

From soldiers to teachers 从士兵到教师

Vocabulary: education 词汇: 教育

Did you have a very strict teacher at school? I did. I'll never forget 'Mr **Grumpy**'. If you didn't get your geography right, you would wish to run to the end of the earth to be far away from him.

That tall man with a very loud voice knew how frighten you and put the fear of God into you. '**Discipline** and **commitment**' was his **motto**. Nobody **dared** to be late for his class. No **idle chat** no matter how boring the subject was. And not even the **cheekiest** pupil would dream of cheating in his tests.



I thought about my old teacher when I read about a new government programme in England to **fast-track** former soldiers with no **degrees** into teaching. They can **specialise** either as secondary school subject teachers or as primary teachers.

From next January those selected for the programme will earn a salary and **train on-the-job** four days a week and one day at university. In two years they will be considered 'newly qualified teachers'.

Education Minister David Laws said: "We know that our **highly-skilled servicemen** and women can **inspire** young people." He believes that **military values** such as **leadership**, discipline, **motivation**, and **teamwork** would benefit children.

But not everybody is happy with the government plans. Brian Lightman, from an organisation called the Association of School and College Leaders, thinks the training offered to the ex-soldiers who want to be teachers is not enough.

Christine Blower, of the National Union of Teachers, believes that teachers need to understand how children develop. According to her, **trainees** need a high level of education themselves and thorough teacher training before they can educate the young.

I'm not sure how much 'Mr **Grumpy**' knew about child development. What I know is how happy he was when we did well. I'll never forget the broad smile on his face when I got a very high mark. My teacher was no soldier, but to me his smile was a **medal for bravery** in our war against **ignorance**!

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What wouldn't pupils do in Mr Grumpy's class?
2. What kind of soldiers can take part in the government programme?
3. Who said soldiers can inspire young people?
4. How did the author know that Mr Grumpy was happy with their learning?
5. Which word means lack of knowledge or information?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. You joined the gym last month but you never go there to exercise. You have no _____!

leadership	teamwork	discipline	ignorance
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2. Don't you _____ call me sweetie! I know that you have been going out with another woman.

stop	dare	inspire	allow
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3. Mary is a _____ teacher. She worked in the school around the corner for 30 years and has now retired.

former	later	fast-track	grumpy
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4. I'm so glad to have finished my training. Now I will find a job and _____ a good salary.

gain	benefit	allow	earn
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5. You saved that poor child who fell in the river full of crocodiles! You deserve _____.

an idle chat	a high mark	a medal for bravery	a military value
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What wouldn't pupils do in Mr Grumpy's class? **Be late, have idle chat or cheat on tests.**
2. What kind of soldiers can take part in the government programme? **Former soldiers with no degree.**
3. Who said soldiers can inspire young people? **The Education Minister David Laws.**
4. How did the author know that Mr Grumpy was happy with their learning? **When Mr Grumpy smiled at the author upon getting a very high mark.**
5. Which word means lack of knowledge or information? **Ignorance.**

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Glossary 词汇表

grumpy	脾气不好的
discipline	纪律
commitment	致力，投入
motto	座右铭，格言
to dare	敢做（某事）
idle chat	闲聊
cheekiest	最调皮的
fast-track	使某人快速获得成功
a degree	文凭，学位
to specialise	专门从事
to train on-the-job	在岗培训
highly-skilled	高技能的
a serviceman	军人
to inspire	激励，鼓舞
military values	军队的价值，军人价值观
leadership	领导，领导地位
motivation	动力
teamwork	团队合作
a trainee	培训生
a medal for bravery	英勇勋章
ignorance	无知