

## 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****DSRul****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.**

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