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Women in Combat?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Army Captain Tammy Duckworth was flying a Black Hawk helicopter
- She was commended by the Army for her courage
- the U.S. military still had rules against women fighting on the front lines
- Even elite commando units would now be open to women
- A defense official told *CNN* that women were ready

- propelled pruh | **PELD**
- Specialist **SPE** | shuh | list
- Shavodsha shuh | **VOD** | shuh
- convoy **KON** | voy
- courage **KUR** | ej
- Lieutenant loo | **TEN** | ent
- Colonel **KUR** | nul



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables between double letters in the middle of words.

- Underline the double letters
- Draw a line between the double letters
- Put a short vowel sign \sim over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

T \sim ammy

supply

commended

barracks

attacks

commando



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Part 2: Last read

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One day in November 2004, Army Captain Tammy Duckworth was flying a Black Hawk helicopter in Iraq. Suddenly, a rocket-propelled grenade slammed against the helicopter. Duckworth was badly injured, losing both of her legs and most of her right arm.

In October 2003, Specialist Shavodsha Hodges was in a supply convoy in northern Iraq	55
when an IED hit. Her armored truck began to roll over, nearly crushing her friend, Private Gregory Burchett. Hodges acted fast. She pulled Burchett to safety. Just then, the	71
shooting started. Hodges used her own body to shield her friend from the bullets. She was	84
commended by the Army for her courage.	100
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Despite the brave acts of women like Duckworth and Hodges during the Iraq War, the	122
U.S. military still had rules against women fighting on the front lines. Many people said	137
this made no sense. The Iraq War was a different kind of war. There were no front lines	155
and no safe zones. Attacks could come at the barracks, driving down the road, or walking	171
down the street. In 2005, Lieutenant Colonel Cheri Provanha told <i>The Washington Post</i> ,	184
“You can’t tell me I’m not being shot at. You can’t tell me I can’t handle combat.”	201

In 2013, the U.S. military heard these voices and lifted the ban on women in combat.	217
Even elite commando units would now be open to women. A defense official told <i>CNN</i>	232
that women were ready. “We know they can do it,” he said.	244

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

In your opinion, should women soldiers fight on the front lines? yes no
Why do you feel this way?

Share your answer with your partner. Does your partner agree or disagree with you?

- We feel the same way about women in combat
- We have different opinions