



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many ways  
As so were (1)\_\_\_\_\_ who did the fighting  
In World War two  
The (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
The (3)\_\_\_\_\_ fighting of the past two weeks  
Continued today twenty 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 soldier (4)\_\_\_\_\_ served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was exposed to hostile fire almost everyday  
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 hundred twenty troops  
Were killed last week  
In that sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a total of  
Two thousand six hundred and (5)\_\_\_\_\_ nine  
soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't forget (6)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in their prime  
Whose (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some (8)\_\_\_\_\_ to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years after coming home  
Almost (9)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred thousand men  
Are still fighting the Vietnam War  
None of them received 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-nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
Nineteen (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-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on



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### Answer

1. those
2. average
3. heaviest
4. typically
5. eighty
6. what
7. average
8. succumb
9. eight
10. really