

# VIETNAM MILITARY LINGO PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

## STUDY GUIDE



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

## 1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

## 2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

## 3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

## 4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

## 5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

## 6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

## Questions

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- 1. In the slang, what is the Navy Chaplain commonly called?**
  - A. Navy Admiral
  - B. Skypilot
  - C. Seaman Chaplain
  - D. Padre
- 2. Initial training and orientation upon arrival in-country is called what?**
  - A. Break Squelch
  - B. Charlie
  - C. Charm School
  - D. Cherry
- 3. In this slang lexicon, which term is the correct slang for Military Payment Certificates?**
  - A. Funny Money
  - B. Play Money
  - C. Monopoly Money
  - D. Counterfeit Cash
- 4. What term is used to describe a bamboo pit viper booby trap that is said to kill within two steps after being bitten?**
  - A. Two-Stepper
  - B. Bamboo Pit Viper
  - C. VTR
  - D. Uncle Ho
- 5. Which term is the M2HB .50 caliber machine gun, used by some ground forces?**
  - A. Five-Sided Squirrel Cage
  - B. Fifty
  - C. Frag
  - D. Freedom Bird

- 6. Which term refers to a White Phosphorus round or grenade?**
- A. Zippo Raid
  - B. Xin loi
  - C. Willie Pete
  - D. Yankee
- 7. What is the military phonetic for the letter U?**
- A. Uniform
  - B. Whiskey
  - C. Victor
  - D. Mike
- 8. Which term corresponds to tall, sharp-edged grass found in the highlands of Vietnam?**
- A. Elephant Grass
  - B. Elephant
  - C. Dink
  - D. Dragon Wagon
- 9. Which expression describes missions involving non-military jobs such as delivering newspapers or transporting chaplains?**
- A. Ash and Trash
  - B. Gate and Guard
  - C. Paper and Ferry
  - D. Chop and Drop
- 10. Which term is the military phonetic for the letter E?**
- A. Dustoff
  - B. Echo
  - C. Elephant
  - D. Dragon Wagon

## **Answers**

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1. B
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. A
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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### 1. In the slang, what is the Navy Chaplain commonly called?

- A. Navy Admiral
- B. Skypilot**
- C. Seaman Chaplain
- D. Padre

*The slang term for a Navy Chaplain is skypilot. This nickname comes from the vivid image of a priest guiding souls much like a pilot steers a craft through the skies, capturing the chaplain's role in offering spiritual leadership and morale support aboard ships. While other terms like padre or seaman chaplain exist, skypilot is the colorful, commonly used sailors' slang for the chaplain.*

### 2. Initial training and orientation upon arrival in-country is called what?

- A. Break Squelch
- B. Charlie
- C. Charm School**
- D. Cherry

*Charm School is the Vietnam War slang for the initial training and orientation provided to new arrivals in-country. It signals a crash course to acclimate troops to the theater—the realities, routines, threats, and procedures they'll face—delivered in a blunt, practical way. This term emphasizes getting up to speed quickly so a soldier can operate effectively and stay alive. Break Squelch is a radio procedure, Charlie is the enemy, and Cherry refers to a rookie but not the formal onboarding program.*

### 3. In this slang lexicon, which term is the correct slang for Military Payment Certificates?

- A. Funny Money
- B. Play Money
- C. Monopoly Money**
- D. Counterfeit Cash

*In this slang, Military Payment Certificates are referred to as Monopoly Money because it captures the idea of official money that only works within a restricted, game-like system. MPCs were government-issued currency used in military zones, not in general circulation, so they functioned like money within a closed environment—much like the play money used in the Monopoly board game. Calling them Monopoly Money signals that they are legitimate money for that specific context, even though they're not ordinary spendable cash everywhere. Other terms don't fit as well: Funny Money usually points to counterfeit or useless currency, Play Money can refer to any fake or toy money, and Counterfeit Cash explicitly means fake money. None convey the sanctioned, location-limited nature of MPCs as cleanly as Monopoly Money.*

