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Australia to allow foreign citizens into its army

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

Australia will soon allow non-Australians into its army. People from countries such as the UK, Canada and New Zealand can apply to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having problems getting people to sign up for its army. The government hopes that opening the army up to people from other countries will solve its recruitment problem. The ADF currently has a shortage of around 4,400 workers. From July, New Zealanders who are permanent residents in Australia can apply to join. Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will have their chance. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that in the future, people from more countries could join.

Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment policy for security reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia, and is able to draw on the talents of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed with the policy. He said it showed government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."

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WARM-UPS

1. JOINING THE ARMY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about joining the army. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Australia / army / problems / recruitment / shortage / workers / chance / in the future security / challenges / next decade / diversity / talents / society / failure / confidence

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. MULTI-NATIONAL: Students A **strongly** believe multi-national armies are good; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NATIONAL SECURITY: How can we deal with these national security issues? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Big a Problem	How To Deal with It
Dangerous neighbours		
Cyber-security		
Drugs		
Terrorism		
Religious tensions		
Food security		

5. DIVERSITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "diversity". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the jobs which people from other countries should not do at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Soldier
- Nurse
- Spy
- Judge
- Police officer
- President
- Football player
- Immigration officer

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. apply | a. To ask for something, like a job, by filling out a form. |
| 2. solve | b. Lasting or happening for a long time, or forever. |
| 3. recruitment | c. To find an answer to a problem. |
| 4. currently | d. Not enough of something we need. |
| 5. shortage | e. The process of finding new people to join a company or organization. |
| 6. permanent | f. Happening right now. |
| 7. residents | g. People who live in a building, town or country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. policy | h. Further than something. |
| 9. security | i. A period of ten years. |
| 10. essential | j. A set of rules or ideas about how to do something. |
| 11. decade | k. Having many different kinds of people or things. |
| 12. beyond | l. Being safe and protected. |
| 13. diversity | m. Not being successful at doing something. |
| 14. failure | n. Very important or necessary. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. British people can join Australia's army, but New Zealanders can't. **T / F**
2. It's easy for Australia to recruit people into its army. **T / F**
3. The Australian Defence Force needs more than 4,500 new workers. **T / F**
4. Canadians will be able to join the Australian Defence Force next year. **T / F**
5. Australia is allowing non-nationals to join its army for security reasons. **T / F**
6. The government is looking more than 10 years ahead. **T / F**
7. Australia wants an army that shows the nation's diversity. **T / F**
8. The opposition Foreign Minister said Australians didn't need to sign up. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. allow | a. opportunity |
| 2. such as | b. important |
| 3. solve | c. citizens |
| 4. residents | d. like |
| 5. chance | e. skills |
| 6. chosen | f. supply |
| 7. essential | g. opted |
| 8. pool | h. let |
| 9. talents | i. self-belief |
| 10. confidence | j. answer |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Australia will soon allow non- | a. pool of people |
| 2. getting people to sign | b. future |
| 3. solve its recruitment | c. up for its army |
| 4. permanent | d. policy |
| 5. in the | e. diversity of Australia |
| 6. changing its recruitment | f. Australians into its army |
| 7. meet the nation's security | g. failure |
| 8. Recruiting from a wider | h. residents in Australia |
| 9. reflects the full | i. challenges |
| 10. He said it showed government | j. problem |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

Australia will soon allow non-Australians into its army. People from countries (1) _____ as the UK, Canada and New Zealand can (2) _____ to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having problems getting people to sign (3) _____ for its army. The government hopes that opening the army up to people from other countries will (4) _____ its recruitment problem. The ADF currently has a (5) _____ of around 4,400 workers. From July, New Zealanders who are permanent (6) _____ in Australia can apply to join. Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will have their (7) _____. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that in the (8) _____, people from more countries could join.

