



# The Story of a Song

**These are new words to practice.  
Say each word 10 times.**

\* prisoner

\* soldiers

\* British

\* attack

\* American

\* battle

\* doctor

\* poem

**Choose one new word to write.**

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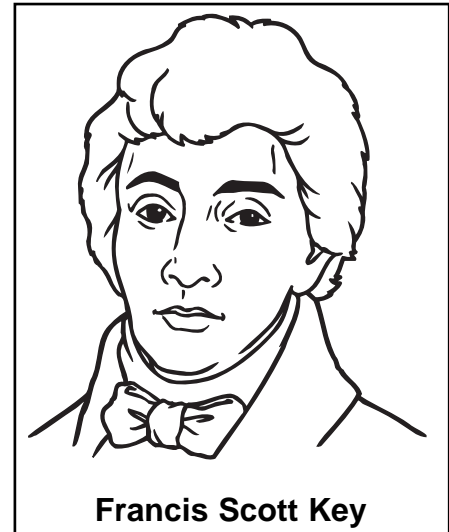
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Francis Scott Key had a friend. His friend was a prisoner. He was a prisoner on a ship. The ship was a British ship. Key and his friend were not British. They were Americans. The Americans and the British were at war. It was called the War of 1812.

Key went to the ship. He asked the British to let his friend go. Why did Key think the British would let his friend go? His friend was a good doctor. He helped all men. Key had letters. The letters were from soldiers. The soldiers were British. They were prisoners of the Americans. The letters said that the doctor had taken good care of them.



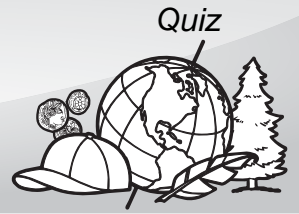
The British said that the doctor could go. But Key and the doctor could not go right away. They had to wait. The British were going to attack. They were going to attack Fort McHenry. They did not want Key and the doctor to warn the Americans. After the attack, they would let Key and the doctor go.

On September 13, 1814, the fort was attacked. Key and his friend were put on a small boat. They saw the fight from the boat. They saw an American flag. The flag flew over the fort. The fight went on all day. Then, the fight went on all night. Who was winning? Key did not know.

In the morning, the battle was over. Who had won? Key did not know. Key looked at the fort. He saw a flag. Whose flag was it? It was the American flag! The Americans had won the battle. Key was happy. He wrote a poem. The poem was about what he saw. It was about what he felt. Today, that poem is our national anthem. It is called

"The Star-Spangled Banner."

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After reading the story, answer the questions.  
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. Who had written the letters Key showed to the British?

- (a) Key
- (b) British prisoners
- (c) American prisoners
- (d) Key's friend the doctor

2. This story is mainly about

- (a) the War of 1812
- (b) Key and some letters
- (c) an attack on Fort McHenry
- (d) the story behind our national anthem

3. How did Key know the Americans had won the battle?

- (a) Key and his friend were let go.
- (b) The fighting had stopped in the morning.
- (c) The American flag still flew over the fort.
- (d) Key wrote a poem about what he saw and what he felt.

4. Why did the British make Key and the doctor wait before they could go?

- (a) They didn't want Key and the doctor to fight.
- (b) They wanted the doctor to help the prisoners.
- (c) They wanted Key and the doctor to watch the fight from a small boat.
- (d) They wanted to make sure no Americans were warned about the attack.

5. Think about how the word *write* relates to *poem*. What words relate in the same way?

<b>write : poem</b>
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- (a) fort : flag
- (b) compose : song
- (c) warn : doctor
- (d) soldier : prisoner

# Answer Key



## Under the Ice

1. d      4. c
2. b      5. b
3. c

## The Race that Stopped the Laughing

1. b      4. d
2. d      5. b
3. c

## The Stars and Stripes

1. c      4. d
2. b      5. a
3. c

## The Most Important Thing

1. b      4. b
2. d      5. a
3. c

## The Dog and Paul Revere

1. d      4. d
2. c      5. a
3. a

## Quiet Hunters

1. d      4. c
2. b      5. d
3. a

## The Newest Holiday

1. b      4. a
2. a      5. d
3. c

## Race to the Pole

1. a      4. b
2. c      5. d
3. c

## The Tale that Traveled

1. b      4. a
2. a      5. b
3. c

## A Good Shot

1. c      4. b
2. d      5. c
3. d

## Two Ships and the Atlantic Ocean

1. a      4. d
2. d      5. c
3. c

## The FBI

1. a      4. d
2. b      5. d
3. c

## Around the World in 80 Days

1. b      4. a
2. b      5. c
3. c

## Johnny Appleseed

1. c      4. d
2. a      5. a
3. c

## A Very Cold Town

1. c      4. b
2. c      5. b
3. d

## The First Thanksgiving

1. c      4. b
2. a      5. a
3. d

## It Made the Trains Stop

1. b      4. c
2. d      5. a
3. d

## The Pledge

1. b      4. d
2. a      5. c
3. b

## An Old Game

1. a      4. c
2. b      5. b
3. a

## Firewood for Pay

1. b      4. d
2. c      5. a
3. c

## Where Fish Can Swim in Trees

1. d      4. c
2. d      5. b
3. b

## Blind and Deaf

1. d      4. a
2. b      5. c
3. a

## The Funny Thing about the Ocean Name

1. b      4. c
2. b      5. a
3. d

## When a Rat Can Be a Fish

1. b      4. d
2. b      5. c
3. a

## The Chinese New Year

1. d      4. d
2. b      5. a
3. c

## The First Girl Soldier

1. c      4. b
2. a      5. a
3. c

## Which Continent?

1. b      4. b
2. c      5. a
3. d

## Ambulance

1. d      4. b
2. d      5. b
3. c

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1. b      4. d
2. d      5. b
3. c

## Ant Aid

1. c      4. c
2. b      5. a
3. d

## George's Teeth

1. d      4. b
2. a      5. b
3. a

## Money Questions

1. c      4. a
2. a      5. b
3. d

## Africa Quiz

1. c      4. b
2. d      5. c
3. a

## The Last Monday in May

1. b      4. a
2. a      5. d
3. d

## Turkey or Eagle?

1. d      4. b
2. c      5. a
3. d

## The Warmest Ocean

1. a      4. d
2. c      5. a
3. c

## A Game Played Around the World

1. a      4. a
2. c      5. b
3. c

## A New Name

1. b      4. a
2. b      5. c
3. a

## A School in Australia

1. b      4. a
2. d      5. d
3. a

## The White House

1. b      4. d
2. b      5. d
3. a

## What the Red Flag Was For

1. c      4. d
2. d      5. a
3. a

## The Woman Who Would Not Give Up

1. b      4. a
2. d      5. a
3. c

## A Late First Birthday Party

1. c      4. b
2. b      5. d
3. c

## Getting to the Other Side

1. d      4. c
2. a      5. d
3. c