4. What term is used to describe a bamboo pit viper booby trap that is said to kill within two steps after being bitten?

**A. Two-Stepper**

B. Bamboo Pit Viper

C. VTR

D. Uncle Ho

*The idea being tested is the specific Vietnamese military nickname for a deadly booby trap that combines a bamboo pit with a venomous pit viper, and the lore that it would kill within two steps after being bitten. The best fit is "Two-Stepper" because this term is the slang used to describe that exact trap: a covert danger whose bite was believed to deliver death in just a couple of steps, underscoring the eerie immediacy of the threat. The other options don't capture that nickname for the trap itself. Referring to the snake as the trap would miss the point of the label; an acronym like VTR isn't the familiar wartime moniker for this trap, and "Uncle Ho" points to something entirely different and is not the nickname for this device.*

5. Which term is the M2HB .50 caliber machine gun, used by some ground forces?

A. Five-Sided Squirrel Cage

**B. Fifty**

C. Frag

D. Freedom Bird

*Slang for heavy weapons here centers on quick, recognizable nicknames that troops use in the field. The M2 Browning .50 caliber machine gun is commonly called "fifty" by ground forces because of its caliber, so it's immediately clear what weapon is being referred to when someone says fifty. That shorthand sticks because it directly signals a heavy, long range machine gun mounted on vehicles or tripods, a staple for suppressive fire. The other terms don't fit as a nickname for this weapon: they relate to something else entirely—nonsense-sounding phrases, grenades, or helicopters—so they wouldn't be used to name the M2HB.*

6. Which term refers to a White Phosphorus round or grenade?

A. Zippo Raid

B. Xin loi

**C. Willie Pete**

D. Yankee

*Willie Pete is the army slang for White Phosphorus munitions. The name comes from the initials W and P, spoken as "Willie" and "Pete" in military radio communication, making it easy to reference quickly under fire. White Phosphorus rounds are used for incendiary effects and for creating smoke screens or illumination, which is why this nickname became standard in Vietnam-era slang and persists in military vernacular. The other terms don't denote the ammunition itself: Zippo Raid relates to incendiary actions, Xin loi is Vietnamese for "sorry," and Yankee is a casual term for Americans.*

## 7. What is the military phonetic for the letter U?

A. Uniform

B. Whiskey

C. Victor

D. Mike

*Using the military phonetic alphabet helps ensure clear radio communication, especially over noisy links. The letter U is spoken as Uniform, because each letter has a distinct code word assigned specifically to it. This mapping keeps letters from being misheard—U won't be confused with other similar sounds during transmission. The other options correspond to different letters: Whiskey for W, Victor for V, and Mike for M.*

## 8. Which term corresponds to tall, sharp-edged grass found in the highlands of Vietnam?

A. Elephant Grass

B. Elephant

C. Dink

D. Dragon Wagon

*In Vietnam military lingo, terrain hazards are labeled with compact, memorable terms that quickly convey danger. For the tall, sharp-edged grass found in the highlands, troops use the shorthand elephant. The image of an elephant reinforces how massive and rough the vegetation is, signaling that movement through that area can snag gear, slow progress, and injure exposed skin. While the literal phrase elephant grass is common in everyday description, the established slang label used on the ground is elephant, which is why it's the best fit here. The other terms don't reflect the standard military nickname for this specific terrain feature.*

## 9. Which expression describes missions involving non-military jobs such as delivering newspapers or transporting chaplains?

A. Ash and Trash

B. Gate and Guard

C. Paper and Ferry

D. Chop and Drop

*In this type of Vietnam War slang, two-word pairings are used to signal the nature of a mission. When the task is non-combat and focused on support—things like delivering newspapers or moving chaplains around rather than engaging the enemy—the shorthand chosen describes routine, auxiliary duties rather than front-line action. Ash and Trash is the expression that fits this idea, signaling those behind-the-lines, non-military, everyday duties that keep operations running but don't involve combat. The other phrases tend to imply more direct security, movement, or combat-adjacent roles, which is why they don't align as neatly with non-military support tasks.*

10. Which term is the military phonetic for the letter E?

A. Dustoff

B. Echo

C. Elephant

D. Dragon Wagon

*In military radio communication, each letter is spoken with a fixed code word to prevent mishearing. For the letter E, the designated code word is Echo. Dustoff is a famous Medevac helicopter call sign, not a phonetic for a letter. Elephant and Dragon Wagon aren't part of the official alphabet either, they're nicknames or informal terms. So Echo is the correct term to use when spelling E over the radio because it's the standardized code word assigned to that letter.*

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## Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at [hello@examzify.com](mailto:hello@examzify.com).

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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