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## Critics unimpressed by U.S. Space Force uniform

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

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The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. military. It is America's first new armed service since the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help us deter aggression and control the ultimate high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting domain. Amid grave threats to our national security, American superiority in space is absolutely vital." Many people thought the force needed a special uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to blend in with the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste of taxpayers' money and that no combatants would be floating around in space in the near future.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SPACE FORCES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about space forces. 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?

military / uniforms / space / personnel / create a stir / design / camouflage / green / branch / aggression / ultimate / high ground / threats / security / vital / taxpayers

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

**3. SPACE:** Students A **strongly** believe humans should stay out of space; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. UNIFORMS:** Design uniforms for these people? What special features will they have? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Uniform	Features
Teachers		
Babies		
Rock singers		
Politicians		
Waiters		
Journalists		

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

**6. MILITARY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important military units at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Space force
- Spies
- Cyber fighters
- Sailors
- Soldiers
- Fighter pilots
- Submariners
- Alpine force

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. unveiled     | a. A division or office of a large business or organization, operating locally or having a particular function.                   |
| 2. branch       | b. Started or set in motion a new activity or enterprise.   |
| 3. personnel    | c. A state of confused and noisy disturbance.   |
| 4. stir         | d. People employed in an organization or engaged in military service.   |
| 5. launched     | e. Revealed or shown to the public for the first time.  |
| 6. touched down | f. The disguising of military staff, equipment, and buildings by painting or covering them the same colour as their surroundings. |
| 7. camouflage   | g. Arrived; of an aircraft or spacecraft making contact with the ground when landing.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. armed         | h. Absolutely necessary or important; essential.  |
| 9. establishment | i. Equipped with or carrying a weapon or weapons.   |
| 10. deter        | j. Giving cause for alarm; serious.   |
| 11. ultimate     | k. A person or nation involved in fighting during a war.  |
| 12. grave        | l. Discourage someone from doing something.   |
| 13. vital        | m. Being the best or most extreme example of its kind.  |
| 14. combatant    | n. The action of creating and starting something or being created, especially a business or organisation. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

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

- a. The U.S. military put a veil on its new Space Force uniforms. **T / F**
- b. President Trump signed an act to create the Space Force in 2019. **T / F**
- c. Very few people commented about the uniforms on social media. **T / F**
- d. The new uniforms are black and dark blue. **T / F**
- e. The Space Force is the sixth area of the U.S. military to be created. **T / F**
- f. Donald Trump said American superiority in space is vital. **T / F**
- g. Military officials don't want to use taxpayers' money to design uniforms. **T / F**
- h. Space Force combatants will go up into space soon. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. <b>unveiled</b>      | a. foundation         |
| 2. <b>branch</b>        | b. fuss               |
| 3. <b>signed</b>        | c. servicemen / women |
| 4. <b>stir</b>          | d. disguise           |
| 5. <b>camouflage</b>    | e. essential          |
| 6. <b>establishment</b> | f. revealed           |
| 7. <b>deter</b>         | g. merge              |
| 8. <b>vital</b>         | h. division           |
| 9. <b>blend in</b>      | i. prevent            |
| 10. <b>combatants</b>   | j. penned             |

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

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. The U.S. military has officially unveiled | a. the U.S. Space Command   |
| 2. It was officially created alongside       | b. armed service            |
| 3. designed for Space Force                  | c. stir on social media     |
| 4. they have created quite a                 | d. money                    |
| 5. the design is the usual camouflage        | e. the uniforms             |
| 6. It is America's first new                 | f. deter aggression         |
| 7. The Space Force will help us              | g. as to blend              |
| 8. Amid grave threats                        | h. green, black and brown   |
| 9. it needed to be black, so                 | i. to our national security |
| 10. a waste of taxpayers'                    | j. personnel                |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

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*personnel*  
*design*  
*stir*  
*unveiled*  
*camouflaged*  
*branch*  
*alongside*  
*touched*

The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It is America's first new armed service since the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help us (11) \_\_\_\_\_ aggression and control the ultimate high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting domain. Amid (12) \_\_\_\_\_ threats to our national security, American (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in space is (14) \_\_\_\_\_ vital." Many people thought the force needed a special uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in with the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste of taxpayers' money and that no (16) \_\_\_\_\_ would be floating around in space in the near future.

