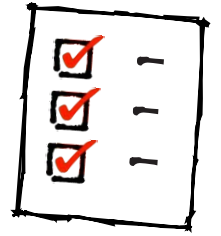


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Enlisting: One Soldier's Story

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- were chaotic and unstable
- the U.S. Army set a goal of enlisting 80,000 new recruits
- Many people said we should never have gone to war
- she was an 18-year-old high school senior
- Military benefits made the Army look like the right choice

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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 \sim over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

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Part 2: Last read

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By 2006, the Iraq War was becoming unpopular. Three years after the invasion, we were still fighting. Things on the ground in Iraq were chaotic and unstable. Many people said we should never have gone to war.

In 2006, the U.S. Army set a goal of enlisting 80,000 new recruits. It looked like it might	55
be hard to reach this goal. During an unpopular war, who would enlist? In fact, more than	72
80,000 people enlisted in 2006. Who were these American soldiers? Who enlisted during	85
wartime?	86

Amanda Gillenger of Killeen, Texas was one of the new recruits. In September of 2006,	101
she was an 18-year-old high school senior. While some high school students enlist	116
without knowing much about the military, Amanda knew what to expect. Both of	129
Amanda's parents served in the Army. "My mom's in Iraq right now," she told <i>NPR</i> .	144

For Amanda, enlisting was a way to help pay for college. "College is expensive	158
nowadays, and I want to be a doctor," she said. Military benefits made the Army look	174
like the right choice. She made plans to join after graduation.	185

Amanda said she knew that she might see combat in Iraq. Still, she thought the deal was	202
fair. "One tour, a year in Iraq, is nothing compared to how much better my life will be if I	222
get to be a doctor," she said. "The Army is giving me my future."	236

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think Amanda made a good or a bad decision? Why?

Tell your partner about Amanda's decision. What does your partner think? Why?
