

Vocabulary

Advice for Basic Combat Training recruits

Summarize the briefing using the key words on the notepad.



5 Tips for Surviving BCT

- yelling -don't take it personally
- follow orders
- get in shape
- remember your goal
- positive attitude

4 comments

ME2 says... He's right. Never **talk back to** your Drill Sergeant or be disrespectful in any way. If the Drill Sergeant is talking, stay **silent**. Do NOT talk. And never **challenge** them if you disagree with something. They hate to be questioned. Other soldiers will **look down on** you if you cause problems, and their unfavorable opinion of you can prevent successful teamwork.

DSRul says... I will always remember my Drill Sergeant with great respect. I **look up to** him because he made me the soldier I am today and he **challenged** me to do my best. He would always tell us, "If you give up here, you'll **surrender** in battle." Because of him I'll never give up in anything I do. Thank you Drill Sergeant Adams.

ME2 says... Something else I wanted to say is this: if you are **willing** to work hard, you can **count on** having a positive experience at Basic. But, you can be sure that you will have a tough time if you don't do your best. Just live one day **at a time**, and you can succeed! And find another soldier you can count on to help you out when you need it.

GR8PV says... Drill Sergeants can make you feel **inferior** at times, but they are only trying to make you excellent soldiers. Sometimes they like to punish everyone if one person makes a mistake. For this reason, **on behalf of** the other soldiers, let me say follow the rules, or everyone might end up doing push-ups!

EXERCISE A Check the name of the person who wrote each statement.

Who wrote that...	ME2	DSRuI	GR8PV
1. you shouldn't speak to the Drill Sergeant rudely?	☐	☐	☐
2. he respects his Drill Sergeant and won't forget him?	☐	☐	☐
3. for other soldiers' benefit, you should stick to the rules?	☐	☐	☐
4. other soldiers won't like it if you cause problems?	☐	☐	☐
5. his Drill Sergeant taught him to never give up?	☐	☐	☐
6. you'll do well if you concentrate on each separate day?	☐	☐	☐
7. you shouldn't question what a Drill Sergeant tells you?	☐	☐	☐
8. a Drill Sergeant might make you feel bad sometimes?	☐	☐	☐

EXERCISE B Write the correct word to complete each sentence.

- Children who _____ their parents are usually punished.
talk back to / look up to
- John was in a hurry, so he took the stairs two _____.
at a time / on behalf of
- Since many souvenir shops sell items of _____ quality, I prefer
to purchase gifts from larger department stores.
silent / inferior
- _____ the graduating class, I'd like to thank all of the teachers.
On behalf of / At a time
- The enemy troops were forced to _____ as soon as they were
surrounded by our unit.
challenge / surrender
- Wounded soldiers _____ medics to immediately render aid
during battle.
challenge / count on