



# Military English

## Vocabulary Builder: Parts of a Uniform

### Overview:

This worksheet lists vocabulary for military uniforms.

### In this vocabulary builder, you will:

- ✓ learn and use vocabulary related to the items of military uniform

1) Label the picture. Use the words in the box below.

a. bush hat  
(army only)

b. rank slide

c. ballcap  
(Navy and Air Force)  
or baseball cap (top is Air force, bottom is Navy)

d. service dress  
Informal: Army – polys; Air Force – SDs; Navy – S7 (W7) / whites

e. beret

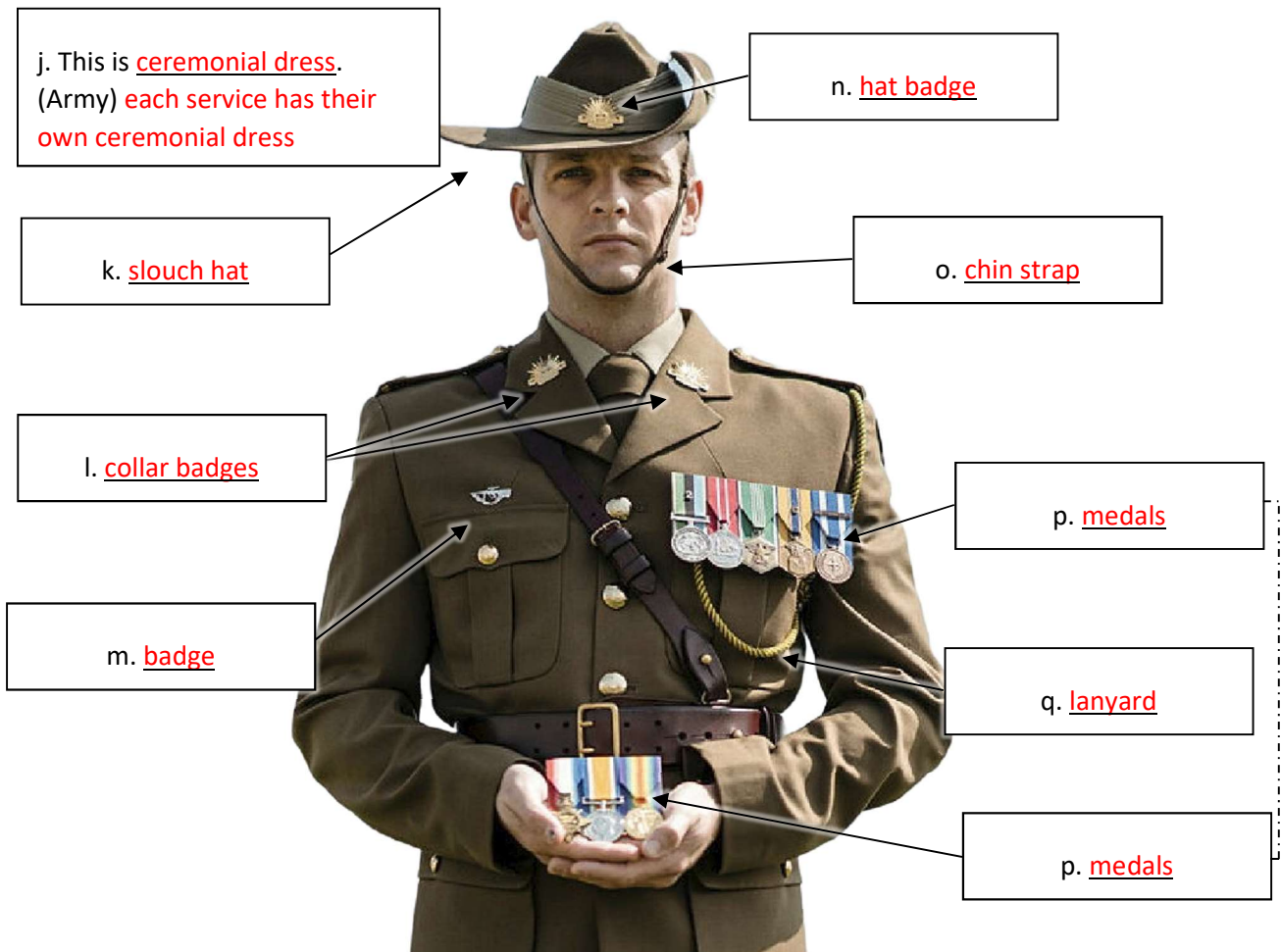
f. hat badge

g. shoulder patch  
Left shoulder- country / flag; Right shoulder - unit

h. camouflage uniform  
Informal:  
Army – cams  
Air Force – GPUs  
Navy – cams

i. combat boots

beret // shoulder patch // camouflage uniform // hat badge // bush hat  
combat boots // rank slide // service dress // ballcap



chin strap // medals // hat badge // collar badges // lanyard  
 badge // slouch hat // ceremonial dress

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

Play recording of the words covered in this worksheet and ask students to repeat. First as a class, then select a few random students to repeat individually. The main stressed syllable is underlined in the words on the vocabulary box for pronunciation.

3) Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hiding ➡️⬇️

Let students work in pairs or small groups (3 or 4). Ask them to speak only English when they work together. You could do the first one for them, if this is necessary. If they can't find a word, ask them to move on. Words are only vertical / horizontal, and are not backwards. When you have given them enough time, you can reveal the answers.

- beret
- shoulder patch
- camouflage
- hat badge
- bush hat
- combat boots
- rank slide
- service dress
- chin strap
- medals
- collar badges
- lanyard
- slouch hat
- ceremonial dress

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. . . C O M B A T B O O T S . . . .
C A M O U F L A G E . . . . .
. . . . . B E R E T . . .
. . S L O U C H H A T . . . . .
S E R V I C E D R E S S . . . . B
. . C E R E M O N I A L D R E S S U
