

Military Uniforms

A. Reading

There are five military branches in the United States: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Each branch has its own special uniforms. New soldiers are given an everyday uniform and a dress uniform when they join a branch of the military. These uniforms include special hats, helmets, and patches. New soldiers are also given boots, dress shoes, and socks.

There is a law that says military uniforms must be made in the U.S.A. from materials that are produced in the U.S.A. It is called the *Berry Amendment*. In the picture, the soldier on the left is in the Navy and the soldier on the right is in the Army. They are wearing military uniforms.

Some soldiers earn medals to wear on their uniforms. When a soldier has many medals, we say that he or she is “highly decorated”.



B. True or False

- _____ New soldiers are given uniforms when they join the military.
- _____ The soldier on the right is in the Navy.
- _____ There are five branches in the United States military.
- _____ The Army soldier is wearing a helmet and boots.
- _____ A “highly decorated” soldier has earned many medals.

C. Yes or No – What about you?

- _____ Someone in my family is a soldier.
- _____ I have served in a military branch.
- _____ I wear a uniform to work.

D. Writing – Do you think the *Berry Amendment* is a good idea? Why or why not?

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