ( ) up in it, and to tell both well-known stories from fresh perspectives and original stories so far untold."
- ( ) broadcast from 2014 to 2018, to mirror the one hundred years since the war. It is the biggest plan in the BBC's
- ( ) joined the fighting in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new nations

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

1. the World mark of I to centenary War Schedule.

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2. for to new chance all something A us learn.

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3. the people's of war Broaden understanding.

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4. caught Remember up those in who it were.

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5. original and perspectives fresh from Stories stories.

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6. mostly in A that place war took Europe global.

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7. million killed 9 were WWI than soldiers in More.

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8. history human in conflict deadliest fifth- the it makes This.

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9. 1917 joined the The fighting United in States.

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10. were in of There revolutions lot also a countries.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) has released *detail / details* of its programme schedule to *mark / grade* the centenary of World War I. It is planning almost 2,500 hours of new TV and radio shows. These will be *broadcast / broad* from 2014 to 2018, to *minor / mirror* the one hundred years *since / for* the war. It is the biggest plan in the BBC's history. Tony Hall, the head of the BBC, said the programming would be, "a chance for us *all / whole* to learn something new about a war we think we *knowledge / know* well". A BBC spokesman said: "We are setting out to *breadth / broaden* people's understanding of the war, to commemorate and remember those who were caught *on / up* in it, and to tell both well-known stories from fresh perspectives and original stories so *far / many* untold."

World War I (WWI) is also *called / known* as the First World War. It was a global war that *mostly / most* took place in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and *lasted / lasts* until 11 November 1918. It was called the "World War" or the "Great War" *until / since* 1939, when World War II started. More than 9 million soldiers were *died / killed* in WWI. This makes it the fifth-deadliest conflict *in / on* human history. Over 70 million people *fought / fighting* in countries all over the world. The United States joined the *fought / fighting* in 1917. After the war ended, many countries changed and many new nations were *created / creation*. There were also revolutions in a lot of countries. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries. This lasted for many years and was one of the *cases / causes* of World War II.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131019-ww1.html>

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the BBC's plans to mark the centenary of World War I. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. WORLD WAR I:** Make a poster about World War I. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. COMMEMORATE:** Write a magazine article about the BBC commemorating WWI. Include imaginary interviews with people who think the BBC is doing too much and those who think the BBC is doing too little .

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on WWI. Ask him/her three questions about the war. Give him/her three of your opinions on war. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. released     | a. made known     |
| 2. mark         | b. remember       |
| 3. broadcast    | c. air            |
| 4. broaden      | d. widen          |
| 5. perspectives | e. points of view |
| 6. mostly       | f. largely        |
| 7. lasted       | g. continued      |
| 8. conflict     | h. war            |
| 9. unhappiness  | i. misery         |
| 10. causes      | j. reasons        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. British Broadcasting Corporation
2. Almost 2,500 hours
3. Between 2014 and 2018
4. Learn something new about the war
5. People's understanding of the war
6. The First World War
7. From 1939
8. 70,000,000
9. 1917
10. Unhappiness

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)