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Family Times

Summary

Navajo Code Talkers

During World War II, twenty-nine Navajos were trained by the United States Marines to become “Code Talkers.” Their contribution helped the United States defeat Japan, whose military never learned the secrets of the Navajo code.

Activity

What’s for Dinner? Make up a menu for a meal you have often, substituting words for the ingredients with silly code words only you and your family know. “Rocks and sand,” for example, might be code for tofu and sesame seeds.



Comprehension Skill

Sequence

The order in which events happen in a selection is the **sequence**. When you read, think about what comes first, next, and last. Remember that several events can occur at the same time. Words such as *meanwhile* and *during* give clues that two events are happening at the same time.

Activity

The events in the lives of people happen in a **sequence** as well. With your family pick one week in your recent history. List the different activities each of you were involved in during that week. Then arrange them as a sequence of events that illustrates what each person did and when.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meaning of these words is important to reading *Navajo Code Talkers*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

advance ahead of time

developed brought into being or activity

exhausting very tiring

headquarters place from which the chief or commanding officer of an army, police force, and so forth, sends out orders

impossible not capable of being, being done, or happening; not possible

intense very much; very great; very strong; extreme

messages words or ideas sent from one person to another

reveal make known

Conventions

Pronouns and Antecedents

A **pronoun** is a word that can replace nouns. The **antecedent** is the noun or nouns to which the pronoun refers. *For example: The soldier said he was hungry.* "He" is the *pronoun* and "soldier" is the *antecedent*. Pronouns may be singular or plural. If the antecedent is plural, then the pronoun that refers to it is plural. *For example: The politicians say they are grateful.* "Politicians" is plural, so the pronoun that refers to them must also be plural (*they*).

Activity

A Perfect Match Look at pictures in a magazine with your family, and use pronouns and antecedents as you describe each picture. For example, you might point out, *Those singers are great, and they have a new hit.* Make sure your pronouns and antecedents go together.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

special

mansion

creation

tension

motion

gracious

addition

official

suspension

portion

nation

lotion

precious

vacation

especially

tradition

extension

caution

solution

politician