CHECK YOUR VOCABULARY FOR

MILITARY ENGLISH

a workbook for users

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Introduction

The worksheets in this workbook contain a variety of exercises appropriate for students requiring a working knowledge of English military terminology. The worksheets can be used either for self-study or in the classroom and can be completed in any order. Several have 'extensions': short classroom exercises based on the language in the main exercise. All the questions within this workbook are based on the Dictionary of Military Terms (published by Peter Collin Publishing, ISBN 1-901659-24-0).

This workbook is aimed at students with at least an intermediate level of English. However, many people involved in the military have to use English on a regular basis so students with a more basic level of English may therefore already have the passive vocabulary to handle many of the exercises.

Specialist vocabulary

It is important to appreciate that 'knowing' specialist vocabulary involves more than simply recognising it.

• You can understand the meaning of a word when reading or listening and yet be unable to remember that same word when speaking or writing.

• You may remember the word, but use it incorrectly. This can be a grammatical problem, like knowing that 'import' can be used both as a noun and as a verb. Or it may be a question of collocation: we use mail-order, not post-order.

• Then there is the question of the sound of the word. Can you pronounce it? And do you recognise it when you hear it pronounced?

For these reasons - memory, use and sound - it is important that students practise specialist vocabulary so that they can learn to use it more confidently and effectively. The exercises in this workbook will help students to expand their knowledge and use of marketing vocabulary.

Photocopiable material

All the worksheets can be legally photocopied to use in class. If, as a teacher, you intend to use most of the book with a class you may find it more convenient for the students to buy a copy each. You are not allowed to photocopy or reproduce the front or back cover.

Using the Dictionary of Military Terms

All of the vocabulary taught or practised in this workbook is in the Dictionary of Military Terms. The Dictionary gives definitions in simple English which students can read and understand. Many of the examples and definitions in the workbook are taken directly from the dictionary. Students should have a copy of the Dictionary of Military Terms to refer to when completing the exercises; using the dictionary is an essential part of successful language learning.

Structure of a dictionary entry

Each entry within the dictionary includes key elements that help a student understand the definition of the term and how to use it in context. Each term has a clear example, and part of speech. This is followed by example sentences and quotations from newspapers and magazines that show how the term is used in real life. These elements of the dictionary are used to create the questions within this workbook.

Vocabulary Record Sheet

At the back of the book is a Vocabulary Record Sheet (p54). Recording useful vocabulary in a methodical way plays a key role in language learning and could be done, for example, at the end of each lesson. The dictionary is a useful tool for ensuring that the personal vocabulary record is accurate and is a good source for example sentences to show how words are used, as well as for notes about meaning and pronunciation, etc.
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Using the workbook

Most students find it easier to assimilate new vocabulary if the words are learned in related groups, rather than in isolation. For example, words frequently occur in the same context as their opposites and, as such, it makes sense to learn the pairs of opposites together (see worksheets on page 24.) Similarly, mind maps encourage students to look for connections between words (see worksheet on page 7). The exercises and activities in this workbook have all been grouped into sections. These sections practise different elements of military vocabulary, enabling the student to gain a fuller understanding of the words learnt.

The first section, Word-building (pages 1-7), encourages the student to identify links between words and to learn words that are morphologically related (for example, verbs and nouns which have the same stems). Within the Parts of Speech (pages 8-17) section, the emphasis is on understanding meanings and how to use terms in their correct grammatical forms. The worksheets in the third section practise the Pronunciation of military vocabulary (pages 18-21). The section Vocabulary in Context (pages 22-41) includes topic-specific exercises such as those on 'Radio conversations' and 'Offensive and defensive operations'. The activities in the last section, Puzzles & Quizzes (pages 42-54), expand students' knowledge and use of vocabulary in a fun way.

Communicative crosswords

Included in the last section are three communicative crosswords. These are speaking exercises where students complete a half-finished crossword by exchanging clues with a partner. There are two versions of the crossword: A & B. The words which are missing from A are in B, and vice versa. No clues are provided: the students' task is to invent them. This is an excellent exercise for developing linguistic resourcefulness; in having to define words themselves, students practise both their military vocabulary and the important skill of paraphrasing something when they do not know the word for it.

Using communicative crosswords

Stage 1 - Set-up. Divide the class into two groups - A and B - with up to four students in each group. Give out the crossword: sheet A to group A, sheet B to group B together with a copy of the Dictionary of Military Terms. Go through the rules with them. Some answers may consist of more than one word.

Stage 2 - Preparation. The students discuss the words in their groups, exchanging information about the words they know and checking words they do not know in the Dictionary of Military Terms. Circulate, helping with any problems. This is an important stage: some of the vocabulary in the crosswords is quite difficult.

Stage 3 - Activity. Put the students in pairs - one from group A and one from group B. The students help each other to complete the crosswords by giving each other clues.

Make sure students are aware that the idea is to help each other complete the crossword, rather than to produce obscure and difficult clues.

- What's one across?
- It's fired when attacking the opposition.
- A type of gun?
- No, it's what is loaded into a gun.
- Ammunition?
- Yes, that's right.

Alternatively, students can work in small groups, each group consisting of two As and two Bs and using the following strategies:

i) defining the word
ii) describing what the item looks like
iii) stating what the item is used for
iv) describing the person's role
v) stating what the opposite of the word is
vi) giving examples
vii) leaving a gap in a sentence for the word
viii) stating what the word sounds like.

Students work in groups, checking vocabulary

Students work in pairs, co-operating to solve their crosswords

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Word association 1: missing links

Each of the sets of four words below can be linked by another word. All the words are related to military matters. What are the missing words? Write them in the centre of the charts. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. air → support → mutual → weapon → company

2. vital → forces → dead → zero

3. map → north → cattle → reference

4. anti-personnel → tape → off-route → plough

5. commanding → staff → major → headquarters

6. covering → control → friendly → position
Two-word expressions

Make 14 two-word expressions connected with military matters by combining words from the two boxes: A and B. Then match each expression with the appropriate phrase. Use each word once. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Box A.

compassionate • voice • exclusion • supply • harrassing • home • shock
manoeuvre • field • pincer • distress • observation • static • flight

Box B.

zone • gun • defence • signal • leave • post • action • dump
path • procedure • line • fire • warfare • movement

1. Defence of a State's own territory in the event of war.
   home defence

2. Area or region, which the armed forces or shipping of another State are not allowed to enter.

3. Holiday granted to a service man who has problems at home.

4. Standard words and expressions which are used when talking on the radio.

5. Sign or message signifying that a person, ship or aircraft is in danger.

6. Covert position from which an area of ground may be watched.

7. Temporary store of ammunition, food, fuel, etc., in the field.

8. Method used to open a parachute as the parachutist jumps out the aircraft.

9. Tactical manoeuvre, in which two groupings attack an enemy force at the same time, but from different directions.

10. Random bombardment of a likely enemy location, in order to disrupt his activities.

11. Course taken by an aircraft or missile.

12. Military doctrine which recommends the use of mobility and constant aggression.

13. Artillery piece designed to be moved easily over all types of ground.

14. Sudden or aggressive attack or counter-attack, especially by tanks.
A fast way to expand your vocabulary is to make sure that you know the different forms of the words you learn. Rewrite the sentences below, changing the verbs (which are in bold) to nouns. Do not change the meaning of the sentences, but be prepared to use some different words if necessary. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The enemy have advanced as far as Reichenbach.
   The enemy advance has reached Reichenbach

2. We should expect to lose at least ten percent of our aircraft.

3. The enemy started to withdraw at last light.

4. I will arrange for the vehicle to be recovered.

5. They attacked under cover of smoke.

6. You must register all the targets by 1600 hours.

7. We will land the troops at night.

8. The reinforcements were delayed when the bridge was destroyed.

9. It took seven hours to fly to Cyprus.

10. We were not informed that they were retreating.

11. They are still clearing the route.

12. 6 Platoon will reconnoitre the enemy position.
Word marriages: nouns

Some nouns are formed by joining two words together to form a single word. Fill the gaps in the sentences below by combining a word from column A with a word from column B. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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1. He was drowned when the ___________ capsized.

