# The Old Photo in the Box (A2 · English A2)

## Tekst / Transcript

**Nina:** Look at this old photo, Peter. I found it in my grandmother's box this morning.

**Peter:** Wow, that man looks very young. Is he wearing a uniform?

**Nina:** Yes, that is my grandfather. He was a soldier when he was only nineteen years old.

**Peter:** Nineteen! That is so young. What did he do?

**Nina:** He drove trucks. He never carried a gun, but he was in the army for four years.

**Peter:** Four years is a long time. Did he talk about it with you?

**Nina:** Not often. He said the war took everything from his family.

**Peter:** My grandmother is the same. She only tells us small, happy stories.

**Nina:** I understand her. Some memories are too heavy.

**Peter:** Did your grandfather's town change a lot in those years?

**Nina:** Oh yes. A big fire destroyed the old market and the school.

**Peter:** That is awful. Did people rebuild them later?

**Nina:** They built a new school, but the old market disappeared forever. Now there is a car park there.

**Peter:** My town has a small museum about that time. We can go together on Sunday.

**Nina:** I would like that. My grandmother has more photos at home too.

**Peter:** Bring them! I love old pictures. They tell you more than books.

**Nina:** She also has letters. In one letter he writes about a night attack on his village.

**Peter:** Really? Was your family in the house?

**Nina:** No, they were in the fields, so they were safe.

**Peter:** Lucky. My grandmother says people slept outside because of the danger in the streets.

**Nina:** Yes, my grandmother says the same thing.

**Peter:** It is strange. We sit here with coffee and talk about it.

**Nina:** I know. For us it is history. For them it was every day.

**Peter:** Did your grandfather ever have a fight with another soldier?

**Nina:** He never told me. He was a very quiet man.

**Peter:** Mine too. He only spoke about food and the cold winters.

**Nina:** Grandmother calls those years a big disaster for the whole country.

**Peter:** That is a good word for it. Come on, let's put the photo somewhere safe.

**Nina:** Good idea. I will make a small album for the family.

## Woordenlijst

| Word | Meaning |
|---|---|
| **army** | |
| **attack** | |
| **soldier** | |
| **war** | |
| **uniform** | |
| **danger** | |
| **fight** | |
| **disaster** | |
| **disappear** | |
| **destroy** | |
| **drug** | |
| **fail** | |
| **fly** | |
| **flying** | |
| **invent** | |
| **invention** | |
| **involve** | |
| **awful** | |
| **dead** | |
| **death** | |

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