Remembrance Day / Veterans Day



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. When did World War I end?
2. What other names are there for Remembrance Day?
3. What is a poppy?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match up as many words and meanings as you can. Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

____	1.	veteran	a)	armed conflict between regions or nations
____	2.	wreath	b)	a period without war
____	3.	war	c)	a soldier who fought in a war and lived
____	4.	peace	d)	a circular plant used to honour a person or event
____	5.	trumpet	e)	a brass horn that plays music
____	6.	respect	f)	a type of plant with bright, red flowers
____	7.	poppy	g)	honour and appreciation
____	8.	promise	h)	to say you will do something (and to really mean it)

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Reading

1. November 11 is a special day to remember people who fought in **wars**. Different countries have different names for this day. Some call it Armistice Day. Others call it Remembrance Day. In the United States, it's Veterans Day.
2. This day marks an important **peace** agreement. The name of the agreement was Armistice. In 1918, after four years of war, Germany agreed to stop fighting the Allied forces. The war ended at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month. November 11 became a day of remembrance.
3. On this day, **veterans** march in parades and place **wreaths** on war monuments. Children learn about peace and write poems. At 11:00 am, many people stop for a moment of silence. A **trumpet** or bugle plays a song called "Last Post."
4. In many countries, the **poppy** is a symbol of November 11. The poppy is a bright red flower that grew on the battlefields of World War I. Its red colour reminds people of the lost blood. When you wear a poppy, you show **respect** for those who fought and died for peace. Some people call November 11 "Poppy Day." The words "Lest We Forget" mean we **promise** never to forget the pain of war.
5. The poppy helps us remember that promise. Do we still keep it today?

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Comprehension

Complete the comprehension questions based on the reading.

1. What is the main idea of the text?
   a) November 11 is a day to remember people who fought in wars.
   b) November 11 is a day to plant poppies.
   c) November 11 is a day to celebrate veterans' birthdays.
2. What happened on November 11, 1918?
   a) World War II began.
   b) Germany agreed to stop fighting.
   c) Britain planted its first poppy.
3. What happens at 11:00 am on November 11?
   a) People sing a song.
   b) People have a moment of silence.
   c) People start a parade.
4. What does the red poppy symbolize?
   a) the colour of the sky during war
   b) the blood lost in war
   c) the flag of Germany
5. What does "Lest We Forget" mean?
   a) Let's not forget the pain of war.
   b) Let's forget about the war.
   c) Let's remember peaceful times.

Vocabulary Review

Decide if the following words are synonyms (words that mean the same) or antonyms (opposites).

1. war / peace _____
2. Remembrance Day / Veterans Day _____
3. respect / disrespect _____
4. remember / forget _____
5. promise / vow _____

Discussion

1. Did your country of origin participate in World War I and/or II?
2. Is world peace possible?
3. Do you wear a poppy on Veterans Day / Remembrance Day? Why or why not?
4. Did the nations keep their promise?

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Listening

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

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