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Battles

Vocabulary

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War and conflict

I can talk about military conflicts.

1 Choose the correct words to complete the texts.

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| 1 a troops | b guerrillas | c terrorists |
| 2 a guerrilla | b occupation | c special |
| 3 a allies | b terrorists | c troops |
| 4 a security | b atrocities | c coalition |
| 5 a asymmetric warfare | b invasion | c insurgency |
| 6 a leader | b government | c coalition |
| 7 a allies | b leaders | c civilian governments |
| 8 a insurgency | b occupation | c security |
| 9 a border | b security | c civilian government |
| 10 a terrorists | b civilians | c forces |
| 11 a invasion | b atrocity | c guerrilla raid |
| 12 a insurgency | b ally | c asymmetric warfare |



HOTEL SIEGE OVER

Malian government ¹ _____, assisted by elite ² _____ forces from other countries, have retaken the Radisson Blu Hotel in Bamako, Mali. 170 hostages were rescued nearly three days after two ³ _____ entered the building and began shooting. Many of the hostages were foreign aid workers, and this attack brings into question the ⁴ _____ of aid organisations in the country.

Rebuilding Proves Difficult in Iraq

More than fifteen years after the ⁵ _____ of their country by the United States and a ⁶ _____ of its ⁷ _____, life is still very difficult for the people of Iraq. The military ⁸ _____ of Iraq has now ended, but the ⁹ _____ is very weak, and many people still lack jobs and basic amenities.

ELN Guerrillas Attack in Colombia

ELN guerrillas have ambushed a police convoy, injuring five police officers and three ¹⁰ _____, Colombian television reports. The well-planned ¹¹ _____ took place late last night on a busy road in the capital, Bogotá. The government has been fighting the ELN ¹² _____ on and off since 1964.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb and a noun below.

come deploy go launch lie withdraw

ambush attack force force power war

- Police caught the terrorists as they _____ in _____ outside an army base, ready to attack.
- Our army has _____ a new _____ on the rebel-held city.
- The Prime Minister _____ to _____ last year, after winning the election.
- Britain is going to _____ a small _____ of military police to Jordan to help train local recruits.
- 'We don't want to _____ to _____,' the Defence Minister said, 'but we have to defend ourselves.'
- America has _____ all of its _____ from Iraq.

3 2.02 Listen to a talk about a war in Liberia. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- Liberia was a democracy until a soldier called Samuel Doe _____ in 1980.
- There were many _____ when fighting broke out after troops loyal to Charles Taylor attacked the capital, Monrovia.
- In 1999, another civil war started when a number of groups _____.
- An international UN force of 15,000 _____ to Liberia between 2003 and 2013.
- Their role was to secure Liberia's borders and provide training to its _____.
- Many people witnessed awful _____ during the war.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

break inflict occupy put up stage station supply

- The army _____ heavy casualties in the operation.
- Foreign troops _____ the country ten years ago.
- A surprise attack finally _____ the stalemate.
- Our company _____ arms to the security forces.
- Troops _____ on this island to protect it.
- People _____ a protest about the government's plans.
- Our troops _____ a lot of resistance right now, but we may have to withdraw from the city.