

"30 minutes of English"

Lesson9.

Topic: "Weapons and military transport"

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R Task 17a. Read the text and learn the words in bold.

Mine Clearing Machines

When there is not much time for an army to clear a **minefield**, it often uses certain machines to clear a **safe path**. Military forces employ several kinds of **mine-clearing machines** to clear out or detonate mines. Some machines are specifically designed for the task of mine clearance, while tanks can also be fitted with certain mine-clearing devices.

There are several types of mine-clearing machines: tanks, Panther, Aardvark, Berm Processing Assembly. New machines are **remote controlled**, which minimizes the risk to personnel. Mine-clearing machines use one of three techniques: **chains** to beat the ground, **rollers** to roll over and detonate mines, and **blades** to **plow** through the minefields, pushing the mines to the side.

New mines are laid at a rate 25 times faster than they are cleared. New technologies will make it easier to find and locate mines, but can't prevent their placement. As long as nations continue to use **landmines**, these devices will be a danger for civilians as well as soldiers.



Task 17b. Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1. minefield | a) vehicles that clear out mines |
| 2. safe path | b) the flat part of a tool or weapon that (usually) has a cutting edge |
| 3. mine-clearing machines | c) a bomb hidden under the ground that explodes when a person or vehicle moves over it |
| 4. remote controlled | d) a tube-shaped object in a machine that turns over and over in order to carry things along or press them down or together |
| 5. chains | e) a way cleared from landmines |
| 6. beat | f) to beat or thrash with or as if with a flail |
| 7. rollers | g) to turn over the soil before planting seeds using a plow |
| 8. blades | h) an area of ground or water containing explosive mines |
| 9. plow | i) to hit something many times or for a long period of time |
| 10. landmines | j) controlled from a distance by the use of radio or electronic signals |

Task 18. Write the correct forms of the adjectives given in brackets.

1. If you're anything like me, the only thing _____ (**bad**) than cleaning my weapon was shining my boots.
2. AK-47 is one of _____ (**renowned**) assault rifles created and used by personnel across the world for decades.
3. High-velocity, small caliber rounds have _____ (**high**) combat effectiveness than high-caliber rounds.
4. It's _____ (**safe**) to drive the speed limit than to speed and cause an accident.
5. India has _____ (**high**) number of road accidents in the world.

W Task 19. Look for information about APC and IFV. Write 5-7 sentences comparing two vehicles.