2. There has been an enemy ____________________________ to the north of Brno.

3. A series of explosions informed us that a patrol had walked into the ________________

4. The ____________________________ will come into effect at 1100 hours tomorrow.

5. The missile had been fitted with a nuclear ____________________________.

6. Our next ____________________________ is the track junction at grid 491370.

7. The tank used its ____________________________ to illuminate the target.

8. The ammunition will be kept in the ____________________________ for the night.

9. We found a small ____________________________ three hundred metres downstream.

10. We couldn't see the ship, but we heard its ____________________________.

11. We have set up a ____________________________ on every route into the town.

12. As a ____________________________ against ambush, all convoys will be escorted by troops.
Fill the gaps in the sentences below by linking an adjective from the column on the left with a noun from the column on the right. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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1. All the men are being given training in  ____________.
2. These shells contain some sort of  ____________.
3. A  ____________ is being deployed to the area.
4. The airstrike caused some  ____________ to the adjoining residential area.
5. This night-viewing device produces a high quality  ____________.
6. He was court-martialed for passing  ____________ to the media.
7. A  ____________ has been shot down over enemy territory.
8. He was killed when one of his comrades had a  ____________ inside the APC.
9. He was hit in the chest by a  ____________.
10. We can use our  ____________ to redeploy the division.
11. You must revet the trenches with  ____________.
12. The Ops Officer has asked for an  ____________ of the area.
Three-word expressions

Make 10 three-word expressions connected with military matters by combining words from the three lists: A, B and C. Then match each expression with the appropriate phrase. Use each word once. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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1. Air-force officer or NCO who is attached to ground troops to direct close air support.  
*forward air controller*

2. Standard procedure to be carried out in the event of something going wrong.

3. Missile which flies from one continent to another and then ends its flight by simply falling onto the target.

4. Home-made bomb.

5. Pre-selected position that a unit or sub-unit will occupy in the event of war.

6. Mental collapse as a result of a horrific experience.

7. Small unmanned radio-controlled aircraft designed to carry surveillance equipment.

8. Pre-determined artillery target, registered on or just in front of your own position.

9. Device which projects a laser beam onto a target in order to illuminate it for a laser-guided bomb or missile.

10. Number of aircraft allocated to a unit for the performance of its operational role.

11. Large combined arms grouping involving different branches of the armed forces, which is formed for a specific operation or campaign.

12. Damage to an aircraft, caused by a loose object being sucked into its air intakes.
Word association 3: mind maps

A mind map is a way of organizing vocabulary to show the connections between words. This mind map is based on the word 'headquarters'.

Exercise 1. Find words in the mind map to fit the following definitions.

1. Department which is responsible for the resupply of ammunition.
2. Small mobile headquarters used by the commander on the battlefield.
3. Act of raising a service man to a higher rank.
4. Group of officers and other ranks who assist the commander.
5. People who are employed by an organization.
6. Information about the enemy.
7. Moving troops and equipment as part of a planned military task.
8. Detailed instructions given by a commander to his subordinates.
9. Information obtained by listening to the enemy's radio transmissions.
10. Act of practising the skills which units have to carry out on operations.

Exercise 2. Design a mind map for one or more of the following:
- the army or navy or air force
- operations or logistics
- casualty
Nouns 1

All the nouns in the box relate to military matters. Use them to complete the sentences below. The first one has been done for you as an example.

| fireplan  • northing  •   password   • resistance  • frontage  
| flagship   • intsum     • demolition  • pillbox     • O Group  
| wreckage   • trace      • riot       • interdiction • fallout |

1. The sentry shot him because he didn’t give the correct **password**.

2. This squadron’s primary role is the __________________________ of the enemy’s supply routes.

3. The approach to the bridge is guarded by a __________________________.

4. Your limit of exploitation is the five - seven __________________________.

5. The CO’s __________________________ is at 1400 hours.

6. The whole area has been contaminated by __________________________.

7. The battle group’s position has a __________________________ of five kilometres.

8. All our routes and report lines are marked on the __________________________.

9. Tell the battery commander to send us a copy of the __________________________.

10. We found __________________________ of the aircraft scattered across the hillside.

11. The Admiral’s __________________________ was hit by an Exocet missile.

12. The enemy losses were included in the last __________________________.

13. The bridge has been prepared for __________________________.

14. It started as a peaceful demonstration, but it quickly turned into a __________________________.

15. The forward units are encountering stiff __________________________ from the enemy rearguard.
All the verbs in the box relate to natural and man-made features in the landscape. Use your dictionary to find the meanings of any which you do not know.

field • church • re-entrant • wood • quarry • road • railway line
mountain • factory • hedge • T-junction • village • bridge • summit
river • forest • copse • hill • spur • town • castle • crossroads
orchard • track • pass • saddle • knoll • ridge • lake • farm

Now look at the picture below, and match the nouns to the numbers.

1. ___________________________________ 11. ___________________________________
2. ___________________________________ 12. ___________________________________
3. ___________________________________ 13. ___________________________________
4. ___________________________________ 14. ___________________________________
5. ___________________________________ 15. ___________________________________
6. ___________________________________ 16. ___________________________________
7. ___________________________________ 17. ___________________________________
8. ___________________________________ 18. ___________________________________
9. ___________________________________ 19. ___________________________________
10. __________________________________ 20. ___________________________________
Adjectives

All the adjectives in the box relate to military matters. Use them to complete the sentences below. Each adjective should be used once only. The first one has been done for you as an example.

non-persistent • wire-guided • diversionary • untenable • self-propelled incendiary • secure • subordinate • hostile • optical • civilian unserviceable • preparatory • multirole • combat-effective

1. All units are equipped with ________ secure ________ radios.

2. Our battalion carried out a __________________________ attack on the left.

3. The enemy shelled the position with a __________________________ blood agent.

4. Any movement in that area should be considered __________________________.

5. The tank’s __________________________ instruments were damaged by shrapnel.

6. There is a __________________________ gun in the farmyard.

7. The village was destroyed by __________________________ bombs.

8. Less than sixty percent of our units are still __________________________.

9. All __________________________ commanders are to attend the briefing.

10. Our position became __________________________ when the enemy captured the hill.

11. This aircraft is a __________________________ fighter.

12. The attack was preceded by a __________________________ bombardment.

13. The radio was __________________________ after he dropped it in the river.

14. The enemy have been bombing __________________________ targets.

15. The tank was destroyed by a __________________________ missile.
Verbs: present continuous

The present continuous tense is used to describe an action which is happening at the moment. First, look at the verbs below, and use your dictionary to find the meanings of any which you do not understand.

retreat • advance • counter-attack • form up
brief • withdraw • reorganize • assault • debus

Now look at the pictures below. They illustrate the sequence of an attack. Complete each sentence, using one of these verbs in the present continuous tense. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. He ____________
2. They ____________
3. They ____________
4. They ____________
5. They ____________
6. The enemy ____________
7. They ____________
8. The enemy ____________
9. The enemy ____________

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The present perfect tense is often used to show how a past action can have an effect on what is happening now. The present effect is usually so obvious that it is not necessary to mention it. Look at the two columns below and match the present effect to the past action. The first question has been done for you as an example.

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<th>Present Effect</th>
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<td>1. The commanding officer has been killed.</td>
<td>• a. The area is contaminated.</td>
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<td>2. We have captured a brigadier.</td>
<td>• b. We cannot talk to them.</td>
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<td>3. Our tank has lost a track.</td>
<td>• c. He is dead.</td>
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<td>4. Heavy fog has grounded our fighters.</td>
<td>• d. It is at sea.</td>
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<td>5. B Company have withdrawn.</td>
<td>• e. It is no longer an obstacle.</td>
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<td>6. The enemy have captured a copy of the plan.</td>
<td>• f. It is disabled.</td>
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<td>7. There has been a chemical attack at Bingen</td>
<td>• g. He is a prisoner.</td>
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<td>8. All the bridges have been blown.</td>
<td>• h. They are cut off.</td>
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<td>9. We have exhausted our ammunition.</td>
<td>• i. I do not know what the plan is.</td>
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<td>10. We have lost communications with C Company.</td>
<td>• j. They are no longer holding their position.</td>
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<td>11. The Guards have crossed their line of departure.</td>
<td>• k. They cannot take off.</td>
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<td>12. The enemy have surrounded D Squadron.</td>
<td>• l. We cannot cross the river.</td>
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<td>13. Our engineers have breached the minefield.</td>
<td>• m. The operation is compromised.</td>
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<td>14. The fleet has left the harbour.</td>
<td>• n. We cannot fire our weapons.</td>
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<td>15. I have not read the orders yet.</td>
<td>• o. They are advancing.</td>
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Verbs: mixed tenses

