

A The job of the army



These men are **soldiers**, and they are **carrying guns**¹. They are members of an **army**, and part of the responsibility of an army is to **defend** their country from **attack**² and to **protect** the people³. Sometimes this means they have to **fight** the **enemy**⁴. A long period of fighting is called a **war**, e.g. the First World War, 1914–1918, and during a war there will be a number of **battles**⁵.

¹ have guns with them

² stop others who use violence against their country

³ keep them safe

⁴ the people they are fighting against

⁵ fights between two armies

Language help

Violence is when someone tries to hurt or kill someone; the adjective is **violent**.

The **violence** has increased in recent weeks; There have been a number of **violent** attacks.

B Reporting in war



BREAKING NEWS

Recent Bombing

Ten people were **killed** and many more were injured when a **bomb exploded** (see picture) in **the heart of**¹ the city. The attack happened just before midday, and **destroyed**² several buildings. The army are now **searching**³ the area where the attack **took place**⁴. Most of the attackers **escaped**⁵, but the army believe they may still be **hiding**⁶ in other parts of the city.

During the attack, one soldier was **shot**⁷ and later died. It also appears that another soldier is **missing**⁸. The number of **deaths**⁹ is expected to rise.

¹ the centre of

² damaged them so badly that they don't exist now;
NOT completely damaged

³ trying to find someone or something

⁴ happened

⁵ left the place without being caught; *syn* **get away**

⁶ staying in a place where you cannot be seen or found

⁷ injured by a gun

⁸ It isn't known where someone or something is.

⁹ people who are dead / have **died**

Language help

Several words in the unit can be used as verbs and nouns with a similar meaning.

They're **searching** for them.

They're continuing their **search** for them.

He can't **escape**.

There is no **escape**.

When did they **attack**?

Where did the **attack** take place?

Exercises

59.1 Are these words *nouns*, *verbs*, or *nouns and verbs*?

protect	<i>verb</i>	shoot	
search	<i>noun and verb</i>	war	
die		defend	
attack		escape	
death		hide	

59.2 Complete the sentences with the correct verb.

- The soldiers have been *fighting* for days, and so far three have been injured.
- The woman was with a small handgun, but wasn't seriously injured.
- One of the soldiers managed to under the house where no one could find him.
- There are 20 soldiers surrounding the house, so the men inside cannot
- The bomb inside the café. Nobody was but several people were injured.
- I understand the army are houses in an effort to find the gunman.
- The bomb completely the building, but fortunately no one was inside at the time.
- My men had to the village from outside attacks.
- Were the police guns when they saw the men?

59.3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences. Sometimes both are correct.

- One man was found but the other is still *lost* / *missing*.
- The *battle* / *war* lasted for two hours.
- The attack happened in the *heart* / *centre* of the city.
- One of the buildings was completely *damaged* / *destroyed*.
- Three of the men are *died* / *dead*.
- One woman *escaped* / *got away*.
- The boy was badly injured and later *died* / *killed*.
- Some of the policemen are not allowed to *hold* / *carry* guns.
- They don't know who *shoot* / *shot* the man.

59.4 Complete the text.

The ¹ *attack* happened early this morning. The ² were out on patrol when they saw the ³ about half a mile away. Moments later a ⁴ exploded quite close to them, and was followed by a ⁵ gun battle which lasted two hours. Two soldiers were ⁶ and several were injured. An ⁷ captain said that they have now taken control of the area where the attack ⁸

59.5 Use a dictionary to develop these word families, and write example sentences for the new words.

verb	noun	example
protect	<i>protection</i>	<i>The army gave the families protection.</i>
destroy		
explode		
defend		