residents
up
such
future
shortage
chance
solve
apply

Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment (9) _____ for security reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is (10) _____ to meet the nation's security challenges through the next (11) _____ and beyond." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being bold in order to (12) _____ the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full (13) _____ of Australia, and is able to draw on the (14) _____ of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham (15) _____ with the policy. He said it showed government (16) _____. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."

decade
diversity
essential
disagreed
policy
failure
grow
talents

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

- 1) Australia will soon allow non-Australians _____
 - a. into its army
 - b. unto its army
 - c. onto its army
 - d. as to its army
- 2) opening the army up to people from other countries will _____
 - a. shelve its recruitment
 - b. stove its recruitment
 - c. solve its recruitment
 - d. solution its recruitment
- 3) From July, New Zealanders who are permanent residents in _____
 - a. Australia can applied
 - b. Australia can appliance
 - c. Australia can apply
 - d. Australia can applies
- 4) Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will _____
 - a. have their chance
 - b. have their chants
 - c. have their charts
 - d. have their change
- 5) in the future, people from more _____
 - a. countries could adjourn
 - b. countries could adjoin
 - c. countries could joint
 - d. countries could join
- 6) Marles said his country was changing its recruitment policy _____
 - a. for security reason
 - b. for security raisons
 - c. for security reasons
 - d. for security reasoning
- 7) Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because _____
 - a. it is essence
 - b. it is essentially
 - c. it is essentials
 - d. it is essential
- 8) to meet the nation's security challenges through the next _____
 - a. decade and beyond
 - b. decade and behind
 - c. decade and bound
 - d. decade and be yonder
- 9) help ensure the ADF reflects the full _____
 - a. diversify of Australia
 - b. diversity of Australia
 - c. adversity of Australia
 - d. university of Australia
- 10) We should be seeing more Australians _____
 - a. with the confidants
 - b. with the confident
 - c. with the confidence
 - d. with the confidently

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment (7) _____ reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because (8) _____ to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being (9) _____ to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the (10) _____ Australia, and is able to draw on the talents of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed (11) _____. He said it showed government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians (12) _____ to sign up."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

1. What is Australia having problems getting people to sign up for?
2. How many workers does the Australian Defence Force (ADF) need?
3. Which country's people will be the first to be allowed to join the ADF?
4. When will Americans be able to join the Australian Defence Force?
5. When might people from more countries be able to join Australia's army?
6. What did Australia's Defence Minister say his country is changing?
7. For how long is it essential for Australia to meet security challenges?
8. What does Australia want to reflect by recruiting different people?
9. What is Simon Birmingham's job?
10. Who did Mr Birmingham say should be joining the army with confidence?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

- 1) What is Australia having problems getting people to sign up for?
 - a) a newsletter
 - b) its army
 - c) a job
 - d) voluntary work
- 2) How many workers does the Australian Defence Force (ADF) need?
 - a) more than 4,400
 - b) exactly 4,400
 - c) fewer than 4,400
 - d) around 4,400
- 3) Which country's people will be the first to be allowed to join the ADF?
 - a) New Zealand
 - b) Canada
 - c) the USA
 - d) the UK
- 4) When will New Zealanders be able to join the Australian Defence Force?
 - a) from September
 - b) from August
 - c) from July
 - d) from June
- 5) When might people from more countries be able to join Australia's army?
 - a) in two years' time
 - b) in the future
 - c) next week
 - d) soon
- 6) What did Australia's Defence Minister say his country is changing?
 - a) its tanks
 - b) its army uniforms
 - c) its recruitment policy
 - d) its mind
- 7) For how long is it essential for Australia to meet security challenges?
 - a) a century
 - b) 20 years
 - c) forever
 - d) a decade or more
- 8) What does Australia want to reflect by recruiting different people?
 - a) the full diversity of Australia
 - b) mirrors
 - c) the changing times
 - d) the sun's rays
- 9) What is Simon Birmingham's job?
 - a) opposition Foreign Minister
 - b) soldier
 - c) Prime Minister
 - d) army recruiter
- 10) Who did Mr Birmingham say should be joining the army with confidence?
 - a) Canadians
 - b) Australians
 - c) Brits
 - d) Kiwis

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Soldier

You think a soldier is the job someone from another country should never do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs are OK for non-nationals to do. Also, tell the others which is the best of these for a non-national (and why): spy, judge or immigration officer.

