

## "30 minutes of English"

### Lesson 8.

#### Topic: "Military career"

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**R** Task 23. a) Read the texts quickly. Find four words (not more) that you don't know, and check them in your dictionary. b) Compare with a partner the four words you each looked up. c) Underline the phrases which best describe pictures in the texts.

d) Jigsaw reading. Divide into two groups.

Group A Read about Duke of Cambridge. Group B Read about Prince Harry.

### Duke of Cambridge



The Duke of Cambridge graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, on 15th December 2006. He took part in the Sovereign's Parade which was presided over by his grandmother The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall also attended. He was commissioned after completing a 44-week training course at Sandhurst which is in Camberley, Surrey. To gain entry to Sandhurst, His Royal Highness had to pass his Regular Commissions Board (RCB) which he did in October 2005. The Board is demanding, and consists of a number of tests and

tasks designed to assess mental, physical and emotional aptitude. In 2007, William was promoted to Lieutenant in the Household Cavalry (Blues and Royals). In 2008, he received his RAF wings from his father The Prince of Wales at RAF Cranwell after completing an intensive 12 week flying course. The Duke became the fourth successive generation of the monarchy to become an RAF pilot. In April 2008, The Duke undertook a 30-hour trip to RAF Detachments in theatre at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan and Al Udeid, Qatar. Having started his training in January 2009 at RAF Valley in Anglesey, Wales, in January 2010, William successfully completed advanced helicopter flying training at the Defence Helicopter Flying School based at RAF Shawbury. The completion of the 12 month course is a significant step in his training to become a fully operational pilot with the Royal Air Force's Search and Rescue Force (SARF). His training included Advanced Handling;



Night Flying; Emergency Handling and Tactical and Formation Flying. In February 2012, Flight Lieutenant Wales as he is known in the military – arrived in the Falkland Islands on a routine six-week operational deployment. He undertook Search and Rescue Duties. The Duke will now command Search and Rescue Operations in RAF Sea King helicopters, as part of a four person crew.

## Prince Harry

Prince Harry entered The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, in May 2005. The course is highly demanding and involves both theory and tough physical training. In 2006, Prince Harry joined the Blues and Royals. Prince Harry was commissioned as an Army officer in April 2006. The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, took the salute at the Sovereign's Parade at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall also attended the Parade to see Prince Harry's Passing Out, as the commissioning is known. Prince William was also there as an officer cadet.

Prince Harry joined his regiment in May 2006, before reporting to The Armour Centre at Bovington in Dorset to begin the Troop Leaders' Course, his special-to-arm training to become an armoured reconnaissance troop leader. This second phase of his preparatory training included instruction in signals, driving and maintenance, and gunnery.



On completion of the Troop Leaders' Course in October 2006, Prince Harry rejoined his regiment in Windsor, and was responsible for a troop of 11 soldiers and four Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles. In May 2007, the Ministry of Defence made a decision about Prince Harry's deployment to Iraq for more than two months. In April 2008, Prince Harry was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with The Household Cavalry (Blues and Royals). In December 2008, Prince Harry passed his Army Air Corps 'Grading' and Pilot's Selection Board interview to begin training to

become an Army Air Corps Pilot in January 2009. On successful completion of that Army Pilots Course, Prince Harry was selected to train on the Apache Attack Helicopter. On the same day, Prince Harry received his provisional wings from his father, The Prince of Wales, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Air Corps (AAC). He was promoted to the rank of Captain in April 2011, and was awarded his Apache Badge from the Officer in Command of his Squadron. Captain Harry Wales – as he is now known in the Military – visited the United States of America in October 2011 to complete the final elements of the Apache Conversion to Role course where he learnt to operate the aircraft and its weapons systems in a variety of challenging operational scenarios. Prince Harry is currently a fully operational Apache Helicopter Pilot with the Army Air Corps.

### Task 23e. Answer the questions.

1. Where and when did he study?
2. What branch of service does he serve in?
3. What was his first posting?
4. What training courses did he take?
5. What promotions did he get?
6. What is his current rank?

**When you have answered your questions, find a partner from the other group. Compare your answers, and swap information.**

### Task 23f. Find in the texts all forms of Past Passive and underline them.

**W** Task 24. Write about some military leader. Use all words and grammar constructions learnt in this unit.