



# Serving in the Army

A person who serves in the Army is called a soldier. A soldier is either enlisted or an officer. Most soldiers are enlisted, which means that they joined the Army without a college degree. An enlisted soldier is trained in a particular job or skill which they do within their unit (the group they are assigned to). Officers join the Army after they get a college degree or graduate from Officer Candidate School (OCS). Officers lead other soldiers.

All soldiers begin their Army service with something called "basic training." In basic training, soldiers learn combat skills. They are also trained for the specific job they will do in the Army.

1. What is a person who serves in the Army called? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the difference between being enlisted and being an officer?

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3. What happens at basic training?

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