

WAR AND PEACE

Find a word for each letter.

Possible answers* may include:

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| A Andrei, Anatole, army, | N Nikolai, Natasha |
| B Bezukhov, Bolonsky, beauty, book | O officer |
| C Count, Countess, captured | P peace, Pierre, Prince, Princess, party |
| D death, dance | Q quiet |
| E expensive, engages | R Rostov, Russia |
| F France, French Army, fortune | S Sonya, soldier |
| G guests, garden | T Tolstoy, Tsar |
| H Helene, hero, help, heart | U unhappy, useless |
| I injury | V vow, visitor |
| J joy, journey, jokes | W war, wealth, weddings |
| K Kuragin, kind, Kutuzov, kiss | X |
| L Leo Tolstoy, love, letter | Y young |
| M Moscow, Marya, marriage, money | Z |

*As it is difficult to find words beginning with X and Z, award one point for each word found, rather than for each letter matched.

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Reading Comprehension Answer Sheet

Q1: Where is Andrei's smart town house located?	
Answer:	Moscow (1 mark)
Q2: Why is Andrei unhappy at the beginning of the story?	
Answer:	He has married someone he does not love. (1 mark)
Q3: What does the death of Pierre's father mean for him?	
Answer:	Pierre inherits his wealth and now one of the richest men in Russia. (1 mark)
Q4: How is Prince Bolonsky first described and what effect does this have?	
Answer:	The narrator uses the metaphor "barked" (1 mark) which compares him to an angry dog. (1 mark)
Q5: What explanation is given for Prince Bolonsky's attitude?	
Answer:	He is full of rage; never recovered from his wife's death. (1 mark)
Q6: What emotion does Andrei feel when is leaving for war and why?	
Answer:	Relief (1 mark) because he is joining the army to escape an unhappy marriage. (1 mark)
Q7: Why do Helene and her father show a sudden interest in Pierre?	
Answer:	They want Helene to marry Pierre and share his fortune. (1 mark)
Q8: Why does Anatole show Marya affection when few suitors have before?	
Answer:	Anatole's father wants him to marry Marya because her family is rich. (1 mark)
Q9: What change does Pierre notice after he married Helene?	
Answer:	She stops showing Pierre love and affection. (1 mark)
Q10: What is your opinion of Dolokhov and how does it change throughout the story?	
Answer:	At first, Dolokhov is arrogant and mischievous. (1 mark) Later, he saves Pierre's life and shows he is sorry. (1 mark) He becomes more likeable as the story goes on. (1 mark)

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Q11: What does the letter from the Army explain to the Bolonskys?	
Answer:	Andrei is missing and is presumed dead (1 mark)
Q12: What happens shortly after the letter arrives?	
Answer:	Andrei arrives home (1 mark) and explains that he was wounded in battle and was rescued by nearby villagers.
Q13: What does Andrei vow to do after Lise dies?	
Answer:	He vows to be a better father (1 mark) than he was a husband.
Q14: What does Pierre plan to do with his new fortune?	
Answer:	He repairs the farms his father owned (1 mark) and builds houses and schools for the farmers and their children. (1 mark)
Q15: What is one of Moscow's most important events of the year?	
Answer:	The Tsar of Russia's New Year's Eve ball
Q16: Why do Count and Countess Rostov disapprove of Nikolai and Sonya's engagement?	
Answer:	They want Sonya to marry someone rich (1 mark) because they have blown their fortune on lavish parties. (1 mark)
Q17: What does Sonya discover about Natasha?	
Answer:	She is planning to run away with Anatole. (1 mark)
Q18: What news does Pierre reveal about Anatole to Natasha?	
Answer:	Anatole is secretly already married. (1 mark)
Q19: Who helps Natasha and Marya evacuate Moscow?	
Answer:	Nikolai (1 mark) Rostov

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Q20: What is Countess Rostov reluctant do to when they are evacuating Moscow and what changes her mind?	
Answer:	She is reluctant to empty her cart of belongings (1 mark) to help carry wounded soldiers (1 mark) but is reminded that they are just like her son Andrei who is also at war.
Q21: What does Sonya say to Nikolai in her letter?	
Answer:	She releases Nikolai from his promise to marry her. (1 mark)
Q22: What happens to Pierre during the war?	
Answer:	He gets captured by the French army. (1 mark)
Q23: What important life lesson does Pierre learn when he returns from the army?	
Answer:	Wealth and beauty isn't important (1 mark) as being good, truthful and nice. (1 mark)
Q24: Why is Nikolai worried to meet Marya when the war is over?	
Answer:	He is worried that she won't be interested in him any more (1 mark) because his family lost their fortune (1 mark).
Q25: Which two couples marry at the end of the story?	
Answer:	Pierre and Natasha (1 mark) Nikolai and Marya (1 mark)

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Diary Entry Activity

The story is told by a third person narrator. In this activity, pupils are encouraged to think about Pierre's thoughts and feelings during the time he was captured by the French Army in their writing.

The following checklist can be used as guidance or assessment for this activity:

- Written in first person (1 mark)
- Recalls the events of the story/scene (up to 2 marks)
- Includes personal feelings/emotions (up to 3 marks)
- Adopts the tone of the character (up to 2 marks)