*deter*  
*absolutely*  
*grave*  
*combatants*  
*establishment*  
*military*  
*blend*  
*superiority*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

- 1) The U.S. military has officially unveiled the uniforms for its newly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. create it Space Force
  - b. create a Space Force
  - c. creates Space Force
  - d. created Space Force
- 2) The United States Space Force (USSF) is the space \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. upper rations branch
  - b. op rations branch
  - c. op a rations branch
  - d. operations branch
- 3) Special uniforms have been designed for Space \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Force personnel
  - b. Force personal
  - c. Force personally
  - d. Force Person Mel
- 4) The uniforms were launched on the Space Force \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Twitter accounted
  - b. Twitter account
  - c. Twitter accounting
  - d. Twitter A-count
- 5) the usual camouflage green, black and brown and not \_\_\_\_\_ space
  - a. camouflaged far
  - b. camouflaged four
  - c. camouflaged for
  - d. camouflaged fir
- 6) The USSF is the sixth branch of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. U.S. militia
  - b. U.S. militarize
  - c. U.S. military
  - d. U.S. milli-tree
- 7) The Space Force will help us deter aggression and control \_\_\_\_\_ ground
  - a. the penultimate high
  - b. the estimate high
  - c. the ultimatum high
  - d. the ultimate high
- 8) Amid grave threats to our national security, American superiority in space \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is absolutely vital
  - b. is absolutely bite all
  - c. is absolutely rival
  - d. is absolutely vitality
- 9) Some critics said it needed to be black, so as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too blending
  - b. two blending
  - c. to blend in
  - d. too blend in
- 10) be a waste of taxpayers' money and that no combatants \_\_\_\_\_ around
  - a. would be float in
  - b. would be floating
  - c. would be float thing
  - d. would be floating in

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

The U.S. military has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ uniforms for its newly created Space Force. The United States Space Force (USSF) is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Armed Forces. It was officially (3) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Space Command when President Donald Trump signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act in December 2019. Special uniforms have been designed for Space Force personnel, but they have created (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. The uniforms were launched on the Space Force Twitter account. The tweet announced the uniforms (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pentagon". However, the design is the usual camouflage green, black and brown and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ space.

The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. military. It is America's first new armed service (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and control the ultimate high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting domain. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to our national security, American superiority in space (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Many people thought the force needed a special uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste of taxpayers' money and that no combatants would (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in space in the near future.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

1. Who unveiled the new Space Force uniforms?
2. When did Donald trump sign the act that created the Space Force?
3. What did the uniforms create on social media?
4. What platform was used to launch the uniforms?
5. What did the article say the uniforms were not camouflaged for?
6. How many branches are there in the U.S. military now?
7. When was the U.S. Air Force established?
8. What did President Trump say the Space Force would deter?
9. What did critics say the uniform needed to blend in with?
10. What will combatants not be doing in space any time soon?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

- 1) Who unveiled the new Space Force uniforms?
  - a) Captain Kirk
  - b) President Trump
  - c) the U.S. military
  - d) NASA
- 2) When did Donald trump sign the act that created the Space Force?
  - a) December 2019
  - b) last week
  - c) January 2017
  - d) last summer
- 3) What did the uniforms create on social media?
  - a) a stir
  - b) a mix
  - c) a panic
  - d) laughter
- 4) What platform was used to launch the uniforms?
  - a) the NASA website
  - b) Twitter
  - c) scaffolding
  - d) a black stage
- 5) What did the article say the uniforms were not camouflaged for?
  - a) the Milky Way
  - b) the Aurora Borealis
  - c) attacks from aliens
  - d) space
- 6) How many branches are there in the U.S. military now?
  - a) 5
  - b) 6
  - c) 3
  - d) 4
- 7) When was the U.S. Air Force established?
  - a) 1947
  - b) 1937
  - c) 1927
  - d) 1917
- 8) What did President Trump say the Space Force would deter?
  - a) Klingons
  - b) Star Wars
  - c) aggression
  - d) aliens
- 9) What did critics say the uniform needed to blend in with?
  - a) the bright Sun
  - b) everyday surroundings
  - c) cities
  - d) the dark of space
- 10) What will combatants not be doing in space any time soon?
  - a) floating around
  - b) chasing aliens
  - c) fighting on Mars
  - d) teleporting

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Space Force**

You think a space force is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, army or submariners.

