



Military English

Vocabulary Builder – What's in Your Webbing?

Overview:

This worksheet lists vocabulary related to items soldiers have in their webbing.

In this lesson, you will:

- ✓ learn vocabulary for webbing items
- ✓ practise using the vocabulary
- ✓ use the vocabulary in speaking activities

- 1) Picture search! Work with your friend. How many English words can you find in the pictures in 3 minutes? Can you write the most in the class?



2) Read the 'did you know?' box. Then, discuss the questions with your friend.

- a. Have you ever worn webbing?
Would you like to?
- b. Why do soldiers wear webbing?
- c. What things do soldiers keep
in their webbing?



On patrol, Australian soldiers wear a very heavy belt on their uniform. It can weigh approx. 20kg. This is called 'webbing'.

3) Complete the text with words from the box and compare your ideas.



What is webbing?

Webbing helps soldiers carry important

_____ . Soldiers wear webbing

when they are _____ . Webbing is

useful for many reasons. It can help soldiers to stay

_____ and find things quickly.

Because the _____ is worn around

their waist, it doesn't hurt their backs. It also means

that soldiers can carry more. Soldiers might also

carry a _____ , if they're

spending the night out field.

belt // out field // organised // backpack // gear

4) Listen and check.

5) Look at some of the items Australian soldiers often carry in their webbing. Do you know their names in English? Try to match as many items as you can to the words in the box.

canteen // radio // compass // first aid kit // pouch // ammunition //
hand cleaning gel // rations // cam cream* // torch // canteen cup

* Short for camouflage cream. It's also called cam paint.



a. _____



c. _____



b. _____



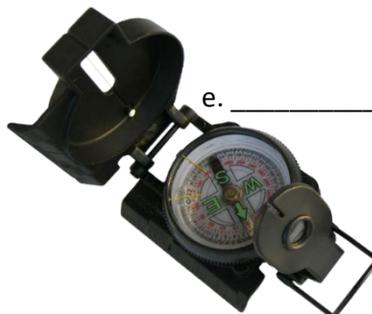
d. _____



f. _____



g. _____



e. _____



h. _____



i. _____



j. _____



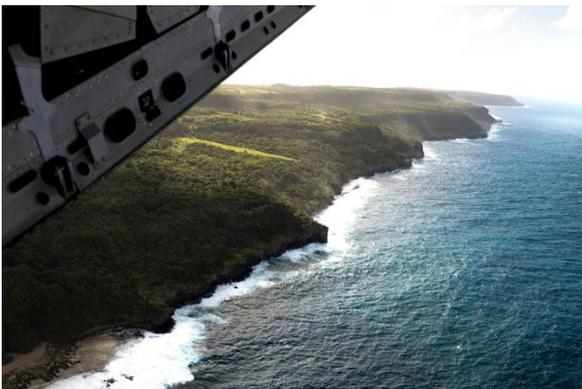
k. _____

- 6)  Listen and check.
- 7)  Listen and repeat.
- 8) Work with your partner and answer this quiz. How many can you guess?



- a. We use this so people can't see us easily in the jungle.
- b. We use this to communicate with our team.
- c. We can attach these to the main webbing belt.
- d. We use this to carry water.
- e. We use this when someone hurts themselves.
- f. We use this to navigate. It always points north.
- g. We can use this to signal for help and see in the dark.
- h. We can keep these for a long time before we eat them.
- i. We can use this to drink and eat out of.
- j. We can use this when we don't have soap and water.
- k. This is fired out of guns.

- 9) Speaking. You are travelling home on a plane after training. You have your gear with you. Oh no! The plane is going down! Lucky you can see that island!



- You have 2 minutes to choose 3 pieces of gear to survive until help arrives!
- Compare your items with your partner. Explain why you have chosen your gear. Can you agree on a list of 3 together?

- Scan the QR code and watch the video "[If I was only allowed to take 5 items to survive in the wild](#)". Discuss the person's ideas with your partner. Do you agree with his ideas? Would you change anything?



- For more practice with the words you've learned here, scan the QR code for a set of flashcards. You can do some more study on the vocab in this lesson on your own with these. →



- This materials links with: Lesson – What's in Your Webbing [listening]
Vocabulary Builder – Parts of a Tactical Field Kit

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