

# WAR AND PEACE

## COLLOCATIONS: WAR OR PEACE?

Look at the following words. Some of them go with the word *War*, others go with the word *Peace*. Which goes with which? For example, **warhead**.

WAR  
PEACE

game  
head  
agreement  
keeping  
memorial  
torn  
maker  
crime/criminal  
dividend  
movement

When you have finished, match the words to their definitions below.

1. The explosive part at the front of a missile.
2. Someone who tries to stop other people or countries to stop fighting.
3. Usually refers to soldiers sent to an area where people are fighting to try and stop the violence.
4. A monument put up to remind people of those killed in war.
5. The money saved on weapons and used for other purposes, when a government reduces its military.
6. Something people play using model soldiers, moving them around a table
7. An adjective used to describe a country or city that is being destroyed by war.
8. A negotiation or treaty that ends a war.

There are two words left with no definitions. Can you write a definition for each one?

## SIX AMERICAN WARS

America has fought in many wars. Read the following short descriptions of famous wars which involved the United States. Can you identify each one?

**THE ... WAR**

In the 1960s and early 1970s the USA went to war with this Southeast Asian country to stop the spread of communism. It is considered the war which America lost. This war has always been very popular with Hollywood and many films have been made about it.

**THE ... WAR**

This war between the North and the South of the United States lasted from 1861 to 1865. It was fought because the Southern states wanted to separate from the North. It also became known as the war over slavery.

**THE ... WAR**

In 1990, when Iraq invaded Kuwait, the United States declared war on Iraq and formed a coalition with many other countries to fight it. George Bush Sr. was the President of the United States at this time. This war is named after a region.

**THE ... WAR**

This war between the USA and the USSR lasted forty years. It ended when the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. It has its name because there was no open fighting between the soldiers of each side.

**THE ... WAR or ... WAR ...**

This war broke out in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. The USA didn't join this war until 1943, after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. This war has its name because so many countries fought in it. For many British people, this war is referred to simply as "The War."

**THE WAR ON ...**

"Every country now has a decision to make. You are with us or you are against us." George Bush Jr. said these words as he promised to wage war against those responsible for the attacks of September 11, 2001.

## FOCUS ON PREPOSITIONS

Without looking back at the above texts, can you complete the following newspaper headlines with the correct preposition?

WAR BREAKS \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY

GUERRILLAS VOW TO WAGE WAR \_\_\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

USA DECLARES NEW WAR \_\_\_\_\_ DRUGS

UN: "THE NEXT WARS WILL BE FOUGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WATER"

WAR \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH COUNTRIES IMMINENT, EXPERTS WARN

## TALKING WAR

Can you put together the two halves of these quotations and proverbs about peace and war? Can you explain what they mean? What do you think?

1. "The purpose of all war...
2. "When we say "War is over if you want it," we mean that ...
3. "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, ...
4. "If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. ...
5. "There was never a good war, ...
6. "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, ...
7. "You can no more win a war ...
8. "I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask: ...
9. "Two wrongs ...
10. "The first casualty of war ...
  - a) but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." *Albert Einstein*
  - b) don't make a right." *Proverb*
  - c) is peace." *Saint Augustine*
  - d) Then he becomes your partner." *Nelson Mandela*
  - e) if everyone demanded peace instead of another TV set, we'd have peace. *John Lennon*
  - f) but a means by which we arrive at that goal." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
  - g) is truth." *Proverb*
  - h) 'Mother, what was war?' " *Eve Merriam*
  - i) or a bad peace." *Benjamin Franklin*
  - j) than win an earthquake." *Jeanette Rankin*