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Military Time Travel

Directions: Read the facts about the military in the past and the military today. Then, answer the questions to compare how things have changed.

The Past: Long Ago

Long ago, soldiers communicated using **hand-written letters** that took weeks to arrive. They traveled mostly on foot or by horse. Many uniforms were made of **heavy wool**, and soldiers had to carry heavy metal pots for cooking over campfires. Women were not allowed to serve in combat roles.

The Present: Today

Today, service members use **satellite computers** and radios to talk instantly. They travel in fast jets, powerful ships, and armored vehicles. Uniforms are made of **high-tech fabric** that stays cool and helps them hide. Food is often pre-packaged in "ready to eat" pouches. Both men and women serve in many different jobs.

1. What is one way that **communication** has changed from the past to today?
2. How did soldiers travel **long ago** versus how they travel **now**?
3. Look at the **uniforms**. Why might today's fabric be better for a soldier than the wool used in the past?
4. What is one thing that has **stayed the same** about why people join the military? (Hint: Think about their goal for the country).
5. In the past, only men were in combat. How is the **military today** different for women?