

## A The job of the army



These men are **soldiers**, and they are **carrying guns**<sup>1</sup>. They are members of an **army**, and part of the responsibility of an army is to **defend** their country from **attack**<sup>2</sup> and to **protect** the people<sup>3</sup>. Sometimes this means they have to **fight** the **enemy**<sup>4</sup>. 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**<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> have guns with them

<sup>2</sup> stop others who use violence against their country

<sup>3</sup> keep them safe

<sup>4</sup> the people they are fighting against

<sup>5</sup> 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**<sup>1</sup> the city. The attack happened just before midday, and **destroyed**<sup>2</sup> several buildings. The army are now **searching**<sup>3</sup> the area where the attack **took place**<sup>4</sup>. Most of the attackers **escaped**<sup>5</sup>, but the army believe they may still be **hiding**<sup>6</sup> in other parts of the city.

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

<sup>1</sup> the centre of

<sup>2</sup> damaged them so badly that they don't exist now;  
NOT completely damaged

<sup>3</sup> trying to find someone or something

<sup>4</sup> happened

<sup>5</sup> left the place without being caught; *syn* **get away**

<sup>6</sup> staying in a place where you cannot be seen or found

<sup>7</sup> injured by a gun

<sup>8</sup> It isn't known where someone or something is.

<sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> *attack* ..... happened early this morning. The <sup>2</sup> ..... were out on patrol when they saw the <sup>3</sup> ..... about half a mile away. Moments later a <sup>4</sup> ..... exploded quite close to them, and was followed by a <sup>5</sup> ..... gun battle which lasted two hours. Two soldiers were <sup>6</sup> ..... and several were injured. An <sup>7</sup> ..... captain said that they have now taken control of the area where the attack <sup>8</sup> .....

### 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  |                   |                                               |