WORKSHEET

Visit to a British military cemetery

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Dozens of British cemeteries are scattered throughout the fields around Ypres. They remind us every day of the war that was fought here one hundred years ago...

1 How would you describe the atmosphere in a British cemetery? Choose adjectives from the list below.

Pleasant - colourful - proud - cheerful - attractive - serene - oppressive - sad - depressing - touching - inspiring - threatening - cheerless - dark - scary.

If you cannot find the words you're looking for in the list, write them down below:

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2 How many people are buried in this cemetery? How many of them have not been registered (unknown)?

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(Hint: check the cemetery register. This register is located behind a small door near the entrance of the cemetery.)

3 Go over the ages of one or two rows of headstones. For each headstone, indicate the right age group (if an age is given). For example, if you walk past a headstone of a 27-year-old soldier killed in the war, mark the second age group below.

19 – 24 years:

25 – 29 years:

30 – 34 years:

35 – 39 years:

40+ :

What do you notice about the small census you have just taken?

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4 In many British cemeteries, men of different nationalities found their final resting place. On several of the headstones, there is a symbol at the top that refers to their country of origin. Which countries are represented by the symbols below?





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5 Choose a headstone (of a named soldier) and complete the following information, which can be found on the headstone (please note - not all information may be found).

Service Number:_____

Military Rank: _____

Name: _____

Unit: _____

Date of Death: _____

Age at Death: _____

Message from relatives: _____