

A man of words

1. Quickly read through the text to find out how these numbers relate to Noah Webster's life.

70 1758 26 1775 16 70,000 85

2. Now read the text again. There are eighteen lines. Twelve of them contain one extra word. Find the extra words and write them in the column on the right. The first two lines have been done as examples.

1	Noah Webster was born on October 16 th , 1758, in West Hartford, Connecticut. With	✓
2	two brothers and two sisters, Noah has enjoyed a typical colonial upbringing. As he	<u>has</u>
3	moved from the childhood into manhood, Noah witnessed the American Revolution.	_____
4	He became a strong defender of the American Constitution and the cultural	_____
5	independence of the United States from its former colonisers, the Great British.	_____
6	When he was 43, Webster started to writing his <i>American Dictionary of the English</i>	_____
7	<i>Language</i> . He learned 26 languages, including Anglo-Saxon and Sanskrit, then in	_____
8	order to research about the origins of his mother tongue. The dictionary was finally	_____
9	completed and published when he was 70. It contained 70,000 references and was the	_____
10	first ever American English dictionary. Many of people felt that it was superior to the	_____
11	'definitive' dictionary that Samuel Johnson had been written in 1775.	_____
12	In Webster's dictionary he introduced distinctively American vocabulary such like as	_____
13	<i>squash, skunk and hickory</i> . He also introduced American spellings like <i>color, theater</i>	_____
14	and <i>dialog</i> , which are much more simpler than the British English <i>colour, theatre</i> and	_____
15	<i>dialogue</i> . However, not all of the words he introduced were so readily integrated into	_____
16	the language; <i>tung</i> (tongue), <i>wimmen</i> (women), <i>thum</i> (thumb) and <i>iland</i> (island) were	_____
17	just some of his less successful than attempts.	_____
18	Noah Webster died in 1843, at the grand age of 85 years, an American hero.	_____