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A The armed forces



If you join **the armed forces**, you will be **serving** your country, but it is important to remember that the forces also provide a good **career structure**. Young men and women can receive **advanced technical** training in a variety of **fields** that can help them to develop a wide range of **skills**. An added **benefit** of this is that when you eventually leave the forces, you will have more experience and better **qualifications** than before you joined, and the opportunity to go on to another interesting career.

GLOSSARY

the (armed) forces	a country's soldiers who fight on land (the **army**), at sea (the **navy**), or in the air (the **air force**)
serve	do work for other people
structure	the way that the parts of sth are put together and organized
advanced	for sb who is already of a high level: *an **advanced** English class*
technical	connected with the practical use of machines, methods, etc. in science and industry
field	an area of study or knowledge: *the **field** of medicine*
skill	a particular ability or type of ability
benefit	sth that is good or helpful **benefit** *v*
qualification	an exam you have passed or a course you have finished

SPOTLIGHT *career, job, profession*

A **career** is the series of jobs you have in a particular area.
a career in the army/publishing/teaching, etc.

A **job** is any work you do to earn money.
- *I got a **job** as a designer with ABC Designs.*

A **profession** is a job with a high level of training and/or education.
the medical/teaching/legal profession

1 Underline the correct or best answer.

▶ A *job/career* in medicine.
1 What are the ***benefits / qualifications*** of working as a team?
2 Making a ***cake / mistake*** is a skill.
3 You need technical knowledge to understand ***poetry / computer systems***.
4 ***Teaching / Bus driving*** is a profession.
5 ***Advanced / Elementary*** courses are at a low level.
6 ***Two years in the army / A university degree*** is a qualification.
7 The ***navy / army*** work on ships or submarines.
8 I worked in the ***field / job*** of training and communication systems.

2 Complete the words in the text.

After I leave university, I would like to join the armed ▶ forces . I have always wanted a **(1)** _____ as a pilot, and the **(2)** _____ has a very good career **(3)** _____ . It would also be an opportunity to **(4)** _____ my country. I already have some experience of flying, but in the air force, you learn to fly a range of different aircraft: that is one of the great **(5)** _____ . As a result, you get a very **(6)** _____ level of **(7)** _____ training, and the opportunity to develop a wide range of different **(8)** _____ . If I trained as an air force pilot, I would have the **(9)** _____ and experience that I need in later life.

3 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers, or talk to another student.**

1 Would you like a career in the armed forces? _____
2 If you were in the forces, would you prefer the army, the navy or the air force? _____
3 What qualifications do you have? _____
4 Are there other qualifications you would need or like to have? _____
5 Are there other skills you would like to have? _____
6 Do you want a career in just one profession, or would you prefer to work in different fields? _____

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B A working life

I left school with very few qualifications. It was a time of high **unemployment**, but I got a job as a postman. However, it's not an **occupation** with a real career structure, so I soon left. I was **unemployed** for a while, but I finally **managed to** get a job in an engineering company. I worked really hard, and within two years I was **promoted**. The company then paid for me to do a two-year **diploma** in mechanical engineering, which was good for my **CV**. And by my late 30s, I was **appointed assistant** manager of a company in a nearby town, where I **remained** for the rest of my working life. I **retired** last year.

SPOTLIGHT *employment*

Employment is having a job you are paid to do.

- *It is hard for young people to find **employment** at the moment.*

Unemployment is when there are not enough jobs for the people who want to work. **unemployed** *adj*

GLOSSARY

occupation *formal*	job
manage (to do sth)	be able to do sth, often sth difficult
promote (often passive)	give sb a better job at a higher level in a company **promotion** *n*
diploma	a course of study. At the end of it you receive a piece of paper that shows you have passed an exam or finished the course.
CV (short for **curriculum vitae**)	a written list of your education and work experience that you send when you are trying to get a job
appoint	choose sb for a job **appointment** *n*
assistant	having a position below that of a senior person and helping them in their work: ***an assistant manager***
remain *formal*	stay in the same way or place; not change
retire	stop working because you are a certain age (usually 65 or older) **retirement** *n*

4 **Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ appoint / employment S
1 occupation / diploma .....
2 diploma / retire .....
3 curriculum / occupation .....
4 promote / appoint .....
5 occupation / manage .....
6 assistant / unemployment .....
7 manage / remain .....

5 **Good news? Bad news? Not sure? Write *G*, *B* or *not sure*.**

▶ They've appointed me. G
1 They've promoted me. .....
2 They didn't want my CV. .....
3 I remained with the company. .....
4 I was unemployed. .....
5 I had to retire. .....
6 I got my diploma. .....
7 I was manager, but now I'm assistant manager. .....
8 Unemployment is going down. .....

6 **Complete the sentences with a single word.**

▶ I did well and I was soon promoted. (*given a better job*)
1 I was pleased when they ..... me. (*chose me for the job*)
2 It was difficult but I ..... to finish the work on time. (*was able*)
3 He asked me for my name, address and ..... . (*the job I did*)
4 I've never been ..... . (*without a job*)
5 I thought about leaving but I've decided to ..... . (*stay in the same place*)
6 After five years, I was made ..... manager. (*helper to the manager*)
7 I've got a ..... in Business Studies. (*a course followed by an exam*)
8 I ..... when I was 65. (*stopped working*)
9 There are problems with ..... in my town. (*not enough work and jobs*)
10 I've sent in my ..... to the company. (*a list of my education and work experience*)

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