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1 Weaponry: Pistol



Beretta
M9 pistol

A **pistol** is a **sidearm**. Soldiers can **aim** and fire it with one hand. Pistols are smaller than other firearms, making them useful in **close combat**.

Modern pistols, such as the Beretta M9, are **semi-automatic**. This means that they do not need to be **charged** between rounds.

Officers most often carry **handguns**. In fact, **service pistols** have great symbolic meaning. When a unit is defeated, the **commanding officer** often gives his sidearm to the enemy **commander**. This shows that the unit **surrenders**.

Comprehension

1 Read, listen and choose the correct answers.

- What does the passage say about aiming the pistol?
 - Its size makes it difficult to aim.
 - It can be aimed with one hand.
 - Semi-automatic pistols are easy to aim.
 - It is hard to aim in close combat.
- What can be inferred about pistols in the past?
 - They had to be charged between rounds.
 - They were less accurate than pistols today.
 - They were larger than modern pistols.
 - They were given to all members of an army.
- Giving a pistol to an enemy commander symbolizes ...
 - the desire to join the enemy.
 - competition between military units.
 - the surrender of a unit.
 - a victory in a battle.

Vocabulary

2 Choose the correct answers.

- Which phrase describes a style of military fighting?
 - semi-automatic
 - commanding officer
 - close combat
- What must a soldier do to a pistol to allow it to fire rounds?
 - surrender it
 - aim it
 - charge it

3 Complete the word that is similar in meaning to the underlined phrase.

- The soldiers took orders from the person in charge of a military unit.
_ o _ _ _ d _ r
- Hostilities in a war cease when one side states that it has lost and will stop combat operations.
s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

4 Scan the passage. Then complete each of the words that means the same as **weapon**.

- p _ _ _ _ _
- _ _ d _ a _ _
- _ _ n _ _ _ n
- s _ _ _ _ c _ _ i _ t _ _

Listening & Speaking

5 Listen to a speaker at a weapon manufacturing facility. Fill in the notes.

The M9 Pistol
 Round capacity:
 Ideal use:
 Length:
 Weight:
 Round:

6 Listen again and check your notes.

7 Say how soldiers use a pistol.