Role B – Spy

You think a spy is the job someone from another country should never do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs are OK for non-nationals to do. Also, tell the others which is the best of these for a non-national (and why): soldier, judge or immigration officer.

Role C – Judge

You think a judge is the job someone from another country should never do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs are OK for non-nationals to do. Also, tell the others which is the best of these for a non-national (and why): spy, soldier or immigration officer.

Role D – Immigration Officer

You think an immigration officer is the job someone from another country should never do. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their jobs are OK for non-nationals to do. Also, tell the others which is the best of these for a non-national (and why): spy, judge or soldier.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'army' and 'country'.

army	country
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• such• problems• currently• around• chance• future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reasons• grow• beyond• pool• society• seeing
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JOINING THE ARMY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

Write five GOOD questions about joining the army in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

JOINING THE ARMY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'army'?
3. What's good about a country's army being multi-national?
4. Would you think about a career in the army?
5. Why do you think Australia is having problems recruiting staff?
6. Does every country in the world need an army?
7. What would a world be like without armies?
8. What's the army in your country like?
9. Why does Australia need an army?
10. How can Australia recruit more people?

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JOINING THE ARMY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'country'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What security issues are there in your country?
15. What do you think of your country's army?
16. Should armies be as diverse as possible?
17. What do you think of army uniforms?
18. How is technology changing the role of armies?
19. What do you think cyber wars will look like?
20. What questions would you like to ask Australia's leader?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment (7) _____ for security reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has (8) _____ to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and (9) _____." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a (10) _____ pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia, and is able to (11) _____ on the talents of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed with the policy. He said it showed government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the (12) _____ to sign up."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) bellow | (b) wallow | (c) allow | (d) follow |
| 2. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) by | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) of | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) a | (b) an | (c) so | (d) the |
| 5. | (a) residence | (b) residential | (c) resides | (d) residents |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) at | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) policy | (b) politics | (c) police | (d) polling |
| 8. | (a) chooses | (b) chose | (c) choose | (d) chosen |
| 9. | (a) beyond | (b) behind | (c) beneath | (d) behest |
| 10. | (a) width | (b) wider | (c) widen | (d) widest |
| 11. | (a) paint | (b) draw | (c) sketch | (d) brush |
| 12. | (a) confidence | (b) confidants | (c) confidential | (d) confides |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. New Zealand can pplay to join
2. The mgneeonrvt hopes that
3. solve its erirunmtcet problem
4. The ADF currently has a tageosrh
5. eempantnr residents
6. Richard Marles said it was sloiesbp

Paragraph 2

7. yetsciur reasons
8. because it is tseiaesln
9. hegsnclela through the next decade
10. reflects the full irysevidt of Australia
11. He said it showed government aielflur
12. with the iefccdonen to sign up

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () all of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed with the policy. He said it showed
- () their chance. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was
- () to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond." A Defence Ministry
- () government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."
- () possible that in the future, people from more countries could join.
- () people to sign up for its army. The government hopes that opening the army up to people from other countries will solve its
- () residents in Australia can apply to join. Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will have
- () as the UK, Canada and New Zealand can apply to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having problems getting
- () Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment policy for security
- (**1**) Australia will soon allow non-Australians into its army. People from countries such
- () recruitment problem. The ADF currently has a shortage of around 4,400 workers. From July, New Zealanders who are permanent
- () spokesperson said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of
- () reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is essential
- () people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia, and is able to draw on the talents of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. will Australia allow soon its non-Australians army . into
2. having sign people getting Australia's problems up . to
3. from to people other countries . the army Opening
4. has of 4,400 currently shortage workers . It a
5. residents apply Australia can in to Permanent join .
6. its changing reasons . security for policy It's recruitment
7. security challenges . nation's essential the to It's meet
8. a wider Recruiting from pool of people .
9. full ADF diversity Australia . of The reflects the
10. Australians the to confidence More sign up . with

