

# "30 minutes of English"

## Lesson9.

### Topic: "Medical Aid"

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Task 26. Read the text. How do CASEVAC and MEDEVAC differ?



#### CASEVAC vs. MEDEVAC

**Casualty evacuation**, also known as **CASEVAC**, is a military term for the emergency patient evacuation of casualties from a combat zone. CASEVAC can be done by both ground and air. The casualty evacuation tries to minimise the effects of wounds, injuries and disease to military personnel through their fast identification, treatment and evacuation.

The primary difference between a CASEVAC and a **medical evacuation (MEDEVAC)** is that a **MEDEVAC** uses a standardized and specialized vehicle providing en route care. On the other hand, CASEVAC uses non standardized and non specialized vehicles that do not provide en route care. The service exists to transport casualties that need evacuation from the battlefield and do not have time to wait on a MEDEVAC, or where a MEDEVAC is unable to get to the casualty.

So in a sense, MEDEVAC transports are dedicated aircraft to transport casualties, CASEVAC is any transport used to move battlefield casualties. In the US Military, the terms CASEVAC and MEDEVAC are used interchangeably by most soldiers.




Task 27. Questions for discussion.

1. What is the main mission of CASEVAC? MEDEVAC?
2. How are CASEVAC and MEDEVAC used in the US Military?
3. Is CASEVAC or MEDEVAC used in combat in your country? How?

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Task 28. You are Hawa Ahmed and you get a letter from a hospital. Write to your commander explaining what you have to do, when, where and why. Questions will help.

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| <p>Tower Hamlets Hospital <br/>Outpatient Department<br/>Stepney Road<br/>London<br/>E2 6SF</p> <p>Ms Hawa Ahmed<br/>20 Cromwell House<br/>Center Road<br/>London<br/>E1 4BX</p> <p>30th June</p> <p>Dear Ms Ahmed,</p> <p>You have an appointment for a scan.<br/>Clinic: Antenatal (baby clinic)<br/>Doctor: Dr Riley<br/>Date: Tuesday 14th July<br/>Time: 10:30 am</p> <p>Please bring any medicines you are taking.<br/>If you cannot attend, please telephone the Outpatients Department on 020 6700 5211 to make another appointment.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,<br/>Mary Carr<br/>Clinic Administrator</p> |
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1. What is the appointment for?
2. What is the date of the appointment?
3. What is time of the appointment?
4. What is the name of a doctor?
5. What must you bring?
6. What must you do if you can't come?

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