English for the military

This ESP (English for Specific Purposes) module focuses on the acquisition of the English language skills that allow communication in professional situations, using the appropriate military technical jargon. It is addressed to all of those who have an intermediate command of the English language and want to study in depth the specialised military terminologies for the three branches - Army, Navy and Air force.

In general, the module provides linguistic knowledge related to the following areas: land-based operations, sea-based operations and air-based operations. It also helps to become familiar with the most common text types in this field, putting into practise the four key language components: reading, listening, speaking and writing.

English for the Army

1 In the Barracks

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Distinguishing types of Army buildings and their functions
 - Identifying vocabulary relating to basic drill manoeuvre
 - Distinguishing military ranks
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Specialised buildings located on every type of military base
 - Introduction to military ranks

2 Seeing the Q bloke

En esta lección se estudian:

- * Funciones lingüísticas:
 - Identificar la maquinaria propia del ejército de tierra y sus usos
 - Diferenciar los materiales que se utilizan en el día a día
 - Describir los materiales que se utilizan durante una misión
- * Vocabulario especializado:
 - Vestimenta específica del ejército de tierra
 - Materiales esenciales en el ejército de tierra
 - Maquinaria específica del ejército de tierra

3 Forward deployments

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Describing mission critical equipment
 - Identifying types of vehicles and their function
 - Identifying basic terminology used for international co-operation
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Military vehicles
 - Field based equipment
 - International co-operation

4 On operation

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying field-based structures
 - Distinguishing between specific locations on the battle field
- Understanding procedures to be conducted depending on the deployment
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Specific areas of the battle field (theatre specific Afghanistan)
 - Military buildings located on or near the battle field
 - Procedures to assist and protect personnel on the battle field

5 Taking fire

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying strategies to win population
 - Emergency battle-field procedures and casualty handling
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Personnel protection equipment

English for the Navy

6 Naval college

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying specific areas of a ship
 - Describing types of ships and their functions
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Different locations on a ship
 - Parts of a ship

7 Leaving Port

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
- Describing the readying procedures of a naval ship before leaving port
 - Describing internal equipment aboard a ship
 - Identifying naval ranks
 - Using units and measurements
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Readying procedures to leave port
 - -Internal equipment aboard a ship
 - Naval ranks
 - Units and measurements

8 Contact bearing

In this lesson students learn the following:

* Language functions:

- Describing emergency procedures
- Identifying defensive ship board weapons
- Describing offensive postures
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Weapon systems
 - -Emergency equipment

English for the Air Force

9 The air hub

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying mission types and roles
 - Describing airbase/airport facilities
 - Identifying types of aircraft and their functions
 - Identifying basic air traffic control requests
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Types of missions
 - Air defence and air attack
 - Aircraft and functions
 - Phrases related to air traffic control
 - Air defence: Positions and roles

10 Force protection

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying offensive and defensive aircraft weapons
 - Revising methods of air ordinance delivery system
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Weapons and their functions
 - Offensive and defensive postures

11 Aircraft Engineer

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying and describing aircraft flight surfaces
 - Using aircraft measurements
 - Identifying and describing flight systems
- * Specialised vocabulary:
 - Aircraft flight surfaces
 - Onboard flight systems
 - Aircraft measurements

12 Off the Carrier

In this lesson students learn the following:

- * Language functions:
 - Identifying and describing carrier operations
 - Describing different tasks of carrier-based aircraft

- * Specialised vocabulary:
 Aircraft carrier equipment
 Roles and functions of carrier based aircraft