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Hello everyone!

The topic for today's class is: [Military Service](#)

In honor of Veterans Day, November 11, let's discuss military service. Some countries require all young adults to serve for a year or two, while others make it voluntary. What do you think?

AGENDA:

1. Review Veterans Day information and military vocabulary
2. Discussion questions: breakout rooms, small groups
3. Wrap-up: large group questions and comments

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Reminder: *The focus of the class is on conversation to improve fluency and vocabulary at the intermediate/advanced level. Mistakes are OK! We are here to help each other.*

Veterans Day November 11

- Veterans Day is a holiday observed in the United States every year on November 11 to honor military veterans—people who have served in the United States Armed Forces.
- It's a time to recognize and thank all who have served in the military during wartime or peacetime, including those in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.
- While Memorial Day honors those who have died in military service, Veterans Day celebrates all military veterans, both living and deceased.
- This holiday is a way for Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans and to thank them for their service and dedication to protecting the country.



Military Service

Military service can be a path to personal growth, skill development, and a strong sense of patriotism. Supporters argue that it teaches discipline, teamwork, and responsibility. However, some believe it can be physically and emotionally challenging, and argue that it shouldn't be mandatory.

Vocabulary: Military Service

1. veterans
2. enlist
3. The draft
4. conscription
5. compulsory service
6. conscientious objector
7. draft dodging



Questions for Discussion: [Military Service](#)

1. Some countries, such as South Korea, Greece and Singapore, require all young citizens of a certain age (usually men) to serve in the military. Do you think military service should be mandatory? Why or why not?
2. How does military training prepare someone for life outside of the military, if at all? Are there life and career skills that can be learned in the military?
3. Some countries require only men to complete compulsory service. Should conscription be gender neutral?
4. Would you ever consider joining the military? Do you know someone who has served?
5. How is military service viewed in your home country? Is it seen as honorable, risky, or something else?