All the verbs in the box relate to military matters. Use them to complete the sentences below. You may have to change the forms of the verbs to fit the grammar of the sentences. (Remember the five forms of English verbs - for example: take; takes; took; taken; taking.) The first question has been done for you as an example.

arm • relieve • interrogate • intercept • suppress
replenish • commandeer • jam • bridge • insert
deploy • shell • strafe • camouflage • mask

1. The prisoners were _______ interrogated _______ by an officer from the Intelligence Corps.

2. We have ______________________ an enemy radio transmission.

3. Enemy fighters ______________________ the refugee column, in order to clear the road.

4. The patrol will ______________________ by helicopter at 1930 hours.

5. We managed to ______________________ a civilian bus.

6. His weapon ______________________ because it was rusty.

7. The position was ______________________ by small-arms fire.

8. The battle group is ______________________ into attack formation.

9. They are ______________________ the vehicles with hessian and pieces of foliage.

10. The enemy have ______________________ the river between Mistelbach and Bocksdorf.

11. That line of hills will ______________________ our line of retreat.

12. Rations and water will be ______________________ at 2130 hours.

13. You ______________________ the rocket by pulling out this pin.

14. The enemy has been ______________________ C Company's position for over an hour.

15. I will ______________________ you in two hours.
Verbs: active/passive

Without changing the meaning, rewrite each sentence using a verb from the box in the passive form. Remember that it is not always necessary to mention the subject of the active sentence. The first one has been done for you as an example.

conceal • assassinate • breach • sink • shel • blow • shoot down
ambush • intercept • compromise • capture • outrange

1. We destroyed three enemy fighters during the battle.
Passive: Three enemy fighters were shot down during the battle.

2. Last night, someone shot the Chief of Police.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

3. They hid the weapons in an old oil drum.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

4. An enemy submarine has torpedoed HMS Brilliant.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

5. The engineers have demolished the bridge at Zemun.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

6. The enemy have taken the airfield.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

7. Enemy artillery is firing at B Company.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

8. Partisans opened fire on the convoy as it was moving through the gorge.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

9. We have cleared a lane through the minefield.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

10. The enemy is listening to our radio transmissions.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

11. The enemy tanks can shoot further than ours.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________

12. Some local people have seen our OP.
Passive: ____________________________________________________________
Phrasal verbs are quite common in military English. They consist of two words: a verb and a preposition. Match each phrasal verb below with its correct definition. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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<td>1. pick up</td>
<td>a. to resupply a fighting vehicle or aircraft with ammunition</td>
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<td>2. dig in</td>
<td>b. to abandon a position or location in a hurry</td>
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<td>3. stand to</td>
<td>c. to be ready to do something.</td>
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<td>4. mop up</td>
<td>d. to collect people or things with an aircraft, boat or vehicle, in order to transport them to another location</td>
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<td>5. take off</td>
<td>e. to move forwards as fast as possible</td>
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<td>6. bomb up</td>
<td>f. to be awake and at battle stations, in order to receive an enemy attack</td>
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<td>7. push on</td>
<td>g. to admit that you cannot do something</td>
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<td>8. roll up</td>
<td>h. to be guided towards something</td>
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<td>9. stand by</td>
<td>i. to dig trenches or prepare other field fortifications</td>
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<td>10. give up</td>
<td>j. to leave the ground</td>
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<td>11. fall in</td>
<td>k. to clear an area of any enemy who remain after their main force has withdrawn or been defeated</td>
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<td>12. bug out</td>
<td>l. to assault through an enemy position sideways, destroying or capturing it trench by trench</td>
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<td>13. home in</td>
<td>m. to rest or wait in a concealed position before continuing a patrol or other covert operation</td>
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<td>14. lie up</td>
<td>n. to continue to defend or resist</td>
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<td>15. hold out</td>
<td>o. to take your place on a formal parade</td>
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Phrasal verbs 2

Use the phrasal verbs from the previous page to complete the sentences below. You may have to change the forms of the verbs to fit the grammar of the sentence. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The squadron ____________ took off ____________ while the airfield was being shelled.

2. We ____________ in a small wood and observed the road.

3. B Company are ____________ around the bridge.

4. If the enemy capture that hill, they will be able to ____________ the entire position.

5. The installation was destroyed when a missile ____________ on its radar system.

6. We had to ____________ when C Company's position was overrun.

7. After several abortive assaults, the enemy ____________ and withdrew.

8. The patrol was ____________ by submarine.

9. The men collected their weapons and ____________ outside company headquarters.

10. We ____________ until last light. Then we were forced to withdraw.

11. Sunray says that we must ____________ and capture the position.

12. D Squadron are still ____________ their vehicles.

13. The company ____________ for most of the night, after one of the trip-flares went off.

14. Two platoons are ____________ to provide back-up.

15. The battalion has been ____________ isolated groups of guerrillas in the hills.

Don’t forget to keep a record of the words and expressions that you have learnt, review your notes from time to time and try to use new vocabulary items whenever possible.
Prepositions

The sentences in this exercise contain mistakes. The mistakes are all in the prepositions and there are three types:

1. missing preposition: I spoke _ him about this last week _ to
2. wrong preposition: We're meeting again _ in _ Tuesday _ on
3. no preposition: I'll telephone _ to _ you tomorrow

Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. He is currently based at Germany.

2. Load by sabot!

3. We debussed in front the enemy position.

4. They only have enough rounds to one more fire mission.

5. A Company captured of their objective thirty minutes ago.

6. The second command is Major Bunbury.

7. H-Hour is on 0545 hours.

8. We were unable recover the damaged vehicle.

9. We moved to the exercise area with bus.

10. He was charged of cowardice.

11. The enemy attacked to B Company's position last night.

12. We came in fire as we were crossing the town square.

13. We've just received a message by Brigade Headquarters.

14. USS Nimitz is already on sea.

15. Captain MacDonald is at leave.

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Word stress

One of the keys to English pronunciation is stress - one syllable is emphasized more than the others. There are three possible pronunciations for three-syllable words:

A: Stress on the first syllable 1 2 3 For example: che - mi - cal

B: Stress on the second syllable 1 2 3 For example: log - ist - ics

C: Stress on the third syllable 1 2 3 For example: ref - u - gee

First look at the sentences below and find all the three syllable-words. Underline them and then classify them by putting them in the correct columns in the table on the right. There are twenty-four words in total. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The whole area is out of bounds to troops.
2. That information is classified.
3. The company commander has been wounded.
4. We must intercept the convoy before it crosses the river.
5. He was posted overseas.
6. The saboteurs were shot as they tried to escape.
7. We have established an OP on that hill.
8. We still don’t know the enemy’s intentions.
9. The engineers are preparing to demolish the bridge.
10. Our position is untenable.
11. My signaller was unable to repair the radio.
12. We will try to resupply you tonight.
13. We are going on exercise next week.
14. There has been an accident on the range.
15. The division will start to disembark at first light.
16. The brigadier had to countermand the order.

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Verbs in the present tense add an 's' in the third person singular: I shoot, you shoot, he shoots. There are three different ways of pronouncing the 's'. Look at these examples:

A: /s/, for example protects  
B: /z/, for example moves  
C: /iz/, for example releases

Find the third person singular present tense verbs in these sentences and classify them by their pronunciation. Put them in the correct columns in the table on the right. Be careful: some sentences have more than one verb. There are 25 examples in total. The first one has been done for you.

