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War and Peace Vocabulary Quiz: Conflict, Ceasefire, Casualties

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Explanations

1. The government has sent another 2,000 ___ to the northern border.
✔ **B) troops**
Troops are soldiers in large numbers. In this sense the word is always plural.

2. Many of the dead and injured were ___: farmers, teachers and children.
✔ **D) civilians**
Civilians are everyone who is not in the armed forces.

3. The hospital reported over 200 ___, most of them with minor injuries.
✔ **A) casualties**
Casualties are the people killed or hurt, so they can be mostly injuries.

4. The ___ held for six weeks, then broke down when a rocket hit a market.
✔ **C) ceasefire**
A ceasefire is an agreement to stop shooting. It holds or breaks down.

5. After a week of arguing over the coffee machine, the two office teams called a ___.
✔ **B) truce**
You call a truce, and you can do it in a family row as well as in a war.

6. The ___ began in 1940 and lasted until the town was freed in 1944.
✔ **A) occupation**
An occupation is when a foreign army takes control of a place and stays.

7. ___ broke out again after the ceasefire collapsed.
✔ **D) Hostilities**
Hostilities is the formal word for the fighting itself. Hostilities break out, end or resume.

8. The railway station was destroyed in an ___ by two fighter jets.
✔ **C) airstrike**
In an airstrike, planes or drones drop bombs on a target.

9. Reporters on the ___ line sent videos of the fighting.
✔ **A) front**
The front line is the place where the two sides meet and fight.

10. Thousands of ___ families are sleeping in tents just outside the capital.
✔ **B) displaced**
Displaced people have been forced out of their homes, but may still be in their own country.

11. The charity is calling for a ___ corridor, so that food and medicine can reach the city.
✔ **C) humanitarian**
Humanitarian is about keeping people alive and safe, whatever side they are on.

12. Which pair fits? After the capital fell, the general ___, and the country's ___ were cut to a few thousand men.
✔ **D) surrendered … armed forces**
You surrender when you accept that the other side has won; the armed forces are the army, navy and air force.

13. Which pair fits? Both leaders flew to Oslo for ___, hoping to end ten years of ___.
✔ **B) peace talks … bloodshed**
At peace talks, two sides try to agree how a war will end; bloodshed is killing and violence as a whole.

14. Which pair fits? UN ___ troops stayed for twenty years, and today the two communities talk openly about ___.
✔ **A) peacekeeping … reconciliation**
Peacekeeping troops keep the peace between two sides; reconciliation is former enemies learning to live together again.

15. The ___ between the two groups has now lasted for over a decade.
✔ **C) conflict**
Conflict is the neutral news word for fighting between countries or groups.

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