## **Role B – Navy**

You think a navy is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): space force, army or submariners.

## **Role C – Army**

You think an army is the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, space force or submariners.

## **Role D – Submariners**

You think submariners are the most important part of the military. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their parts. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): navy, army or space force.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

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

<b>space</b>	<b>force</b>
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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"><li>• unveiled</li><li>• officially</li><li>• signed</li><li>• stir</li><li>• touched</li><li>• usual</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sixth</li><li>• first</li><li>• ground</li><li>• vital</li><li>• blend</li><li>• floating</li></ul>
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# SPACE FORCES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

Write five GOOD questions about space forces 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.

# SPACE FORCES 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 'space'?
3. What do you think of the idea of a space force?
4. Why might your country need a space force?
5. What will a space force do?
6. What kind of uniform should space force personnel have?
7. What dangers are there from space?
8. Would you like to be part of the Space Force?
9. What training would a Space Force operative need?
10. What do you think of the green and brown camouflage uniform?

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# SPACE FORCES 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 'uniform'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kind of war might be fought in space?
15. What training would a Space Force operative do every day in space?
16. What security threats are there from space?
17. How vital is superiority in space?
18. What kind of uniform would you design for the Space Force?
19. How would you feel about going into space?
20. What questions would you like to ask a Space Force member?

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

- |     |               |                 |               |             |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) reveled   | (b) unveiled    | (c) veiled    | (d) rivaled |
| 2.  | (a) batch     | (b) bunch       | (c) brunch    | (d) branch  |
| 3.  | (a) signature | (b) signed      | (c) signatory | (d) singed  |
| 4.  | (a) personal  | (b) personality | (c) personnel | (d) person  |
| 5.  | (a) stir      | (b) whisk       | (c) mix       | (d) blend   |
| 6.  | (a) usual     | (b) usually     | (c) usage     | (d) uses    |
| 7.  | (a) legged    | (b) backed      | (c) headed    | (d) armed   |
| 8.  | (a) deter     | (b) defer       | (c) refer     | (d) farer   |
| 9.  | (a) crypt     | (b) grave       | (c) cemetery  | (d) tomb    |
| 10. | (a) viral     | (b) rival       | (c) vital     | (d) rebel   |
| 11. | (a) blonde    | (b) bland       | (c) blend     | (d) brand   |
| 12. | (a) gravity   | (b) floating    | (c) vacuuming | (d) spacing |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. officially ivdulnee the uniforms
2. the space tnaeorsoip branch
3. created gldsoeain the U.S. Space Command
4. Space Force relpenosn
5. dencannuo the uniforms had touched down
6. the usual mcgoflauae green

## Paragraph 2

7. the U.S. tilarymi
8. deter negrigoass
9. the iatletmu high ground
10. American yupireirost in space
11. Some ircstic said it needed to be black
12. no mbctasnaot would be floating around

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) vital." Many people thought the force needed a special uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to blend
- ( ) aggression and control the ultimate high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting domain. Amid grave
- ( ) threats to our national security, American superiority in space is absolutely
- ( ) have created quite a stir on social media. The uniforms were launched on the Space Force Twitter
- ( ) design is the usual camouflage green, black and brown and not camouflaged for space.
- ( ) in December 2019. Special uniforms have been designed for Space Force personnel, but they
- ( **1** ) The U.S. military has officially unveiled the uniforms for its newly created Space Force. The United States Space Force (USSF) is
- ( ) The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. military. It is America's first new armed service since the
- ( ) in with the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste
- ( ) alongside the U.S. Space Command when President Donald Trump signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act
- ( ) account. The tweet announced the uniforms had "touched down in the Pentagon". However, the
- ( ) establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help us deter
- ( ) the space operations branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. It was officially created
- ( ) of taxpayers' money and that no combatants would be floating around in space in the near future.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