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<td>1. The red light warns the operator when the device detects a chemical agent.</td>
<td>5. This vehicle clears obstructions and, if necessary, destroys them with its gun.</td>
<td>13. The Queen's Guard marches down this street every morning.</td>
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<td>2. He commands a squadron of tanks.</td>
<td>6. Sarin attacks the central nervous system.</td>
<td>14. This chemical disperses after only five minutes.</td>
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<td>3. Although he discharges his routine duties well, he always panics under fire.</td>
<td>7. This lever controls the missile as it flies towards the target.</td>
<td>15. The company digs trenches whenever it halts.</td>
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<td>4. In this demonstration, the squad skirmishes onto the objective and then reorganizes.</td>
<td>8. Cpl Jenkins issues leave passes and travel warrants.</td>
<td>16. This missile scatters bomblets over its target area.</td>
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<td>9. The aircraft usually drops GP bombs in support of ground forces.</td>
<td>10. The missile arms itself as it launches.</td>
<td>17. This watch-tower covers all three roads into the harbour.</td>
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<td>11. My platoon practises NBC drills at least once a month.</td>
<td>12. This vehicle tows a field gun and also carries its ammunition.</td>
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Extension. The same rule applies to plurals: /s/ bullets; /z/ rounds; /iz/ cartridges. Look at the sentences again, and find four plurals in each pronunciation category.
Past simple / past participle

Regular verbs have three different pronunciations in the past tense (or the past participle). The difference is in the sound which you use for the ending. Look at these examples:

A: /t/, for example attacked  B: /d/, for example ordered  C: /ɪd/, for example retreated

Find the past forms of all the regular verbs in these sentences and classify them by their pronunciation. Put them in the correct columns in the table on the right. Be careful: some sentences have more than one verb. There are 25 examples in total. The first one has been done for you.

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<th>Group C: /ɪd/</th>
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<td>1. We assaulted the enemy position on foot.</td>
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<td>assaulted</td>
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<td>2. He was based in Germany for five years.</td>
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<td>3. The battle group advanced towards its objectives.</td>
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<td>4. The shell exploded in the middle of the company RV.</td>
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<td>5. He was killed when the lorry crashed.</td>
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<td>6. The enemy mined the entrance to the harbour.</td>
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<td>7. A local shepherd guided us over the mountain.</td>
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<td>8. The crowd dispersed when we used CS gas.</td>
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<td>9. The enemy launched a Scud two minutes ago</td>
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<td>10. We engaged the tank, but missed it with both of our rockets.</td>
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<td>11. They were resupplied with ammunition and fuel.</td>
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<td>12. Last night, they bombed the Brigade Administration Area.</td>
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<td>13. H-Hour has been delayed.</td>
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<td>14. We reorganized in a wadi and then moved back.</td>
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<td>15. They towed the vehicle into the wood and dumped it in a clearing.</td>
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<td>16. At H+13, the mortars checked firing.</td>
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<td>17. We covered A Company as they withdrew.</td>
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<td>18. I sited the SF on our right flank.</td>
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<td>19. He aimed at the leading vehicle.</td>
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<td>20. They captured the bridge last night.</td>
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The twenty-four hour clock is always used in military timings and to avoid confusion, the word 'hours' is normally added to the end. This is usually written as 'hrs'.

For example: The briefing is at 1430 hrs.

Now write the timings below as you would actually say them. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. 1625 hrs  
   sixteen twenty-five hours

2. 0400 hrs

3. 1545 hrs

4. 0910 hrs

5. 2009 hrs

6. 1059 hrs

7. 1330 hrs

8. 1800 hrs

9. 0043 hrs

10. 2000 hrs

11. 0306 hrs

12. 2110 hrs

13. 2218 hrs

14. 1717 hrs

15. 0005 hrs

Extension: Work with a partner to practise saying timings. One person writes a timing as numbers (for example: 1625 hrs) and the other then says it (for example: sixteen twenty-five hours)
In each set of words, one is the *odd one out:* different from the others. Find the word that is different and circle it. For example:

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<td>'sergeant' is the odd one out. All the others are officers.</td>
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1. frigate  destroyer submarine corvette

2. machine-gun mortar howitzer field gun

3. guerilla  mercenary soldier partisan

4. minelayer minesweeper mine plough flail

5. rations  fuel reinforcements ammunition

6. tank  APC self-propelled gun lorry

7. hill  bridge embankment church

8. Phantom Apache Tornado Harrier

9. midshipman admiral sub-lieutenant colonel

10. HE  HEAT HESH APDS

11. Sarin hydrogen cyanide anthrax mustard

12. B-1  B-2 F-117A F-22

13. Forger Foxbat Fantan Fishbed

14. engineers cavalry artillery infantry

15. pistol assault weapon light machine-gun cannon

*Don’t forget to keep a record of the words and expressions that you have learnt, review your notes from time to time and try to use new vocabulary items whenever possible.*
Multiple meanings

Some words have more than one meaning. For example an *operation* is a planned military task (‘*this will be a covert operation*’) but it is also an act of surgery (‘*he needed an operation to remove the bullet*’). Can you identify the following eight words? Two or more meanings are given for each word.

1. This word means:
   - a rapid and aggressive movement towards the enemy. *He was killed leading a **bayonet** ____________________.*
   - an official accusation of a crime or offence. *You are on a ____________________ for **insubordination**.*
   - an explosive device. *One ____________________ failed to detonate.*
   - electrical energy. *None of these batteries have any ____________________ left.*

2. This word means:
   - a tactical formation where men or vehicles move side by side. *The squad advanced in ____________________.*
   - electrical cable used to connect field telephones. *We must lay more ____________________ back to HQ.*
   - a length of rope. *He threw a ____________________ to the men in the lifeboat.*

3. This word means:
   - a moving ridge of water. *A huge ____________________ broke over the bows of the ship.*
   - one of several groupings attacking one behind the other. *The first ____________________ was decimated.*

4. This word means:
   - to complete an exam or test successfully. *You must ____________________ the Battle Fitness Test.*
   - a document allowing someone to do something. *Show me your leave ____________________ please.*
   - a narrow route through the mountains. *The ____________________ was blocked with snow.*
   - an aircraft’s approach flight towards its target. *We hit the plane on its second ________________.*

5. This word means:
   - a natural or man-made place where ships can shelter. *The entrance to the ____________________ was mined.*
   - a secure area in the field where troops can rest. *We set up a ____________________ in the wood.*

6. This word means:
   - a sign made by gestures, light or any other means. *The ____________________ to withdraw is a **red flare**.*
   - a radio message. *We’ve just received a ____________________ from Brigade HQ.*
   - electromagnetic waves transmitted by a radio. *I’m getting a very weak ____________________.*

7. This word means:
   - to block the enemy’s radio transmissions. *The enemy is trying to ____________________ us.*
   - to stop firing because of mechanical failure. *Your weapon will ____________________ if you don’t clean it.*

8. This word means:
   - detailed instructions for an operation. *The OC is giving his ____________________ in thirty minutes.*
   - formal parade where disciplinary matters are dealt with. *You will be on CO’s ________________ today.*
   - document showing the day’s programme and other information. *Have you read **squadron** ________________?*
Opposites

Group 1 consists of adjectives which relate to military matters. Group 2 consists of nouns which are frequently associated with those adjectives.

First look at the adjectives in Group 1, and identify pairs of opposite meaning. Write these pairs in column A. Then write the nouns from Group 2 in column B, matching each one with its associated pair of adjectives.

One line has been done for you as an example.

GROUP 1

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<tr>
<th>enemy</th>
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<td>rear</td>
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<td>flanking</td>
<td>tracked</td>
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GROUP 2

| bombing | rank | vehicle | forces | defence | ammunition | bearing |
| operation | night-viewing device | infantry | attack | area |

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Extension: Work with a partner to test one another. One person closes the book while the other asks questions. For example: "What's the opposite of enemy?"
When you work with other units and formations, you may well have to deal with one or more of these officers. Match the appointment in column A with the job description in column B. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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<tr>
<th>Column A</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Staff Officer (SO)</td>
<td>a. I act as personal assistant to the general.</td>
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<td>2. Quartermaster (QM)</td>
<td>b. I direct close air support.</td>
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<td>3. Public Relations Officer (PRO)</td>
<td>c. I assist the battalion commander with his administrative work.</td>
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<td>4. Aide-de-camp (ADC)</td>
<td>d. I work in a brigade headquarters.</td>
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<td>5. Forward Air Controller (FAC)</td>
<td>e. I command a company-sized grouping of artillery.</td>
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<td>6. Commanding Officer (CO)</td>
<td>f. I am responsible for coordinating staff duties within the battalion headquarters.</td>
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<td>7. Intelligence Officer (IO)</td>
<td>g. I command a company.</td>
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<td>8. Liaison Officer (LO)</td>
<td>h. I deal with the media.</td>
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<td>9. Forward Observation Officer (FOO)</td>
<td>i. I direct artillery fire.</td>
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<td>10. Battery Commander (BC)</td>
<td>j. I am responsible for the logistics of the battalion.</td>
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<td>11. Ammunition Technical Officer (ATO)</td>
<td>k. I collect and analyse information about the enemy.</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Executive Officer (XO)</td>
<td>l. I command a battalion.</td>
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<td>13. Officer Commanding (OC)</td>
<td>m. I act as a link between the brigade and the battle groups.</td>
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Extension: Work with a partner to write descriptions of appointments within your unit.
Orders 1

British and American ground forces use the the same set of headings for preparing their operational orders.

