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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.

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 guerilla raid
12 a insurgency	b ally	c asymmetric warfare



### HOTEL SIEGE OVER

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

### Rebuilding Proves Difficult in Iraq

More than fifteen years after the<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of their country by the United States and a<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of its<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, life is still very difficult for the people of Iraq. The military<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of Iraq has now ended, but the<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Colombian television reports. The well-planned<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ took place late last night on a busy road in the capital, Bogotá. The government has been fighting the ELN<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- 1 Police caught the terrorists as they \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ outside an army base, ready to attack.
- 2 Our army has \_\_\_\_\_ a new \_\_\_\_\_ on the rebel-held city.
- 3 The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ last year, after winning the election.
- 4 Britain is going to \_\_\_\_\_ a small \_\_\_\_\_ of military police to Jordan to help train local recruits.
- 5 'We don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_,' the Defence Minister said, 'but we have to defend ourselves.'
- 6 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.

- 1 Liberia was a democracy until a soldier called Samuel Doe \_\_\_\_\_ in 1980.
- 2 There were many \_\_\_\_\_ when fighting broke out after troops loyal to Charles Taylor attacked the capital, Monrovia.
- 3 In 1999, another civil war started when a number of groups \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 An international UN force of 15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ to Liberia between 2003 and 2013.
- 5 Their role was to secure Liberia's borders and provide training to its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 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

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