

Prince Harry calls for return of military service

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Britain's Prince Harry has called for the return of military service. This is when young people have to spend a year or two in the army before they start work or go to

university. In Britain, compulsory military service ended in 1960. Many countries around the world make their young people spend some time in the armed forces. Prince Harry spent 10 years serving in Britain's army and said it helped him a lot. He said it did "amazing things" for him. Harry said the army, "does keep you out of trouble" and that, "different people do it for different reasons". He added: "I've had an epic ten years. I've had great fun. The Army keep giving me great jobs, and I can never thank them enough for that."

Prince Harry said he would encourage his niece and nephew to join the army when they grow up. He said "I would definitely encourage Prince George, and Princess Charlotte if she wants to as well, to have some sort of involvement in the Armed Forces. He said military service was a great way of helping people and making them stronger for life. Harry told journalists about the effect of military service on his life. He said: "It's done no harm, just good, for me...I would say enjoy the role, because at first it's just pressure, pressure, pressure....It's like any job - you've got to learn how to do it. Prince Harry will soon leave the British Army and work in Africa on conservation projects.

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Writing

All young people should do military service. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Britain / Prince Harry / the army / university / compulsory / amazing / epic / thank / encourage / helping people / journalists / harm / pressure / conservation / projects

True / False

- Military service usually lasts for around five years. T / F
- Compulsory military service in Britain finished in 1960. T / F
- Britain's Prince Harry has spent five years in the army. T / F
- Prince Harry said the army was not a lot of fun. T / F
- Harry does not want his niece to join the army when she's older. T / F
- Harry said military service helped make people stronger. T / F
- Harry said military service had not harmed him in any way. T / F
- Harry will leave the army and go to work at Buckingham Palace. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. start | a. participation |
| 2. ended | b. working |
| 3. serving | c. result |
| 4. amazing | d. stress |
| 5. jobs | e. finished |
| 6. encourage | f. programmes |
| 7. involvement | g. duties |
| 8. effect | h. begin |
| 9. pressure | i. persuade |
| 10. projects | j. incredible |

Discussion – Student A

- What would the world be like without armies?
- What do you think of the idea of doing charity service?
- What pressure do you think there is in the military?
- What pressures are there in your life?
- How difficult is it to learn a new job?
- What advice do you have for Harry for his next ten years?
- What would you do if you worked on conservation projects?
- What questions would you like to ask Prince Harry?

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Phrase Match

1. spend a year or
 2. Harry spent 10 years
 3. the army does keep you out
 4. I've had an epic
 5. I can never thank them
 6. encourage his niece and nephew
 7. a great way
 8. the effect of military service
 9. you've got to learn
 10. conservation
- a. of trouble
 - b. how to do it
 - c. enough for that
 - d. on his life
 - e. to join the army
 - f. two in the army
 - g. projects
 - h. ten years
 - i. of helping people
 - j. serving in Britain's army

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you know about Prince Harry?
- b) What do you think about military service?
- c) Would military service be good for you?
- d) Why do countries have military service?
- e) Should all young people do community service?
- f) What are the bad things about doing military service?
- g) How might military service 'keep you out of trouble'?
- h) Have you had 'an epic ten years'?

Spelling

1. called for the rerunt of military service
2. go to isvyteiurn
3. prylmoscuo military service
4. it did "izagamn things" for him
5. keep you out of eolturb
6. I can never thank them hgoneu for that
7. he would egrucanoe his niece
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9. veenlovtmni in the Armed Forces
10. Harry told irssjoalntu
11. because at first it's just sresepur
12. work in Africa on eoavsnitncr projects

Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. e	3. b	4. j	5. g
6. i	7. a	8. c	9. d	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Discipline

You think discipline is the best thing people get from military service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): future job prospects, learning survival skills or fitness.

Role B – Future job prospects

You think future job prospects is the best thing people get from military service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): discipline, learning survival skills or fitness.

Role C – Survival skills

You think learning survival skills is the best thing people get from military service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): future job prospects, discipline or fitness.

Role D – Fitness

You think fitness is the best thing people get from military service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): future job prospects, learning survival skills or discipline.

Speaking – Effect

Rank these with your partner. Put the things on which military service would have a good effect at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Skills
- Survival skills
- Leadership
- Fitness
- Future job prospects
- Discipline
- Pride in country
- Increased confidence

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.