This format can be applied to any type of operation.

A. Ground.
B. Situation. i. Enemy Forces. ii. Friendly Forces. iii. Attachments and Detachments.
C. Mission.
E. Administration and Logistics.
F. Command and Signal.

C Company is about to take part in a battalion attack. The sentences below have been extracted from the company commander's orders. Match each sentence to the correct heading (and sub-heading if necessary). The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The objective is occupied by elements of the 3rd Airborne Division.
   B i

2. If I am hit, Capt Thomas will take over until the 2IC arrives.

3. 9 Platoon's objective is the church at grid 424719.

4. C Company will capture the village of Pratzen.

5. The company will assault with two platoons forward and one in reserve.

6. H-Hour is at 0415 hours.

7. The surrounding area is open farmland.

8. B Company will be on our left. Their objective is the wood at grid 440720.

9. Each man will carry four anti-personnel grenades and one smoke grenade.

10. Our frequency is 0475 MHz.

11. G40D is attached to company headquarters for the attack.

12. Requests for indirect fire support will be made through G40D.

13. The RAP is at grid 435715.

14. Hunt Ball means that the objective is secure.

Extension. Write your own set of orders for an imaginary operation.
Exercise 1
Some verbs are associated primarily with offensive operations, while others are more usually associated with defence. Look at the verbs below and put them in the relevant columns. The first one has been done for you as an example.

advance • attack • capture • counter-attack • delay
deny • envelop • fortify • hold • outflank

Exercise 2
Now complete each sentence, using one of the verbs above. You may have to change the form of the verb to fit the grammar of the sentence.

1. We were still reorganizing on the objective when the enemy ____________________________.

2. The enemy are trying to ____________________________ us on the left.

3. 7 Corps is ____________________________ towards Minden.

4. Our mission is to ____________________________ the enemy until the other battle groups have crossed the river.

5. The brigade ____________________________ its positions until 1030 hours. Then it was forced to withdraw.

6. The enemy has ____________________________ B Company. They are now completely cut off.

7. We must ____________________________ these routes to the enemy for as long as possible.

8. We were unable to support the Fusiliers as they ____________________________ the village of Landshut.

9. Enemy paratroopers have ____________________________ the bridge at Arnheim.

10. We had just finished ____________________________ our positions when we came under fire.
Combined operations

Most large-scale military operations involve a high level of cooperation between the different arms and services. It is therefore essential for all servicemen to have a wide vocabulary of military terms and expressions.

Below is a report written about an imaginary combined arms operation. Use the words and expressions from the box to fill in the gaps in the text.

vocabulary in context

air defence • naval gunfire support • line of defence • beachhead
naval bombardment • Engineer • sorties • airborne • deliberate attack
forward observation officer • close air support • landing craft

REPORT

Combined arms operation

On D-1, (1)__________________________units were dropped by parachute to seize strategic crossings over the River Dingwezi. All of these objectives were achieved, with minimal loss. The beach landings on D-Day were preceded by an intensive (2)__________________________, which failed to silence all of the enemy coastal batteries. Consequently, ten percent of the (3)__________________________in the first wave were either destroyed or disabled. Despite this, all primary objectives were achieved by 1100 hours, although ground forces continued to rely upon (4)__________________________until the artillery had been fully offloaded. (5)__________________________units suffered particularly high casualties in the breaching of a secondary line of obstacles in the sand dunes. The (6)__________________________was fully established by 1900 hours on D-Day. The main enemy force has withdrawn to the River Muzenga and is now constructing a strong (7)__________________________between Tangji and Leopoldsville. To date, carrier-based strike aircraft have flown a total of 82 (8)__________________________. The enemy (9)__________________________has been better than anticipated, and 8 allied aircraft have been shot down. Owing to a shortage of forward air controllers, most (10)__________________________has been directed by (11)__________________________from the artillery. The 4th and 7th Armoured Brigades started crossing the River Dingwezi at 1030 hours on D+1 and are now preparing to mount a (12)__________________________on the Muzenga position at first light on D+2.

Don’t forget to keep a record of the words and expressions that you have learnt, review your notes from time to time and try to use new vocabulary items whenever possible.
Radio conversations

The lines in these radio conversations are in the wrong order. Work out the correct order and write the sequence in the boxes. The first line of each conversation has been done for you as an example.

Conversation 1

1, confirm grid 820049. Over.

11, correct. We have three casualties. Two walking wounded and one stretcher case. Roger so far? Over.

Hello 1, this is 11. Request casevac at grid 820049. Over.

1, roger. Out.

1, roger. Over.

11, LZ will be marked with blue smoke. Over.

Conversation 2

2, roger. Move now to grid 479431. Over.

22, send. Over.

22, say again grid. Over.

2, when you get there, go firm and wait for 44C to join you. Then continue with your task. Over.

22, grid 481428. Over.

2, grid 479431. Over.

2, what is your location? Over.

22, roger. Over.

Hello 22, this is 2. Over.

22, wilco. Out.

Extension. Practise the conversations with a partner.
When you are operating with English-speaking troops, it is essential that you understand the various commands and warnings which are used. Your life may depend upon it!

Match the terms and phrases in column A to their correct definitions in column B. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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<td>1. Make ready!</td>
<td>a. Get into a lifeboat; the vessel is about to sink.</td>
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<td>2. Take cover!</td>
<td>b. A chemical agent has just been used.</td>
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<td>3. Unload!</td>
<td>c. Shoot as quickly as possible (infantry).</td>
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<td>5. Tank action!</td>
<td>e. The enemy has been sighted.</td>
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<td>6. Open fire!</td>
<td>f. Shoot as quickly as possible (artillery or mortars).</td>
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<td>7. Gas! Gas! Gas!</td>
<td>g. Find yourself some protection from enemy fire.</td>
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<td>8. Fire for effect!</td>
<td>h. Stop moving and adopt a position of defence.</td>
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<td>9. Go firm!</td>
<td>i. Get out of your vehicle.</td>
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<td>10. Cease fire!</td>
<td>j. Remove the magazine from the weapon and check that the breech is clear of ammunition. Pull the trigger and apply the safety catch, then replace the magazine on the weapon.</td>
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<td>11. Abandon ship!</td>
<td>k. Start shooting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Debus!</td>
<td>l. Fire one round, so that the fall of shot can be observed (artillery or mortars).</td>
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<td>13. Rapid fire!</td>
<td>m. Go to your battle position immediately.</td>
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<td>14. Make safe!</td>
<td>n. Remove all ammunition from the weapon and ensure that it is clear.</td>
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<td>15. Incoming!</td>
<td>o. Prepare to engage armoured vehicles.</td>
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<td>17. Adjust fire!</td>
<td>q. Stop moving immediately.</td>
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<td>18. Contact!</td>
<td>r. Shells are about to land on our position.</td>
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Orders 2

Sheet A

Work with a partner who has sheet B. You are a platoon commander and your call-sign is 31L.

When the point platoon (call-sign 32) came under fire, the company commander went forward on foot to recce the enemy position. He also came under heavy fire and cannot move back, but he has just sent orders on the radio for a quick attack. Because of the noise, you did not hear all the details. Talk to the other platoon commander (call-sign 33L) and try to fill in the gaps by asking questions.

Follow these two rules: 1. Speak only English. 2. Don’t show your sheet to your partner until you have finished.

GROUND:
- The objective
  is a farm on the ridge, at grid 481245.
  There are buildings on both sides of the road.
  At grid 480241 there is a crossroads, which is in dead ground to the farm.
  This will be ____________________________________________________________________________.

SITUATION:
- Enemy Forces:
  The enemy is in the farm.
  Their strength is ___________ , but they have two ATGW firing posts and at least two medium machine guns.

- Friendly Forces:
  32 are at grid ___________. They have lost one vehicle.
  Sunray is at grid ________________________________________________________________________.

MISSION:
- To clear the enemy from the farm at grid 481245.

