

## "30 minutes of English"

### Lesson3.

Topic: "Military career"

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Task 7. Look at the pictures. What is the place on them? What do you know about it?



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Task 8. Listen and underline the correct item in bold.

1. It is the oldest of the **five/nine** military colleges in the United States.
2. After graduation, they are given the rank of **first lieutenant/second lieutenant**.
3. The students **pay/do not pay** for their education.
4. The code of honour acts **in the academy/in and out of the academy**.
5. The president of the United States, **Thomas Jefferson/Ulysses S. Grant** graduated from West Point.

**R** Task 9a. Look at the title of the article. What do you want to know when you read it? Write 3-5 questions.

*Example:* When was it formed?

Task 9b. Read the article, and try to find the answers to your questions.

## West Point



West Point, New York, is a small town about eighty kilometers north of New York City. It is the home of the United States Military Academy. Many people speak of the academy as simply "West Point".

It was formed in eighteen-oh-two when Thomas Jefferson was president. It is the oldest of the five military colleges in the United States. It also is the oldest continuously occupied military post in the United States. This four-year school has about four thousand four

hundred students, or cadets. Both men and women study here before joining the United States Army. After graduation, they are given the rank of second lieutenant.

It is difficult to become a student at West Point. Only about fifteen percent of students who apply are accepted. High school seniors must have very good grades. They also must be nominated by a member of the United States Congress or by the president of the United States.

Each year about one thousand new students are chosen. They do not have to pay for their education. All student costs are paid by the United States Army. But the students must agree to serve actively in the Army for at least five years after finishing their studies.

West Point also accepts a limited number of international students. After



graduation they return to their home countries to serve in their country's army.

Cadets can take classes in more than forty subject areas. The most popular are foreign languages, management information systems, history, economics and mechanical engineering. The cadets are required to take physical fitness courses. Most of them are also members of sports teams.

An important part of a student's life at West Point concerns the honor code. It says: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do." This code is enforced both in and out of the classroom.

The students and teachers at the United States Military Academy are proud of their history. Two presidents of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower, graduated from West Point. Many famous generals, astronauts and business leaders have also studied at the academy.



Task 9c. Answer the questions.

1. What is West Point? Where is it located?
2. How many military colleges are there in the USA?
3. What rank is given after graduation?
4. Do students pay for their education? What do they agree to?
5. What does West Point's honour code says?
6. What outstanding people graduated from West Point?



The symbol above is a symbol of West Point Academy. What is a symbol of your academy/institute? What does it symbolize?