13 Organization: **Arms & Services**



Infantry troops leave their armored personnel carriers to take up combat positions



A field artillery unit fires a rocket



A Military Police sergeant at work with his K9 partner

Each **branch** (also called an **arm** or **service**) within an army has a specific purpose.

Combat arms units fight the enemy directly. The **infantry** (or **foot soldiers**) is the oldest of these. Infantry soldiers **engage the enemy** face-to-face, often with **small arms**.

Field artillery units control large-caliber guns. The artillery provides fire from long distances.

Armored divisions employ tanks for front-line combat.

There are also **combat support arms** such as the **Corps of Engineers** and **Military Police**. These units do not typically fight the enemy directly.
Instead, they offer support to units that do.

1 According to the passage, what is the role of field artillery units?

- ○ **A** to support foot soldiers from long distances
- ○ **B** to provide the infantry with weapons
- ○ **C** to perform maintenance and construction
- ○ **D** to engage the enemy in face-to-face combat

2 Field artillery units use ... as their primary weapons.

- ○ **A** rifles
- ○ **B** large-caliber guns
- ○ **C** armored vehicles
- ○ **D** tanks

3 What can be inferred about the Corps of Engineers?

- ○ **A** They are the oldest branch of the military.
- ○ **B** They accompany armor into battle.
- ○ **C** They aren't primarily trained for direct fighting.
- ○ **D** They face the enemy frequently.

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Vocabulary

2 **Choose the word or phrase that is similar in meaning to each given word.**

1 ***branch***

- ○ **A** infantry
- ○ **B** combat arms
- ○ **C** service

2 ***infantry***

- ○ **A** combat support arms
- ○ **B** foot soldiers
- ○ **C** armored units

Vocabulary

4 **Put the words and phrases below in the correct category.**

armored division | Military Police | infantry | Corps of Engineers | field artillery

Combat Arms	Combat Support Arms

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Listening

5 🎧 **A soldier is at a recruiting office to discuss careers in the army. Listen to the recruiting officer advising him, an complete the notes about the two careers she discusses.**

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Infantry:

Get **(1)** _____ training

Fight on the **(2)** _____ _____

Get fantastic **(3)** _____ training

Special Forces:

(4) _____ - _____ soldiers

Carry out **(5)** _____ missions

(e.g. **(6)** _____ missions)

Speaking

6 **Use the notes in Ex. 5 to talk about the advantages of each career. Use the words below to fill in the gaps.**

missions | infantry | physical | Special | soldier | carry | training | Forces | line | out

The advantages of a career in the _____ are that you get weapons _____, you get to fight on the front _____ and you also get fantastic _____ training.

The advantages of a career in the _____ _____ are that you will be a highly trained _____ and _____ _____ special missions, for example recon _____.

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