



Military English

Vocabulary Builder – Parts of a Pistol

Overview:

This worksheet presents vocabulary related to the parts of a semi-automatic pistol.

In this lesson, you will:

- ✓ learn vocabulary for the parts of a pistol
- ✓ practise using the vocabulary.

- 1) This is the new pistol used by the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Look at the image and discuss the questions with a partner.
 - a. Which pistol does the defence force of your country use?
 - b. Compare this one below, to the one you use in your defence force. How similar or different is it?
 - c. Why is it important to learn the English words for the parts of a handgun?



Specifications:

- model: Force SIG Sauer P320 XCarry Pro
- weapon type: semi-automatic pistol
- sight: optical (reflex)
- calibre: 9mm
- magazine capacity: 17 rounds*

**round* = bullet



2) Write the words in the correct line below. Look at the example. Continues on the next page.

sights // magazine release // trigger // torch // trigger guard // takedown lever



a. sights

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

hammer // safety // magazine // barrel // slide // grip // muzzle



g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

j. _____

k. _____

l. _____

m. _____

3)  Listen and check.

- 4)  Now let's practise saying the words. Listen and repeat.
- 5) Speaking. Work with a partner. Play a question and answer game. Your teacher will give you a handout for this task.

- Scan the QR code and watch the video '[How a Handgun Works: Parts of a Semi-Automatic](#)'. Write down the parts that were not included in this lesson.



- 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 material links with: Lesson – At a Firing Range [listening]
Lesson – Marksmanship Principles [reading]
Vocabulary Builder – Parts of an Assault Rifle