

My Own Resources ESL/EFL

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COURSE:

A big battle was going on during the First World War. Guns were firing, and shells and bullets were flying about everywhere. After an hour of this, one of the soldiers decided that the fighting was getting too dangerous for him, so he left the front line and began to go away from the battle. After he had walked for an hour, he saw an officer coming towards him. The officer stopped him and said, "Where are you going?"

"I'm trying to get as far away as possible from the battle that's going on behind us, sir," the soldier answered.

"Do you know who I am?" the officer said to him angrily. "I'm your commanding officer."

The soldier was very surprised when he heard this and said, "My God, I didn't realize that I was so far back already!"

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. What was making things dangerous in the front line?

b. Whom did the soldier meet as he was going away from the battle?

2. Are the following statements *True* or *False*? (1 point)

a. The battle was going on in Europe: _____

b. The soldier was a coward: _____

3. Find a word or expression in the text, which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

a. Fight: _____

b. Shooting: _____

4. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)

1. A big battle

a. *had just started.*

b. *was in process.*

c. *was about to finish.*

