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## Soldiers

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Soldiers have an unbelievably difficult job. Sometimes I don't understand why people become a soldier. You can die. The life of a soldier is very tough. You have to train very hard every day and carry really heavy things. You have to march over mountains for days and sleep in the desert. You also have to learn to fight and do many dangerous things. Some soldiers don't have to worry too much. If you're in an army in a country that never goes to war, it's probably a good job. Being an American or British soldier is a very dangerous job. They're always fighting somewhere. One big problem today is child soldiers. There are armies in the world that kidnap children and make them fight.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SOLDIERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about soldiers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about soldiers. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about soldiers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. SOLDIERS POSTER** Make a poster about soldiers. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY SOLDIERS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on soldiers. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on soldiers. Share your findings with the class.

