

Military English

Lesson: Studying Abroad - Reading

Overview:

This lesson covers an account by an ADF cadet attending the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

In this lesson, you will:

- ✓ read and find general information in a text
- ✓ learn the meaning of new words
- ✓ use new words in sentences

Prepare for Reading

- 1) Discuss the following question with a partner.
 - a. Would you like to study in another country? Why or why not?
 - b. In the pictures here, where are the students? What are they studying? What is happening in picture 3?



Picture 1



Picture 2



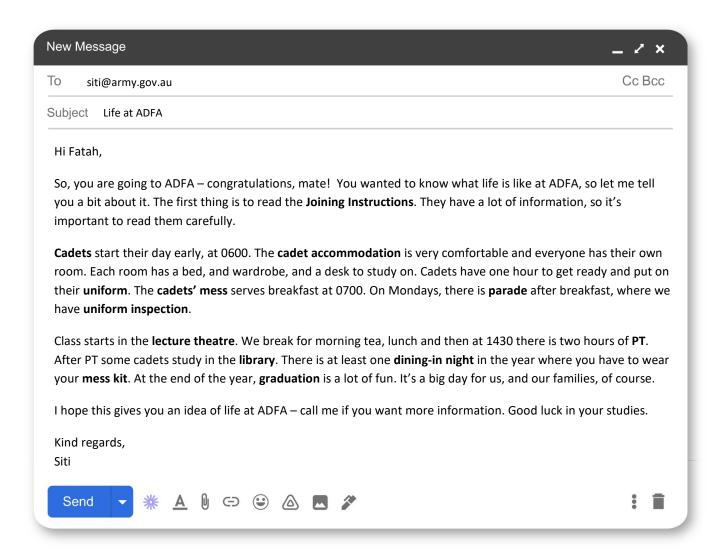
Picture 3

Reading

- 2) Fatah, an Indonesian cadet, will study at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). Siti, his friend, writes an email to him. She gives him some advice. What information will he find in the email?
 - a. a place to stay
 - b. how to get to school
 - c. clothes and uniform
 - d. important documents
 - e. homework
 - f. study schedule
 - g. where to have meals
- 3) Now, read Siti's email below and check your answers. <u>Do not</u> use a dictionary yet. You are going to learn the meaning of the words in **bold** in the next exercise.

Tip: When you see a new word in English you can try to:

- not use a dictionary first, but ask a classmate
- · use an English-English dictionary
- use the sentence to help you guess the meaning



- 4) Read again and decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F).
 - a. Students should always read the Joining Instructions.
 - b. Cadets have to wake up early to get dressed and have breakfast.
 - c. Cadets have to share bedrooms.
 - d. There is uniform inspection every day.
 - e. There is two hours of PT after lunch.
 - f. Cadets can study in their room or in the library.
 - g. On a dining-in night, cadets have to wear a special uniform.

Learning Military Vocabulary

5) The words in **bold** in the text are important military vocabulary that you should learn to use. Match the military words on the left to their definitions on the right. Look at the example.

| read the <u>Joi</u> ning Instructions (n) | | a. a room or a building where cadets live |
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| the cadet accommodation | | b. a formal military event which includes a dinner, drinking, and |
| (n) | | other activities |
| a ca<u>det</u> (n) | f | c. physical training |
| put on their <u>u</u> niform (n) | | d. to check that soldiers wear their uniforms correctly |
| the ca <u>dets'</u> mess serves breakfast (n) | | e. a formal type of uniform used by military personnel |
| there is pa <u>rade</u> (n-unc) | | f. a young person studying to become a military officer |
| have <u>uniform inspection</u> | | g. documents with course details sent to students before the |
| (n) | | course starts |
| in the lecture theatre (n) | | h. a room or building where cadets have their meals |
| two hours of PT (n) | | i. a place where you can borrow books and study |
| in the <u>li</u> brary (n) | | j. a formal event for students who pass a course at a school, college, or university |
| a <u>di</u> ning-in night (n) | | k. clothes that people in the military wear |
| wear your mess kit (n) | | |
| graduation (n) | | m. |

Example: a cadet (n) = f. a young person studying to become a military officer

6) Now let's practise saying the words in this worksheet

| 7) | Now try to use some | of the words from | exercise 5 correctly i | in the sentences below. |
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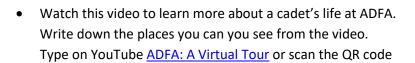
| a. When you have | and your uniform is not neat, you will get extra tasks to do. |
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- b. Many universities and schools have ______ for bigger classes and formal presentations.
- c. Cadets can have breakfast, lunch and dinner at the _____
- d. After breakfast, cadets will have _____ on the parade ground. They practice this for important events, for example, ANZAC Day and _____ when they finish the course.
- e. In the military, keeping fit is part of your career. You should do ______ at least three times a week.

ANZAC Day, 25 April, is a special day to remember Australian and New Zealand soldiers who died during WWI. 'ANZAC' means Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.



- a. From Siti's email, is cadet's life at ADFA similar or different to a cadet's life in your country?
- b. What information will be useful for international cadets that will study in your country?





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