EXECUTION:
- Concept of Operations:
  This attack will be made on foot.
  31 and 33 will _____________________________, using the road as their axis.
  The move to the FUP will be covered by smoke.
  32 will _____________________________________________________________________________.
  The vehicles will stay where they are until called forward.

- Detailed Tasks:
  31 - clear the buildings on the right of the road.
  32 - ________________________________________________________________________________.
  33 - clear the buildings on the left of the road.

- Coordinating Instructions:
  Indirect Fire Support: 10 minutes of smoke on the objective, starting at 1425 hours.
  Timings: 1425 - Smoke on the objective. Assault group move to the FUP.
  H-Hour - ____________________________________________________________________________.
  Route to FUP: Move to grid ________________, then follow the road up to the crossroads.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
- No change.

COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
- Command: ___________ will command the assault group. 31M will now command 31.
Orders 2

Sheet B

Work with a partner who has sheet A. You are a platoon commander and your call-sign is 33L.

When the point platoon (call-sign 32) came under fire, the company commander went forward on foot to recce the enemy position. He also came under heavy fire and cannot move back, but he has just sent orders on the radio for a quick attack. Because of the noise, you did not hear all the details. Talk to the other platoon commander (call-sign 31L) and try to fill in the gaps by asking questions.

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GROUND:
- The objective is a farm on the ridge, at grid 481245. There are buildings on both sides of the road.
  At grid 480241 there is ____________________, which is in dead ground to the farm. This will be the FUP.

SITUATION:
- Enemy Forces: The enemy is in the farm.
  Their strength is not known, but they have ________________________.

- Friendly Forces: 32 are at grid 478240. They have lost ____________________ Sunray is at grid 480239.

MISSION:
- ________________________________________________________________.

EXECUTION:
- Concept of Operations: This attack will be ____________________ 31 and 33 will make a frontal assault on the farm, using the road as their axis. The move to the FUP will be ____________________ 32 will provide fire support from their present position. The vehicles will ____________________.

- Detailed Tasks:
  31 - clear the buildings on the right of the road.
  32 - provide fire support until the assault reaches the farm, then move up to the objective.
  33 - ____________________________________.

- Coordinating Instructions:
  Indirect Fire Support: ________________________________________________.
  Timings: 1425 - Smoke on the objective. Assault group move to the FUP.
  H-Hour - as soon as the assault group is formed up.
  Route to FUP: Move to grid 482241, then ____________________.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
- No change.

COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
- Command: 31L will command the assault group. 31M will now command 31.
**Abbreviations**

Test your abbreviations. What do the following stand for? The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. **FUP**
   - *forming-up point*

2. **NCO**

3. **QRF**

4. **NGS**

5. **HF**

6. **UN**

7. **LMG**

8. **MAW**

9. **ETA**

10. **VCP**

11. **MFC**

12. **KIA**

13. **AWLS**

14. **NBC**

15. **CAP**

16. **GMT**

17. **OOB**

18. **PT**

19. **SOP**

20. **FGA**

21. **STOVL**

22. **IR**

23. **ERA**

24. **TEWT**

25. **FTX**

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**Extension:** work with a partner to test one another. One person closes the book, while the other asks questions such as "What does FUP stand for?"
**British and American English 1**

British and American service men sometimes spell or write words differently. Look at the pairs of words below. Write the British version in column A and its American equivalent on the opposite side in column B. The first pair has been done for you as an example.

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<td>haemorrhage / hemorrhage</td>
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<td>kilometer / kilometre</td>
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<td>pickax / pickaxe</td>
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<td>armour / armor</td>
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<td>lieutenant colonel / lieutenant - colonel</td>
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<td>Whisky / Whiskey</td>
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**Extension:**

Work with a partner to test one another, using the phonetic alphabet. For example:

**Question:** What is the American spelling of colour?

**Answer:** Charlie - Oscar - Lima - Oscar - Romeo
British and American servicemen sometimes use different words and expressions to talk about the same thing.

Look at the words and expressions below. Half of them are British and half are the American equivalents. Identify the pairs and then write the British word or expression in column A, and its American equivalent on the opposite side in column B. One pair has been done for you as an example.

<p>| NAAFI • furlough • gasoline • lock and load • int • petrol • foxhole bearing • PX • leave • recon • squad • fire-trench • section Staballoy • make ready • azimuth • depleted uranium • intel • recce |</p>
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**Extension:**

Work with a partner to test one another by asking questions such as:

"*What is the British equivalent of furlough?*"
Most professions develop their own peculiar vocabulary of slang words and the services are no exception. The sentences below each contain one example of military slang. Underline the slang words and then match them to the definitions in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you as an example.

<table>
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<th>Sentences containing military slang:</th>
<th>Definitions:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a. What is that <em>civvy</em> doing here?</td>
<td>1. Infantryman</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. We’ve liberated three bottles of slivovitz from that deserted farmhouse.</td>
<td>2. To deliberately wound a comrade, giving the appearance that he was hit by enemy fire</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. The shell exploded as the men were lining up for chow.</td>
<td>3. To steal</td>
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<td>d. I met him while I was still a rookie.</td>
<td>4. To destroy</td>
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<tr>
<td>e. He got zapped by a sniper this morning.</td>
<td>5. To shoot someone dead</td>
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<td>f. Watch out! There’s a bandit on your tail!</td>
<td>6. Disorderly behaviour leading to violence</td>
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<td>g. I requested a transfer from the Guards, because I couldn’t take all the bull.</td>
<td>7. Someone who is not a member of the armed forces</td>
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<td>h. There is a rumour going around that Sergeant Ellis was fragged during the bombardment.</td>
<td>8. Food</td>
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<td>i. We took out the lead tank as it was crossing the railway line.</td>
<td>9. Cleaning and polishing kit</td>
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<td>j. He is going to be an instructor at boot camp.</td>
<td>10. Recruit</td>
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<td>k. The grunts always get the dirty jobs.</td>
<td>11. Training establishment for new recruits</td>
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<td>l. We’re expecting aggro tonight, so bring plenty of baton rounds.</td>
<td>12. Enemy fighter aircraft</td>
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Armoured fighting vehicles

Test your AFV recognition. Match the vehicle types in the box with the silhouettes below.

- armoured personnel carrier
- main battle tank
- self-propelled gun
- infantry fighting vehicle
- light tank
- armoured car
- multiple rocket launcher
- self-propelled anti-aircraft gun

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8. 

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Positions and locations

Match the terms in the box with the pictures below.

POL point • dressing station • vehicle check-point • ammunition dump
fire-trench • firing post • bunker • command post • LZ

1. ______ 2. ______ 3. ______
4. ______ 5. ______ 6. ______
7. ______ 8. ______ 9. ______

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Categories 1: armoured fighting vehicles

In this table there are 18 armoured fighting vehicles and five categories of vehicle. Decide which category each vehicle belongs to. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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Extension: Work with a partner to produce further examples of each category.
Categories 2: aircraft

In this table there are 18 aircraft and four categories of aircraft. Decide which category each aircraft belongs to. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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Extension: Work with a partner to produce further examples of each category.
## Categories 3: missiles

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Communicative crossword 1

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"What's 1 across?"
→ across  down

YOUR NOTES
Communicative crossword 1

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"What’s 1 across?"
Word search

Find the 23 military terms hidden in the letters below; 10 read across and 13 read down. The first word has been found for you as an example. The clues listed beneath will help you to find all the words.

1. Small administrative or tactical grouping.
2. Official list of personnel in a unit or sub-unit.
3. Metal container used to store food over long periods.
4. Defensive covering designed to protect a vehicle from bullets or shrapnel.
5. Arrangement of aircraft, ships, troops or vehicles for tactical purposes.
6. Action of assembling at a specific time and place.
7. Units or sub-units which are held back from an engagement so that they can be used as reinforcements.
8. Who a person is.
9. Small group of soldiers assigned to carry out a specific task.
10. To withdraw in small groups and by different routes through enemy-controlled territory.
11. To supply a person or unit with equipment.
12. Cylindrical container.
15. Place where people are accommodated in temporary shelter.
16. Tactical grouping of two or more battalions or regiments.
17. Any method which can be used to locate or observe the enemy or listen to their radio transmissions.
19. Movement of men or equipment or supplies using aircraft.
20. Order of Battle (abbreviation).
21. Type of anti-tank warhead.
22. To take avoiding action.
23. Information obtained by monitoring the enemy’s electronic transmissions.

