



**Fill in the gaps**

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In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another foreign war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was (2)\_\_\_\_\_ in (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ways  
 As so were those who did the fighting  
 In (4)\_\_\_\_\_ War two  
 The (5)\_\_\_\_\_ age of the combat soldier was  
 twenty six  
 In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
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 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
 The heaviest fighting of the past two weeks  
 Continued today (6)\_\_\_\_\_ five miles northwest of  
 Saigon  
 I really wasn't sure what was going on  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
 In Vietnam  
 The combat (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
 served  
 A twelve month tour of duty  
 But was (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to hostile (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 In Saigon, a US military spokesman said today  
 More than seven (12)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that sensitive (13)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
 In all of (14)\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
 The enemy lost a total of  
 Two thousand six hundred and (15)\_\_\_\_\_  
 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
 All (17)\_\_\_\_\_ who (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the war

They won't forget what they've seen  
 Destruction  
 Of men in their prime  
 Whose (19)\_\_\_\_\_ age was nineteen  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 According to a Veteran's Administration study  
 Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
 From what psychiatrists call  
 Post traumatic stress disorder  
 Many (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation,  
 rage, or guilt  
 Some (22)\_\_\_\_\_ to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after coming home  
 Almost eight hundred thousand men  
 Are still fighting the Vietnam War  
 None of (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a hero's  
 welcome  
 Nineteen  
 Saigon, Saigon, Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon  
 Saigon, Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon  
 Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
 Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
 Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 Purple heart (Saigon)  
 Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I really wasn't (25)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going on  
 I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on



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### Answer

1. like
2. different
3. many
4. World
5. average
6. twenty
7. soldier
8. typically
9. exposed
10. fire
11. almost
12. hundred
13. border
14. South
15. eighty
16. nine
17. those
18. remember
19. average
20. vets
21. complain
22. succumb
23. them
24. received
25. sure
26. really