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CAN YOU?



Give the meanings of words in non-fiction.



Give reasons for your choices when answering questions.

SKILLS CHECK

**Remember:** Words often have more than one meaning. You have to pick the one that fits into the passage you are reading. Sometimes the answers will be more than one word long.

This piece of writing is about a large army attacking a neighbouring country. To find the answer, read the text, read the question and try to work out which option fits into it the best.

The Battle of Banicor

Margon the Mean, the ruler of the entire western part of Asigovia, looked round her. She was pleased. She had assembled a huge army of warriors and was now in a position to make her attack on Nostrovia.



- Find and copy the word that tells us that Margon was merciless.

mean

The questions come in the order of the answers in the text. This is question 1 so the answer will be near the beginning of the story. Margon is a military leader who is about to attack another country so **mean** is the most likely answer.

- She had **assembled** a huge army of warriors ...

In this sentence, the word **assembled** is closest in meaning to:

Tick one.

- joined.  gathered.  constructed.  met.

If you know what **assembled** means, the question is easy. If you don't, you will have to try to work it out. All of the choices have some links to **assembled** but they don't all fit into the context in which it is being used. If you are not sure which is the best fit, try putting each of them into the sentence.



**PRACTICE**

Margon's soldiers were well trained and carried the most sophisticated weapons. Her spies had told her that the Nostrovian army was, in comparison, pitifully armed. Margon was confident of success. She was certain that her battle plan would be enough to destroy her enemies and she was convinced that this would be an easy victory.

1. Explain **two** things that the words *pitifully armed* suggest about the Nostrovian soldiers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Margon was **confident**.

Find and copy **two** more words from the story that show that Margon expected to win the battle.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