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

Australia will soon *allowed / allow* non-Australians into its army. People from countries such as the UK, Canada and New Zealand can *apply / applied* to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having *problem / problems* getting people to sign *down / up* for its army. The government hopes that opening the army up to people from *another / other* countries will solve its recruitment problem. The ADF currently has a *short / shortage* of around 4,400 workers. From July, New Zealanders who are *permanent / permanence* residents in Australia can apply to join. Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will have *them / their* chance. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that *on / in* the future, people from more countries *able to / could* join.

Mr Marles said his country was *changing / chancing* its recruitment policy for security reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen *to / for* grow the Australian Defence Force because it *is / be* essential to meet the nation's security challenges *though / through* the next decade and *behind / beyond*." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being *bold / bald* in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool *to / of* people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia, and is able to draw on the *talons / talents* of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed with *the / a* policy. He said it showed government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the *confidence / confident* to sign up."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_nd N_w Z__l_nd c_n __ply t_ j__n th_ __str_l__n
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pr_bl_m. Th_ _DF c_rrntly h_s __sh_rt_g_ __f __r__nd
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c_nf_d_nc_ t_ s_gn __p."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits.html>

australia will soon allow nonaustralians into its army people from countries such as the uk canada and new zealand can apply to join the australian defence force adf australia is having problems getting people to sign up for its army the government hopes that opening the army up to people from other countries will solve its recruitment problem the adf currently has a shortage of around 4400 workers from july new zealanders who are permanent residents in australia can apply to join next year those from the uk us and canada will have their chance australia's defence minister richard marles said it was possible that in the future people from more countries could join

mr marles said his country was changing its recruitment policy for security reasons he said the australian government has chosen to grow the australian defence force because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond a defence ministry spokesperson said were being bold in order to grow the adf recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure the adf reflects the full diversity of australia and is able to draw on the talents of all of australian society opposition foreign minister simon birmingham disagreed with the policy he said it showed government failure he said we should be seeing more australians with the confidence to sign up

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Australia will soon allow non-Australians into its army. People from countries such as the UK, Canada and New Zealand can apply to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having problems getting people to sign up for its army. The government hopes that opening the army up to people from other countries will solve its recruitment problem. The ADF currently has a shortage of around 4,400 workers. From July, New Zealanders who are permanent residents in Australia can apply to join. Next year, those from the UK, US and Canada will have their chance. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that in the future, people from more countries could join. Mr Marles said his country was changing its recruitment policy for security reasons. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond." A Defence Ministry spokesperson said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia, and is able to draw on the talents of [all] of Australian society." Opposition Foreign Minister Simon Birmingham disagreed with the policy. He said it showed government failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JOINING THE ARMY: Make a poster about joining the army. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE ARMY : Write a magazine article about everyone having to spend some time in the army. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on joining the army. Ask him/her three questions about joining it. Give him/her three of your opinions on armies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Its army
2. Around 4,400
3. New Zealand
4. From July
5. In the future
6. Its recruitment policy
7. A decade or more
8. The full diversity of Australia
9. Opposition Foreign Minister
10. Australians

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Australia will soon allow non-Australians into its army.
2. Australia's having problems getting people to sign up.
3. Opening the army to people from other countries.
4. It currently has a shortage of 4,400 workers.
5. Permanent residents in Australia can apply to join.
6. It's changing its recruitment policy for security reasons.
7. It's essential to meet the nation's security challenges.
8. Recruiting from a wider pool of people.
9. The ADF reflects the full diversity of Australia.
10. More Australians with the confidence to sign up.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)