

A Synonyms

Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use the synonym (a word that means the same) in parentheses to help you select the correct word. Compare answers with a partner

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1. Traditional Navajo people _____ their history to share with the next generation.
*memorized
(remembered)*
2. In 1864 Kit Carson and the U.S. Army _____ thousands of Navajo people and made them march 300 miles to New Mexico as prisoners on the Long Walk.
(caught)
3. Books _____ how the U.S. Army burned Navajo crops, killed their animals, and destroyed their homes.
(tell)
4. When the Navajo returned to Arizona, they had to _____ on a reservation under U.S. government control.
(stay)
5. The Code Talkers served their country _____ the code, but they couldn't vote in Arizona until 1948.
(by way of)
6. The decision to help their country was _____ for the Navajo because they were not always accepted as full Americans.
(difficult)

B Prefixes

A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word that changes the word's meaning. Knowing what prefixes mean can help you figure out the meanings of words as you read.

The Prefix *Un-*

***un-* = not**

In adjectives and adverbs, ***un-*** is used to show an opposite or negative state:

The Navajo Code remained **unbroken** for many years.
[not broken]

The Prefix *De-*

***de-* = remove from**

In some verbs or adjectives, ***de-*** means "to remove from something or to remove something from something":

They had to **decode** the message in order to understand it.
[remove the code from]

Work with a partner to complete this summary of the reading. Circle the correct word.

The Navajo contribution to the United States war effort went almost in American history. The Navajo Code remained to the other 3,200 Navajo soldiers who were not Code Talkers. The code, like the Navajo language, was , and it was memorized only by the Code Talkers. Other Navajos could not decode it, because it contained a series of Navajo words. This code remained for more than 20 years after the war, until 1968, when the U.S. government it and made its secret known to the public.