



Military English

Vocabulary Builder: Soldier Combat Equipment

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Overview:

This sheet lists the Australian Army soldier's main combat equipment he/she would take on deployment.

In this vocabulary builder, you will:

- ✓ use vocabulary related to a soldier's personal combat equipment

1) Match the words to the picture.

a. eye protection

b. assault rifle

c. carry all

d. helmet

e. hearing protection

f. body armour

g. Camelbak®

h. rat pack

i. boots

carry all // body armour u // rat pack (= *ration pack i.e. food*) // helmet // assault rifle // boots // Camelbak® (*drinking water pouch*)
hearing protection u // eye protection u

NB all are nouns, the uncountable nouns are marked with 'u' above, also note 'boots' are countable but plural

2) Now let's listen to the words practised in this worksheet. Listen and repeat.

Play recording of the words students learned in this worksheet – which is found in the same location as this file – and ask students to repeat.. First as a class, then select a few random students to repeat individually. NB the underlined syllable in the word box denotes the main stress in the word. You might need to do some language analysis and check the dictionary for the phonetics of the words so you can help the students.

3) Work with a partner. Point to an item in the pictures below and ask your partner to say the word. Use the language box below to help you. For example:



Before students begin this activity, go through the language box with them, modelling and drilling the phrases as needed. For grammar, check if students know which words are 'countable singular' and which word is 'countable plural' (i.e, boots) and which are uncountable. Make sure students know when to (not) use an article in their question.

LANGUAGE BOX	Asking:
	• What's this called?
	• What're these called?
	Answering:
	• It's (a) _____.
	• These are _____.
• This is (called) a/an _____.	
• Correct!	
• Try again 😊	

4) Which combat equipment is the same for your army? What is different? *This final discussion question is for general discussion purposes, and to help students integrate some of the words from this lesson with other words they may know and to help them relate these to their own situation. Give general feedback on their speaking, and elicit answers from the students if appropriate.*

- Watch this YouTube video and try to write down what you didn't see from this lesson . Type on YouTube [the gear soldiers carry](#) or scan the QR Code to the right:
Use this video in class or for self-study
- This Vocabulary Builder links with → Vocabulary Builder – Parts of a Rifle; Vocabulary Builder - Parts of a Uniform.



Vocabulary Recording Transcript

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ratpack

helmet

assault rifle

boots

Camelbak

hearing protection

eye protection

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