1. the U.S. has unveiled The officially uniforms . military
2. officially the Command . alongside created It was Space
3. Space personnel . have designed Force for been Uniforms
4. media . created They social quite stir a on
5. announced tweet uniforms The touched the had down .
6. the aggression ultimate and Deter control high ground .
7. vital . superiority in is American absolutely space
8. with the blend space . of To dark in
9. waste uniforms are a taxpayers' New of money .
10. combatants No be around floating in would space .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms.html>

The U.S. military has officially unveiled the uniforms for its *newly* / *new* created Space Force. The United States Space Force (USSF) is the space operations *branch* / *brunch* of the U.S. Armed Forces. It was officially created *siding* / *alongside* the U.S. Space Command when President Donald Trump *signed* / *singed* the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act in December 2019. Special uniforms have *done* / *been* designed for Space Force *personal* / *personnel*, but they have created quite a *mix* / *stir* on social media. The uniforms were launched on the Space Force Twitter account. The tweet announced the uniforms had "touched *up* / *down* in the Pentagon". However, the design is the *usually* / *usual* camouflage green, black and brown and not camouflaged for *spaces* / *space*.

The USSF is the sixth branch of the U.S. military. It is America's first new *armed* / *arm* service since the *establish* / *establishment* of the U.S. Air Force in 1947. President Trump said: "The Space Force will help us *defer* / *deter* aggression and control the *ultimately* / *ultimate* high ground. Space is the world's new war-fighting *domain* / *domino*. Amid grave threats to our national security, American superiority in space is absolutely *viral* / *vital*." Many people thought the force needed a *specially* / *special* uniform. Some critics said it needed to be black, so as to *blend* / *bland* in with the dark of space. Military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a *wastage* / *waste* of taxpayers' money and that no *combatants* / *combats* would be floating around in space in the near future.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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Th\_ U . S . m\_l\_t\_r\_y h\_s \_f\_f\_c\_\_lly \_n\_v\_\_l\_d t  
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b\_l\_c\_k \_n\_d b\_r\_w\_n \_n\_d n\_t c\_m\_\_f\_l\_g\_d f\_r s  
p\_c\_ .

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d \_t n\_\_d\_d t\_b\_ b\_l\_c\_k , s\_\_s t\_b\_l\_n\_d \_n  
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c\_m\_b\_t\_n\_t\_s w\_\_l\_d b\_ f\_l\_\_t\_n\_g \_r\_\_n\_d \_n s  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the ussf is the sixth branch of the us military it is americas first new armed service since the establishment of the us air force in 1947 president trump said the space force will help us deter aggression and control the ultimate high ground space is the worlds new war fighting domain amid grave threats to our national security american superiority in space is absolutely vital many people thought the force needed a special uniform some critics said it needed to be black so as to blend in with the dark of space military officials pointed out that designing new uniforms would be a waste of taxpayers money and that no combatants would be floating around in space in the near future

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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. SPACE FORCES:** Make a poster about space forces. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. UNIFORM:** Write a magazine article about the Space Force uniform having to be black. 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 space forces. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what a space force is for. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The U.S. military
2. December 2019
3. Quite a stir
4. Twitter
5. Space
6. Six
7. 1947
8. Aggression
9. The dark of space
10. Floating around

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The U.S. military has officially unveiled the uniforms.
2. It was officially created alongside the Space Command.
3. Uniforms have been designed for Space Force personnel.
4. They created quite a stir on social media.
5. The tweet announced the uniforms had touched down.
6. Deter aggression and control the ultimate high ground.
7. American superiority in space is absolutely vital.
8. To blend in with the dark of space.
9. New uniforms are a waste of taxpayers' money.
10. No combatants would be floating around in space.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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