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Day Two

Women in Combat

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- As gunfire hit the supply truck in front of her
- She ran through a hail of bullets to help the injured driver
- women soldiers were supposed to be banned from front line combat
- Snipers picked off soldiers in the street
- improvised explosive devices

- vehicle **VEE** | hih | kul
- improvised **IM** | pruh | vyzd
- explosive ek | **SPLOH** | siv
- devices de | **VY** | sez
- Jimenez hee | **MEN** | ez
- Fallujah fah | **LOO** | jah
- capable **KAY** | pa | bul



Decoding practice:

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

- Underline the double consonants
- Draw a line between the double consonants
- Put a short vowel sign ~ over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

būllets

sudden

attacks

supposed

gunner

biggest

barracks

commando



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Army medic Veronica Alfaro was driving in a line of trucks through Iraq. All of a sudden, tracer bullets lit up the sky. As gunfire hit the supply truck in front of her, the convoy stalled. Alfaro used her own truck to shield the vehicle that had been hit. She ran through a hail of bullets to help the injured driver. Trained as a machine gunner, she showed no concern for her own safety. Alfaro received the Bronze Star for bravery in action.

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69
83

During the Iraq War, the U.S. military still had old rules in place. In wartime, women soldiers were supposed to be banned from front line combat. In Iraq, however, this rule made no sense. There were no front lines. Attacks could come anywhere. Rockets came flying into the barracks. Snipers picked off soldiers in the street. The biggest danger was IEDs: improvised explosive devices. These homemade bombs popped up everywhere. Any soldier walking down the street or driving through the desert was a target.

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114
128
143
153
167

In 2005, Lance Corporal Angelica Jimenez was in a convoy of Marine trucks in Fallujah, Iraq. When her truck took a direct hit, three of her friends were killed. Jimenez was badly burned. After she recovered, she told *ABC News*, “Women are just as capable.”

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198
212

In 2013, the U.S. military recognized the roles that women had played and lifted the ban on women in combat. Even the toughest commando units would now be open to everyone.

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242
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think women soldiers should be able to fight in combat? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. Write down your partner's ideas.