. . C O L L A R B A D G E S . . . S
. . . S H O U L D E R P A T C H . H
. . . . . L A N Y A R D . . . H
. . . . . C H I N S T R A P A
H A T B A D G E . . M E D A L S . T
. . . . . R A N K S L I D E . .

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4) Some parts of Australia are very cold in Winter, Spring, and Autumn. Can you choose which service uniforms are for Summer and which are for Winter? Discuss with your partners why.



1 2  
3 7 9



4 5  
6 8 9

Dress number 9 is worn in any season.



1. Ask ss why uniform 9 is worn year round (because there is only one type of mess dress). Also, tell ss Each service has their own version of the mess dress, but the one in the picture is Army.

5) Look again at the uniforms. Can you guess which branch they serve in? Army, Navy, or Air Force? Write the numbers in each box. Discuss with your partners why.



2 5 7



1 4 6 9



3 8



6) Test your partner. Point to different uniform parts below and ask him/her to say what it is.

For example:

A: What is number \_\_\_? / What is number \_\_\_ called?

B: This is a \_\_\_\_\_./

I can't remember! Do you know?

see exercise 1 for answers.



**Dress of the Day** is what the Commanding Officer (CO) tells his/her personnel to wear.

Work with a partner. Can you give examples of dress of the day in your unit/base?

E.g. *On Mondays and Wednesdays, we have to wear cams.*

- This Vocabulary Builder links with → Vocabulary Builder - Soldier Combat Equipment.
- Watch this video about the Australian Army combat uniform. Type on YouTube New ADF combat uniform, or scan the QR Code →

Suggestion to use the video: engage student in the topic by playing the video at the beginning of the lesson. Before playing ask them "Is your uniform comfortable? What do you like/don't like about your uniform? Then tell them they're going to watch a video about a new uniform for the Australian Army. Ask them what differences there are from the old model. Ans: different colour tone, a new style shirt, lighter fabric, more pockets, better knee pads (they are removable).



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