**War and peace vocabulary B2**

Make sure you understand the following expressions and collocations related to war and peace. Try to use some of them to discuss the conversation questions that follow.

**War and peace**

Starting a war/ declare war (on sb/sth)

go to war (against/with sb)

lead/crush **a rebellion**

**launch/carry out a surprise/terrorist attack**

carry out a rescue mission

fight/crush/defeat the rebels

suffer/inflict a defeat

achieve/win a decisive victory

order/force a retreat

**Civilians in war**

harm/kill/protect innocent/unarmed civilians

avoid/limit civilian **casualties/collateral damage**

impose/enforce/lift **a curfew**

accept **refugees f**leeing from war

**Making peace**

make/bring/ maintain/promote peace

call for/declare **a ceasefire**/a temporary truce

sign a ceasefire agreement

put an end to hostilities

**Fighting**

join/serve in the army/navy/air force

be/go/remain/serve on active duty

be sent to the front (line)

defeat/kill/destroy the enemy

shoot a rifle

launch/fire a missile

use biological/chemical/nuclear weapons

suffer heavy losses/**casualties**

be hit/killed by enemy fire

become/ be held as **a prisoner of war**

**Conversation questions**

**Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!**

* Do you think war is sometimes a requirement to maintain peace? Why/not?
* Do you agree or disagree? There will be a world completely free of war someday. Please explain your opinion.
* Do you agree or disagree? If more countries had women leaders, there would be fewer wars. Please explain your opinion.
* In which part of the world might the next major war begin? Why do you think so?
* Why do movies, books, and songs so often glorify war? Is it wrong to do so?
* What if wars were fought as computer simulations and without any loss of life? Would this cause more or fewer wars to happen? Why do you think so?
* How do you feel about an increasing number of countries developing nuclear technology?
* What would you tell your son/daughter if he/she wanted to become a soldier? Would your answer change if your country were involved in a conflict rather than at peace?
* Which is better, living in a country with a strong army that often goes to war, or living in a country unable to defend itself if there were a war? Why did you choose that answer?
* Is having an army a waste of money in your country? Which jobs do soldiers really do?
* How can countries prevent conflicts when other nations are not trying to bring peace?