

Mark: Oh, that's really sad. But how did people find her diary?

Nam: An American soldier found it and saved it from being burnt. Then more than 30 years after Tram's death, a copy was returned to her mother. The diary was published in Viet Nam in 2005. It has also been translated into several other languages.

Mark: That's amazing!

Nam: Now she is considered a national hero for devoting her youth and whole life to saving other people's lives in the war.

Mark: Can you lend me the book when you finish reading it? I'd like to read it myself.

Nam: Sure!

2 Read the conversation again and circle the correct answer to complete each of the sentences.

1. Dang Thuy Tram was born in Ha Noi/Hue.
2. Tram wrote about/operated on injured soldiers during the war.
3. She died when she was very young/old.
4. An American soldier kept her diary for 27 years/more than three decades before returning a copy to her family.

3 Find words and a phrase in 1 with the following meanings.

- 1 a _____ descriptions of things that have happened
- 2 d _____ the end of somebody's life
- 3 d _____ to giving time, attention, etc. to something
- 4 y _____ the period of time when a person is young

4 Complete the sentences based on the conversation.

Dang Thuy Tram was a young surgeon. She (1) _____ her diary while she (2) _____ in a field hospital during the war. One day, she (3) _____ while she (4) _____ in the jungle. She was only 27 then. An American soldier (5) _____ her diary for many years before returning a copy to her family.

II LANGUAGE

Pronunciation

Diphthongs /eɪ/ and /əʊ/

1 Listen and repeat. Then practise saying the words.

/eɪ/	/əʊ/
age	soldier
saved	wrote
translated	hero
against	shows

2 **3** Work in pairs. Underline the words that contain the /eɪ/ and /əʊ/ sounds. Listen and check. Then practise reading the whole text aloud.

In the first year when *The Diary of Dang Thuy Tram* was published, more than 300,000 copies were sold. The book was also translated into more than 16 different languages. A film based on the diary was made in 2009. Its name is *Don't burn*.