

Army Ranks and Units

S Task 17a. Learn the words. Practise saying ranks and units.

British Army	US Army	Army Units
Field Marshal	General of the Army	Section (British Army)
General	General	Squad (American Army)
Lieutenant General	Lieutenant General	Platoon
Major General	Major General	Company
Brigadier	Brigadier General	Battalion
Colonel	Colonel	Regiment
Lieutenant Colonel	Lieutenant Colonel	Brigade
Major	Major	Division
Captain	Captain	Corps
Lieutenant	First Lieutenant	
Second Lieutenant	Second Lieutenant	

Task 17b. Answer the questions.

1. Which rank is higher: Lieutenant Colonel or Lieutenant General?
2. Which rank is lower: Major General or General?
3. Which rank is higher: Captain or Major?
4. Which unit is larger: brigade or division?
5. Which unit is smaller: company or battalion?
6. Which unit is larger: regiment or platoon?

Task 17c. Ask each other questions about your ranks and units.

Example: What is your rank? – I am a captain. / My rank is captain.
What is your position? – I am a platoon commander.

R Task 18a. Learn the words in the box. Read the text.

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About Myself



My name is Andrew Thomson. I am American. I am from San Antonio, Texas. I am 28. I was born on the 7th of May, 1984.

I am a serviceman. I serve in the American Army. My military rank is lieutenant. I am a platoon commander. I am responsible for organizing and training soldiers in the platoon. Days are always busy for me.

I am married. My wife Jane is American, too. She is 26. She is a nurse. We have two children, a boy and a girl. My son Martin is only one year old. He is funny. My daughter Ann is three. She is smart. I love my wife and my children very much.

My elder brother is an officer in the American Army, too. His rank is captain. He's 2IC (second-in-command) of a company commander. My father is also military. He is a colonel. He works at the headquarters. So, our family is a military dynasty. My mother is a doctor in the military hospital.

My favourite sport is baseball. I also like listening to classical music.

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Task 18b. Answer the questions.

1. What is his name?
2. Is he American?
3. How old is he?
4. When was he born?
5. What is his job?
6. What is his rank?
7. What is he responsible for?
8. Is he married?
9. How old is his wife?
10. What is his wife's job?
11. How many children does he have?
12. Is his son funny?
13. Is his brother a major?
14. What is his father's rank?
15. What is his favourite sport?
16. What is his phone number?