

F. War and Peace

Part 1

Choose two or three of the five topics and discuss.

1. Military service

- What ways are there of serving your country?
- How and when are you planning to do your military service?
- How long does it last in Finland?
- Where would you like to serve?
- Judging from stories you may have heard, what do the conscripts do while in service?
- What is good and bad about it?
- What benefits and drawbacks are there to a conscript army? What about having a professional army?
- Should the military service be compulsory for women as well? Why? Why not?
- Why do some people choose to become conscientious objectors?

do one's military service suorittaa asepalvelus

do one's military service as a civilian suorittaa siviilipalvelus

conscription, draft asevelvollisuus, kutsunta

conscript army asevelvollisuuteen perustuva armeija

professional army palkka-armeija

military base sotilastukikohta

garrison varuskunta

drill sulkeisharjoitus

march marssia

war games sotaharjoitus

uniform asepuke, univormu

be on leave olla lomalla

go AWOL (Absent Without Leave)

olla puntiksella (luvattomalla lomalla)

conscientious objector aseistakieltäytyjä



2. The Armed Forces

- The Armed Forces consist of three main groups: the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. Look at the list below: are these 'military groups' part of the Army, the Navy or the Air Force?
- What are their duties in a war?
- Think of war films you have seen. What type of military were the main characters? What was their attitude to other groups?

infantry jalkaväki

artillery tykistö

Marines merijalkaväki

antiaircraft battery ilmatorjuntapatteristo

coast guard rannikkovartiosto

Engineers pioneerit

Signal Corps viestijoukot

paratroopers laskuvarjojääkärit

the Armed Forces sotavoimat

the Army maavoimat

the Navy laivasto

the Air Force ilmavoimat



3. Military ranks

- What do you know about the 'military career' of your grandfather/father/brother/sister/friend? What is their military rank?
- Can you put the military ranks into an ascending order?
- What is the difference between an officer and a non-commissioned officer?
- Think of famous soldiers from history or from literature and films. What ranks were they?

rank sotilasarvo
 captain kapteeni
 colonel eversti
 commander-in-chief ylipäälikkö
 corporal korpraali, alikersantti
 general kenraali
 lieutenant luutnantti
 major majuri
 private sotamies
 second lieutenant aliluutnantti, vänrikki
 sergeant kersantti, vääpeli
 sergeant major sotilasmestari
 officer upseeri
 non-commissioned officer (NCO) toimiupseeri

4. Waging war

- What wars do you remember from history?
- Who fought against whom? Which side won?
- What were the results of that war?
- What military operations are taking place at the moment?
- What conflicts are there brewing in the world?

wage war käydä sotaa
 be at war olla sodassa
 declare war on a country julistaa sota
 civil war sisällissota
 war of independence itsenäisyysota
 guerrilla war sissisota
 mobilisation liikekannallepano
 attack hyökätä; hyökkäys
 assault rynnäköidä; rynnäkö
 invade tunkeutua maahan
 retreat/withdraw vetäytyä
 defend puolustaa
 raid yllätyshyökkäys
 occupation miehitys
 resistance movement vastarintaliike
 defeat tappio; tuottaa tappio jllk, lyödä
 beat/defeat the enemy voittaa vihollinen
 casualties tappiot, mieshukka
 suffer heavy losses kärsiä raskaita tappioita
 surrender antautua; antautuminen
 prisoner of war (POW) sotavanki
 rapid reaction / deployment troops nopean toiminnan joukot
 weapon of mass destruction joukkotuhoase
 biochemical warfare biokemiallinen sodankäynti
 deterrent pelote



5. Keeping peace

- What do the UN peace-keeping forces do?
- Where are they active at the moment?
- Would you consider joining the peace-keeping forces? Why? Why not?
- What famous peace treaties do you remember? What can you tell about them?

UN peace-keeping forces YK:n rauhanturvajoukot
 curfew ulkonaliikkumiskielto
 blackout pimennys
 ceasefire tulitauko
 truce aselepo
 peace treaty rauhansopimus
 negotiate neuvotella
 conclude peace solmia rauha
 mediator sovittelija
 disarmament aseistariisunta

Part 2

Choose some of the words listed in Part 1 and describe them to your partner, who has to guess which word you are talking about. Then spell the word either using the ordinary alphabet, or with the help of the standard phonetic alphabet used by Nato. Take turns. (See Fortune Cookie on p. 29.)

Part 3

Write a few paragraphs on the topic 'My thoughts on doing the military service'. Use the vocabulary lists here for help.