

Reading and Use of English Part 3 – The General

- A. Read the text quickly and focus on the words that are missing. Discuss with a partner what type of word (*e.g. adjective, noun, adverb*) fits in the gaps?

| The General - Dispatch | |
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| There was a decorated general with a heart of gold That (1) him to all the stories he told Of past battles, won and lost and legends of old | LIKE |
| A (2) veteran in his own time | SEASON |
| On the battlefield, he gained (3) fame With many medals of (4) and stripes to his name He grew a beard as soon as he could To cover the scars on his face and always urged his men on | RESPECT BRAVE |
| But on the eve of a great battle with the infantry in dream The old general tossed in his sleep and wrestled with its (5) He (6) from the night to tell what he had seen And walked slowly out of his tent | MEAN WAKE |
| All the men held tall with their chests in the air With courage in their blood and a fire in their stare It was a grey morning and they all wondered how they would fare The old general told them to go home | |
| He said, "I have seen the others and I have discovered That this fight is not worth fighting Oh and I've seen their mothers And I will no other to follow me where I'm going" | |
| So take a shower and shine your shoes you got no time to lose You are young men you must be living, yeah Take a shower and shine your shoes you got no time to lose You are young men you must be living, go now you are (7) | FORGIVE |
| Yeah and the men stood fast with their guns on their shoulders Not knowing what to do with the (8) orders The general said, he would do his own duty but he would Extend it no further the men could go as they pleased | CONTRADICT |
| But not a man moved, their eyes gazed straight ahead Till one by one they stepped back and not a word was said And the old general was left with his Own words echoing in his head, he then prepared to fight | |
| <i>REPEAT CHORUS</i> | |
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- B. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line. Listen to check your answers.

ANSWER KEY

1. likened
2. seasoned
3. respectable
4. brave
5. meaning
6. awoke
7. forgiven
8. contradicting