

Vocabulary Activities



Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*



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A Farewell to Arms Context Clues Vocabulary: Book One, Chapters 1-4

Directions: Using context clues in the sentences below, make an inference on what each underlined word means. Find the correct definition of the word in the word-bank,, and put the correct letter of response on the space provided.

Sentences from the Novel

___1. There was much traffic at night and many mules on the roads with boxes of ammunition on each side of their pack-saddles and gray motor trucks that carried men, and other trucks with loads covered with canvas that moved slower in the traffic.

___2. At the start of the winter came the permanent rain and with the rain came the cholera. But it was checked and in the end only seven thousand died of it in the army.

___3. The mountain that was beyond the valley and the hillside where the chestnut forest grew was captured and there were victories beyond the plain on the plateau to the south and we crossed the river in August [...].

___4. People lived on in it and there were hospitals and cafés and artillery up side streets and two bawdy houses, one for troops and one for officers [...].

___5. The snow slanted across the wind, the bare ground was covered, the stumps of trees projected, there was snow on the guns and there were paths in the snow going back to the latrines behind trenches.

___6. That night in the mess after the spaghetti course, which every one ate very quickly and seriously, lifting the spaghetti on the fork [...] or [...] helping ourselves to wine from the grass-covered gallon flask [...].

___7. "The Pope wants the Austrians to win the war," the major said. "He loves Franz Joseph. That's where the money comes from. I am an atheist."

___8. It is a filthy and vile book," said the priest. "You do not really like it."

___9. The room I shared with the lieutenant Rinaldi looked out on the courtyard. The window was open, my bed was made up with blankets and my things hung on the wall, the gas mask in an oblong tin can, the steel helmet on the same peg.

___10. "Since you are gone we have nothing but frostbites, chilblains, jaundice, gonorrhoea, self-inflicted wounds, pneumonia and hard and soft chancres."

Word Bank

- A. An intestinal disease
- B. A container that holds alcohol
- C. Elongated
- D. Crude or unrefined
- E. A tent
- F. An elevated piece of land with a flat surface
- G. A military toilet
- H. Wicked
- I. A small ulcer
- J. Somebody who doesn't believe in God

A Farewell to Arms Context Clues Vocabulary: Book One, Chapters 1-4 (Continued)

Sentences from the Novel

___11. I took off my tunic and shirt and washed in the cold water in the basin.

___12. He smiled, "I must make on Miss Barkley the impression of a man of sufficient wealth.

___13. Suddenly to care very much and to sleep to wake with it sometimes morning and all that had been there gone and everything sharp and hard and clear and sometimes a dispute about the cost. Sometimes still pleasant and fond and warm and breakfast and lunch.

___14. It was a nuisance to have them there but it was a comfort that they were no bigger.

___15. It evidently made no difference whether I was there to look after things or not.

___16. The attack would cross the river up above the narrow gorge and spread up the hillside.

___17. We drank the second grappa, Rinaldi put away the bottle and we went down the stairs.

___18. She was carrying a thin rattan stick like a toy riding-crop, bound in leather.

___19. "This is the picturesque front," I said.

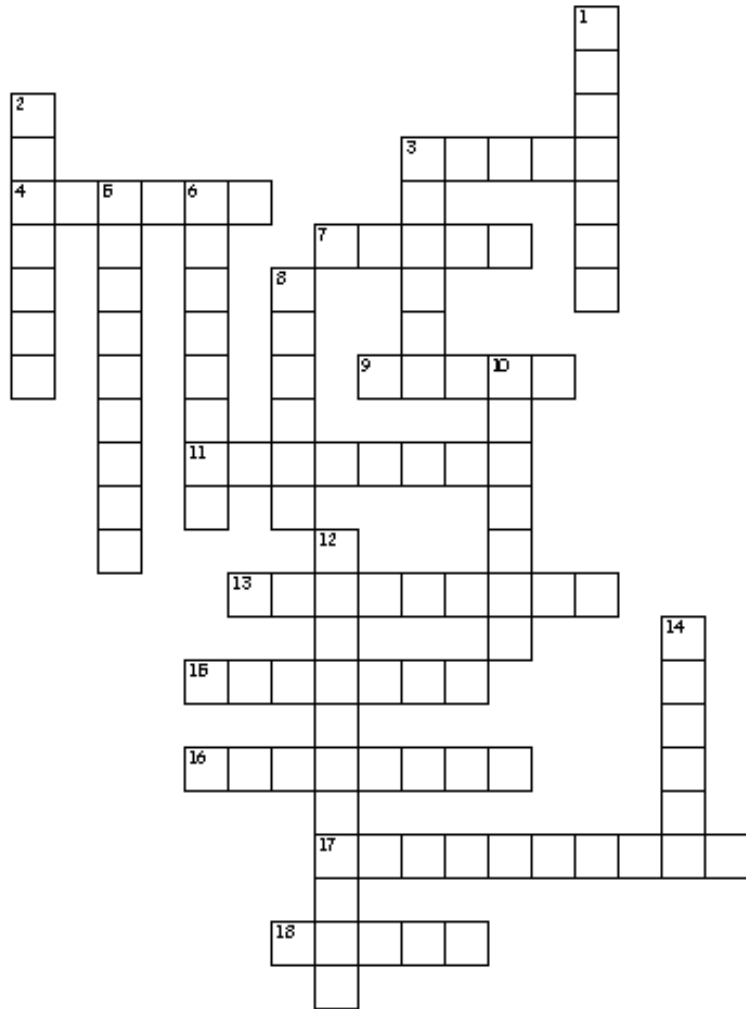
___20. "Oh, that's different. You mustn't take everything so literally."

Word Bank

- K. The stem of a palm used for making canes and furniture
- L. Bothersome or annoying
- M. A clothing garment
- N. Apparently
- O. Believing something word for word.
- P. A narrow valley
- Q. Argue
- R. Pleasing to the eye; beautiful
- S. A type of brandy
- T. Having enough of something

A Farewell to Arms Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle: Book One, Chapters 1-4

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by matching each word with its correct definition. The definitions can be found in the across/down columns and the words can be found in the word bank.



Word Bank

canvas
 cholera
 plateau
 bawdy
 latrines
 flask
 atheist
 oblong
 chancres
 tunic
 sufficient
 dispute
 nuisance
 evidently
 gorge
 grappa
 rattan
 literally
 picturesque

Across Clues

- 3. A narrow valley
- 4. Elongated
- 7. A container that holds alcohol
- 9. Crude or unrefined
- 11. A small ulcer
- 13. Apparently
- 15. An elevated piece of land with a flat surface
- 16. A military toilet
- 17. Having enough of something
- 18. A clothing garment

Down Clues

- 1. Somebody who doesn't believe in God
- 2. An intestinal disease
- 3. A type of brandy
- 5. Believing something word for word.
- 6. Bothersome or annoying
- 8. A tent
- 10. Argue
- 12. Pleasing to the eye; beautiful
- 14. The stem of a palm used for making canes and furniture