

The Military: Some Gung-Ho Vocabulary

'Gung-Ho' isn't normal English. It's a term that I hear in normal English, but it just sounds so. . . *military*. Do you know anybody who is so motivated, so energetic, that it seems like they can do *anything* they have so much energy? That person—that kind of person—is 'gung ho.' Sure, a teacher can be gung-ho. A student can be gung-ho, too, if they're so excited about learning that they always do everything they can to learn. 'Gung-ho' is the perfect term to describe an elite soldier of some kind, and the term sounds so 'unstoppable' that it seems military to me.

Today, we're going to learn some other vocabulary that you can use to describe the military, and serving in the military. In the recording, you'll hear the following words:

- enlist
- volunteer
- draft

After You've Heard the Recoding

Did you know any of the vocabulary? I chose these words for two reasons. The first, of course, is that they're words you'll want to use if you need to describe your own military service. On the other hand, though, these are words you can use in other settings. How would you use these words to describe something else? Have you ever *enlisted* someone to help you?