

**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** 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*.