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Anagrams

Solve the anagrams by reading the clues and putting the letters in to form words. Enter the solutions in the table to find the mystery term. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. To meet up with someone as he moves from one place to another ___________RTTEIPNEC
2. Light fast-moving aircraft designed to attack other aircraft ________________FRITGHE
3. Tactical grouping of three or more platoons ________________OPMNACY
4. Cattle disease used as a biological weapon __________________HTNAARX
5. Incident where two forces shoot at each other __________________REIFIFHGT
6. Prolonged engagement involving large numbers of troops __________________TTABEL
7. Specific task assigned to a tactical grouping ________________________NOSIMIS
8. Method by which 7 (above) is carried out _________________________TENOCIEUX
9. Armoured equivalent of 3 (above) ________________________________DUQSANOR
10. Use of natural and man-made materials to disguise an object. __________GUOMAFELAC
11. Assistance or help ___________________________________________UTSPROP
12. Projectiles formed by fragments of an exploding shell _______________PANSHLER
13. Serviceman who specializes in the use of radios _____________________LANGLISGER
14. Artillery attack (usually lasting some time) __________________________NOBEBRDTAMBMB
15. Designed to set things on fire ______________________________________YIIERNDCAST
16. American-designed surface-to-air missile ____________________________GINTERS

Mystery term clue: used for spelling on the radio

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Military trivia 1

See how many of these questions you can answer.

1. Who is more senior? A lieutenant-general or a major-general? ________________

2. What is the nickname of the American F-4 fighter aircraft? ________________

3. What is a Kalashnikov? __________________________________________

4. What is Fuller’s earth used for? ___________________________________

5. What is Semtex? __________________________________________

6. Which service of the British armed forces is senior? The army or the navy? ________________

7. What does ASAP mean? _________________________________________

8. How do you convert a grid bearing into a magnetic bearing? ________________

9. There are 360 degrees in a circle. How many mils are there? ________________

10. What is Kevlar? ________________________________________________

11. What is scrim? ________________________________________________

12. Which is bigger? A division or a brigade? ________________

13. What is the equivalent of the Red Cross in Islamic countries? ________________


15. What is the main weapon on a British Scimitar light tank? ________________

16. What does MASH mean? _________________________________________

17. What is a padre? ________________________________________________

18. What is the American equivalent of a British air vice marshal? ________________

19. What is a kukri? ________________________________________________

20. How fast is one knot? _________________________________________
Communicative crossword 2

Sheet A

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"What's 1 across?"

→ across ↓ down

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Communicative crossword 2

Sheet B

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"What's 1 across?"

→ across  ↓ down
Anagrams 2

Solve the anagrams by reading the clues and putting the letters in to form words. Enter the solutions in the table to find the mystery term. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. Rotary-wing aircraft ____________________________ CTIPOLHERE
2. Act of destroying a structure _______________________ NTOLMIODEI
3. To move towards the enemy ________________________ CAVDENA
4. Opposite of 3 (above) _____________________________ RIHTWWAD
5. Power source for portable electrical equipment ______________ TYBARET
6. Type of fuel ____________________________ INSAGOEL
7. Relating to infantry equipped with APCs ______________ DIZHCEEMAN
8. To be able to shoot further than another weapon ______________ GETUOANR
9. Most senior person in a grouping ___________________ MADNOMECR
10. Warship designed to move and operate under water __________________ MUSARNIBE
11. Orders or instructions ____________________________ GREBIFIN
12. Power to direct the actions of people or things ___________ LONRTOC
13. Type of warship ________________________________ RYOSDRETE
14. Danger _________________________________________ SISSDRETE

Mystery term clue: philosophy of winning the support of the civilian population
Communicative crossword 3

Sheet A

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“ What’s 1 across ? ”

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"What's 1 across?"

1. across

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## Military trivia 2

See how many of these questions you can answer.

1. What does reveille mean?
2. What is a bowser?
3. What is the twelfth letter of the phonetic alphabet?
4. What are dragon's teeth?
5. What does C-in-C mean?
6. What are caltrops?
7. What is the nickname of the American UH-1 utility helicopter?
8. What is the main role of a hunter-killer submarine?
9. What is the name of the officers' mess on a warship?
10. What is a Jolly Green Giant?
11. What is no-man's-land?
12. What is an iron bomb?
13. What is flak?
14. What is the mechanism which prevents a weapon from being fired?
15. What does neutral mean?
16. What is a pontoon bridge?
17. What does FLOT mean?
18. What is a Molotov cocktail?
19. What is the chief of staff in a British brigade usually called?
20. What is the name of the national headquarters of the United States Department of Defence?
All the answers in this crossword are connected with military matters.

Across
1. Place where food is prepared.
4. System for detecting underwater objects through the transmission of sound waves.
7. Act of moving people or things by aircraft, ships or vehicles.
12. One of a series of two-digit numbers shown on a map grid.
14. Exercise involving only the command elements of a tactical grouping.
16. Area of ground used for shooting practice.
19. Defeat of an enemy in battle or war.
20. Armoured fighting vehicle.
21. Specified period of time before something happens.
22. Device which is designed to detect something.
25. To act offensively against an enemy.

Down
1. Line on a map connecting points of equal altitude.
2. Accommodation for dogs.
3. British-designed light tank.
4. What is happening at a particular time.
5. People or things which take the place of other people or things.
8. Shopping centre on an American base.
10. State of not being involved in a war.
13. Early.
15. Underwater missile designed to explode when it hits a ship.
17. Metal rod, mast or structure used in the transmission of radio signals.
18. Small vessel with heavy guns designed to operate in shallow waters.
23. Adverb meaning ‘all right’. 
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WORD BUILDING

Word association 1: missing links (p. 1)
1. support 2. ground 3. grid 4. mine 5. general 6. fire

Two-word expressions (p. 2)

Word formation: nouns (p. 3)
1. The enemy advance has reached Reichenbach 2. We should expect a loss in aircraft of at least ten percent. 3. The enemy withdrawal started at last light. 4. I will arrange recovery of the vehicle. 5. The attack was made under cover of smoke. 6. The registration of all targets must be completed by 1600 hours. 7. The landing of the troops will take place at night. 8. The destruction of the bridge delayed the reinforcements. 9. The flight to Cyprus took seven hours. 10. We were not informed about their retreat. 11. The route clearance is still going on. 12. 6 Platoon will carry out a reconnaissance of the enemy position.

Word marriages: nouns (p. 4)

Word association (2): partnerships (p. 5)

Three-word expressions (p. 6)

Word association (3) mind maps (p. 7)

PARTS OF SPEECH

Nouns (1) (p. 8)

Nouns (2) (p. 9)

Adjectives (p. 10)

Verbs: present continuous (p. 11)
1. He is briefing 2. They are forming up 3. They are advancing 4. They are debussing 5. They are assaulting 6. The enemy are withdrawing 7. They are reorganizing 8. The enemy are counter-attacking 9. The enemy are retreating

Verbs: present perfect (p. 12)
1. c 2. g 3. f 4. k 5. j 6. m 7. a 8. i 9. n 10. b 11. o 12. h 13. e 14. d 15. i
### Answer key

#### Verbs: mixed tenses (p. 13)

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#### Pronunciation

**Word stress** (p. 18)

Group A: area, classified, company, enemy, signaller, radio, exercise, incident.

Group B: commander, established, intentions, preparing, demolish, position, unable, division.

Group C: intercept, overseas, saboteurs, engineers, resupply, disembark, brigadier, countermand.

**Present simple** (p. 19)

Group A: detects, panics, attacks, drops, halts.

Group B: warns, commands, clears, destroys, controls, flies, issues, arms, tows, digs, scatters, covers.

Group C: discharges, skirmishes, reorganizes, launches, practises, carries, marches, disperses.

**Extension:**

A: tanks, warrants, minutes, bombettes.

B: obstructions, bombs, drills, roads.

C: duties, passes, forces, trenches.

**Past simple / past participle** (p. 20)

Group A: based, advanced, crashed, dispersed, launched, missed, dumped, checked.

Group B: killed, mined, used, engaged, resupplied, bombed, delayed, reorganized, moved, towed, covered, aimed, captured.

Group C: assaulted, exploded, guided, sited.

