# 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?