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# Vocabulary:

## "My Life as a Military Kid"

1. **deploy (dih-PL0I)** *verb*; To deploy people or things is to send them out for a particular purpose. Volunteers might be deployed to help people after a natural disaster. A car airbag might deploy during a collision. *Deploy* is often used in a military context. If someone in the military has been deployed, he or she has been sent to a specific destination for a mission.
2. **military base (MIL-i-ter-ee beys)** *noun*; A military base is a place that is owned and operated by the military. A military base might house equipment, soldiers, and sometimes their families. It can also serve as a training ground or command center.
3. **relate (rih-LEYT)** *verb*; As it is used in the article, *relate* means "to understand or have empathy for someone or something." If you can relate to the main character in the novel you're reading, you share some of the same thoughts or feelings as that character. You may have had similar experiences to those of that character.
4. **service member (SUR-vis MEHM-ber)** *noun*; Generally, *service member* refers to a person who serves in one of the five armed forces of the United States: the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard.
5. **station (STEY-shuhn)** *noun or verb*; The noun *station* can refer to a regular stopping place, like a gas station or a bus station. *Station* can also mean "a place where someone stands or does a job." There are several research stations in Antarctica.  
  
As a verb, *station* means "to assign someone to a station or position." Stores often station someone near the door to greet customers. A member of the Air Force might be stationed at a base in Colorado.

**Directions:** On the back of this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.

# Vocabulary Practice

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**Directions:** Complete each unfinished sentence in a way that makes the meaning of the boldfaced word clear.

1. Last Saturday our town held a parade to honor **service members**. People \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The troops prepared themselves to **deploy** at dawn by \_\_\_\_\_

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3. On field day, student council members were **stationed** next to orange cones. They \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Ken found it hard to **relate** to the kids at his new school. He \_\_\_\_\_

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5. During a recent road trip, I spotted a **military base** out the window. I saw \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions:** Choose the word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

**6. station**

Ⓐ assign

Ⓑ remove

**7. relate**

Ⓐ divide

Ⓑ connect

**8. deploy**

Ⓐ move into position

Ⓑ reduce in size

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**Directions:** Write a sentence that includes a word or words from the list of vocabulary words on page 1 of this activity (including any words you added).

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