**Timings** (p. 21)

1. sixteen twenty-five hours
2. zero four hundred hours
3. fifteen forty-five hours
4. zero nine ten hours
5. twenty zero nine hours
6. ten fifty-nine hours
7. thirteen thirty hours
8. eighteen hundred hours
9. twenty-two eighteen hours
10. zero four hundred hours
11. zero zero forty-three hours
12. twenty-one ten hours

**Vocabulary in context**

**Odd one out** (p. 22)

1. *submarine*: the others are all surface vessels
2. *machine-gun*: the others are all indirect-fire weapons
3. *soldier*: the others are all irregular troops
4. *minelayer*: the others all destroy mines
5. *reinforcements*: the others are all materiel
6. *lorry*: the others are all armoured vehicles
7. *hill*: the others are all man-made features
8. *Apache*: the others are all fixed-wing aircraft
9. *colonel*: the others are all naval ranks
10. *HE*: the others are all anti-tank warheads
11. *anthrax*: the others are all chemical agents
12. *B-1*: the others are all stealth aircraft
13. *Fantan*: the others are all Soviet-designed fighters
14. *engineers*: the others are all teeth arms
15. *cannon*: the others are all small arms

**Multiple meanings** (p. 23)

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Opposites (p. 24)

Column A | Column B
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enemy - friendly | forces
passive - active | night-viewing device
frontal - flanking | attack
covert - overt | operation
blank - live | ammunition
strategic - tactical | bombing
magnetic - grid | bearing
mobile - static | defence
air-portable - mechanized | infantry
acting - substantive | rank
forward - rear | area
wheeled - tracked | vehicle

What do I do? (p. 25)
1. d 2. j 3. h 4. a 5. b
6. l 7. k 8. m 9. i 10. e
11. n 12. f 13. g 14. c

Orders (1) (p. 26)

Offensive and defensive operations (p. 27)

Exercise 1:
Offence: advance, attack, capture, envelop, outflank
Defence: counter-attack, delay, deny, fortify, hold

Exercise 2:
1. counter-attacked 2. outflank
3. advancing 4. delay
5. held 6. enveloped
7. deny 8. attacked
9. captured 10. fortifying

Combined operations (p. 28)
1. airborne 2. naval bombardment
3. landing craft 4. naval gunfire support
5. Engineer 6. beachhead
7. line of defence 8. sorties
9. air defence 10. close air support
11. forward observation officers
12. deliberate attack

Radio conversations (p. 29)
Conversation 1: 2, 3, 1, 6, 4, 5
Conversation 2: 5, 2, 6, 9, 4, 7, 3, 8, 1, 10

Commands and warnings (p. 30)
1. d 2. g 3. n 4. q 5. o
6. k 7. b 8. f 9. h 10. p
11. a 12. i 13. c 14. j 15. r
16. m 17. l 18. e

Abbreviations (p. 33)
1. forming-up point 2. non-commissioned officer
3. quick reaction force 4. naval gunfire support
5. high frequency 6. United Nations
7. light machine-gun 8. medium anti-tank weapon
9. estimated time of arrival 10. vehicle check-point
11. mortar fire controller 12. killed in action
13. amber warning light system
14. nuclear, biological and chemical
15. combat air patrol
16. Greenwich Mean Time 17. out of bounds
18. physical training
19. standard operating procedure
20. fighter ground-attack
21. short take-off and vertical landing
22. infrared 23. explosive reactive armour
24. tactical exercise without troops
25. field training exercise

British and American English (1) (p. 34)

British:
colour, haemorrhage, kilometre, armour, lieutenant-colonel, signaller, manoeuvre, epaulette, harbour, reconnoitre, defence, pickaxe, Alpha, Whisky, fireteam.

American:
color, hemorrhage, kilometer, armor, lieutenant colonel, signaler, maneuver, epaulet, harbor, reconnoiter, defense, pickax, Alpha, Whiskey, fire team.

British and American English (2) (p. 35)

British American
leave furlough
NAAFI PX
petrol gasoline
make ready lock and load
int intel
fire-trench foxhole
bearing azimuth
recce recon
section squad
depleted uranium Staballoy

Slang (p. 36)
1. grunt 2. frag
3. liberate 4. take out
5. zap 6. aggro
7. civvy 8. chow
9. bull 10. rookie
11. boot camp 12. bandit

Armoured fighting vehicles (p. 37)
1. main battle tank 2. armoured car
3. infantry fighting vehicle
4. self-propelled anti-aircraft gun
5. self-propelled gun 6. light tank
7. armoured personnel carrier
8. multiple rocket launcher

Positions and locations (p. 38)
1. firing post 2. LZ
3. ammunition dump 4. POL point
5. bunker 6. command post
7. fire-trench 8. dressing station
9. vehicle check-point
Answer key

Categories 1: armoured fighting vehicles (p. 39)

MBT: Abrams, AMX-30, Challenger, Leopard, T-72
IFV: BMP, Bradley, Marder, Warrior
APC: AFV-432, BTR-80, M-113, MT-LB
SPG: Abbot, M-109, M-1974
CVR: BRDM, Scimitar

Categories (2): aircraft (p. 40)

Fighter: Eagle, Flanker, Flogger, Mirage, Phantom, Tomcat
Bomber: Backfire, Lancer, Spirit
Attack Helicopter: Apache, Cobra, Hind, Hip
Utility/Transport Helicopter: Blackhawk, Chinook, Hook, Huey, Puma

Categories (3): missiles (p. 41)

ATGW: Milan, Sagger, Spandrel, TOW
SAM: Blowpipe, Gaskin, Grail, Rapier, Sea Wolf, Stinger
AAM: AMRAAM, Aphid, Sidewinder, Sky Flash
Anti-ship: Exocet, Harpoon, Kormoran, Sea Eagle

PUZZLES AND QUIZZES

Word search (p. 44)

1. DETACHMENT 2. ROLL
3. TIN 4. ARMOUR
5. FORMATION 6. PARADE
7. RESERVE 8. IDENTITY
9. DETAIL 10. EXFILTRATE
11. ISSUE 12. DRUM
13. INSIGNIA 14. YIELD
15. CAMP 16. BRIGADE
17. SURVEILLANCE 18. TROOP
19. AILIFT 20. ORBAT
21. HEAT 22. EVADE
23. ELINT

Anagrams 1 (p. 45)

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Anagrams 2 (p. 49)

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GASOLINE
MECHANIZED
OUTRANGE
COMMANDER
SUBMARINE
BRIEFING
CONTROL
DESTROYER
DISTRESS

Military trivia 2 (p. 52)

1. time at which troops are woken up
2. cylindrical container mounted on a trailer
3. Lima
4. concrete pillars used as an obstacle for tanks
5. commander in chief
6. metal spikes designed to damage vehicle tyres
7. Huey
8. destroying enemy submarines
9. wardroom
10. American CH-53 heavy transport helicopter
11. the ground between the forward positions of two opposing forces
12. bomb which is simply dropped onto a target by an aircraft
13. anti-aircraft fire 14. safety catch
15. not allied to either side in a war
16. bridge supported by boats
17. forward line of own troops
18. improvised incendiary device consisting of a bottle of petrol with a wick
19. brigade major
20. the Pentagon

Military crossword (p. 53)

Across:
1. cookhouse
6. troop
9. Alpha
12. coordinate
16. range
20. tank
22. sensor
25. attack
10. synthetic material used to make body armour, helmets, etc.
11. small pieces of fabric used as camouflage
12. division
13. the Red Crescent
14. the right-hand side of a ship or aircraft
15. 30mm Rarden cannon
16. mobile army surgical hospital
17. army chaplain
18. major general
19. Gurkha fighting knife
20. one nautical mile per hour

Mystery term: PHONETIC ALPHABET

Military trivia 1 (p. 46)

1. lieutenant-general
2. Phantom
3. Soviet-designed 7.62mm assault weapon
4. decontamination
5. Czech-produced plastic explosive
6. the navy
7. as soon as possible
8. add the magnetic variation
9. 6,400
10. synthetic material used to make body armour, helmets, etc.
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Military crossword (p. 53)

Across:
1. cookhouse
4. sonar
6. troop
7. transport
9. Alpha
11. RAP
12. coordinate
14. TEWT
16. range
19. victory
20. tank
21. notice
22. sensor
24. evasion
25. attack

Down:
1. contour
2. kennel
3. Scorpion
4. situation
5. replacements
8. PX
10. peace
13. advance
14. TAC
15. torpedo
17. antenna
18. gunboat
23. OK
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