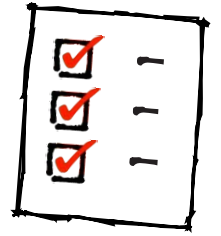


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## Day Two

# Military Dogs

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- They were hidden beneath the ground
  - About 1,000 dogs served on the front lines
  - Military dogs and their handlers
  - Like his beloved dog
  - as a reward for their service
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- practice                      **PRAK** | tiss
  - military                         **MIL** | ih | tair | ee
  - German shepherd            **JUR** | min    **SHEP** | urd
  - relationships                 rih | **LAY** | shun | ships
  - reward                         ree | **WARD**



### Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo
- Write a long vowel sign  $\bar{\text{v}}$  on top of the first vowel in the combo
- Cross out the second vowel in the combo
- Say the word with your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name). Make the second vowel silent.

The first one is done for you.

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# Day Two Military Dogs

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## Part 2: Last read

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In Iraq, IEDs were everywhere. An IED is a homemade bomb. IEDs popped up in cars and houses. They were hidden beneath the ground and under clothing. How could people find IEDs in these tricky places? Often, people couldn't, but dogs could.

About 1,000 dogs served on the front lines in the Iraq War. They found IEDs, did search	59
and rescue, and helped with other jobs. The most common breed was the German	73
shepherd. Not every dog can be a military dog. These dogs must be smart and strong.	89
Then, they must be trained. The dogs need lots of practice and lots of praise.	104

In Iraq, military dogs worked hard. They had to deal with 130 degree heat. They risked	120
their lives every day.	124

These dogs also became trusted friends. Military dogs and their handlers had close	137
relationships. Marine Sergeant Benjamin Maple has a strong bond with his dog, Star. "I	151
almost walked on an IED but he was ahead of me, he saved my life," he told <i>NPR</i> . When	170
Maple's baby daughter was born, he gave her a special name. Like his beloved dog, her	186
name is Star.	189

Would you like to get to know a military dog? When these dogs come back to the U.S.,	207
they need homes. American families adopt them. They can enjoy the good life as a	222
reward for their service.	226

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Would you like to have a military dog as a pet? Why or why not?

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Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think about having a military dog as a pet?

- We have the same opinion about this
- We have different ideas about this