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Military Mascots

A mascot is something (often an animal) that is meant to represent a team or group. You can probably think of many sports teams that have animal names. The American military also has a number of mascots.

Air Force Academy

The U.S. Air Force Academy just north of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a military college that trains future Air Force and U.S. Space Force leaders. The Air Force Academy has 17 men's and women's athletic teams that compete against other colleges in several sports. Circle every third letter to reveal the Air Force Academy's mascot.

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Why do you think they chose this mascot?



Army vs. Navy

Bill the Goat is the mascot of the U.S. Naval Academy. The Mule is Army West Point's mascot. List five ways they are similar and five differences.

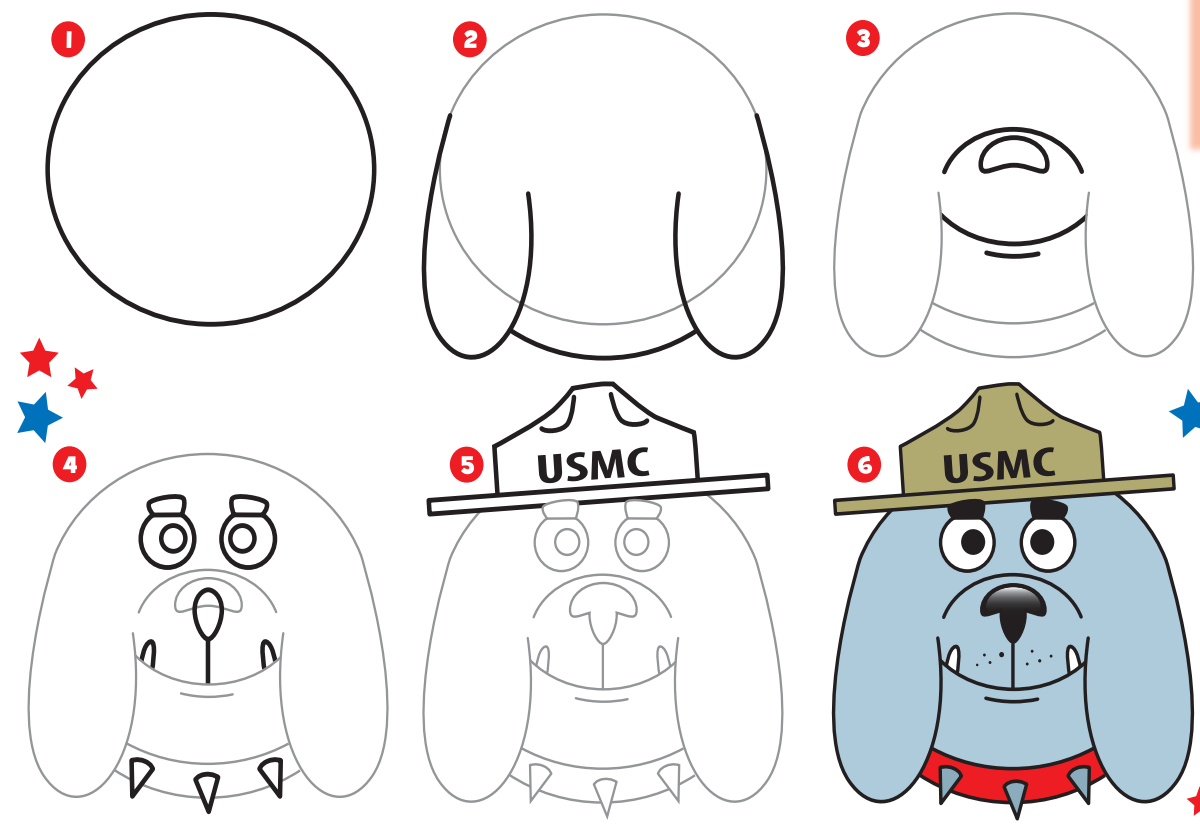
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How to Draw the United States Marines' Bulldog Mascot

Since 1922, bulldogs have been the mascot of the United States Marine Corps.



Veterans Day
On the 11th of November, we celebrate Veterans Day. It's a day to honor the men and women who keep us safe by serving in the various branches of the United States military. Do you have a veteran in your family?

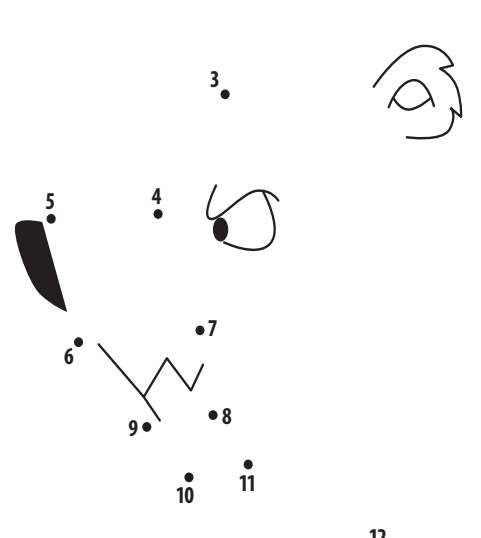
How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes?

Extra! Extra!
Logo Animals
Look through the newspaper for a company logo or ad that includes an animal. Why do you think the company chose that animal?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Connect the dots to discover the mascot of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy whose name is Objee. After connecting the dots, color this mascot brown.



Double Double Word Search

MILITARY
VETERANS
MASCOT
ANIMAL
MARINE
COAST
GUARD
GROUP
ARMY
NAVY
TEAM
GOAT
SAFE
DOTS
DAY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

L	S	D	R	A	U	G	U	S	P
A	D	G	R	O	U	P	N	P	M
M	A	M	E	S	O	A	R	I	T
I	Y	V	A	N	R	T	L	G	T
N	H	F	C	E	I	I	E	O	E
A	E	T	T	O	T	R	C	A	A
E	A	E	M	A	A	S	A	T	M
M	V	S	R	L	A	S	I	M	T
A	R	Y	Y	M	D	O	T	S	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: Proof It

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the 10 errors in this article.



Military Mascots

The first mascot given to the United States Marine Corps in 1922, was a bulldog by the name of Private Jiggs. He quickly rows in the ranks to become a Sergeant Major. Bulldogs have appeared as mascots for several units since then. The current mascot of the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC, is the 14th. He is named "Chesty" after a famous Marine Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller Jr. Chesty goes out on parade each week.

At West Point, N.Y., the official mascots of the U.S. Army are "Ranger 111" and "Stryker"—two mules. Steve Townes, a former Army officer with the 75th Ranger Regiment donated the mules with the condition that one would be called "Ranger." Townes was once a mule rider at West Point.

A Russian wolfhound named "Kolchak XV1," is the official mascot of the 27th Infantry Regiment in Hawaii. This unit served in Siberia during the Russian Civil War in 1918. They won the respect of the Bolsheviks who gave them the name "Wolfhounds," which is now the symbol of the regiment.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words.

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HONOR**

The verb **honor** means to show great respect.

Veterans Day is a time to **honor** those who served our country.

Try to use the word **honor** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Mascot Maker

Find newspaper articles about three different people. Write down each person's name and three character or personality traits of each person. Based upon these traits, select an animal that would be a good mascot for each person.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Discuss this quote with a family member. What do you think it means?

"THE GREATEST GLORY OF A FREE-BORN PEOPLE IS TO TRANSMIT THAT FREEDOM TO THEIR CHILDREN."

— William Harvard

Write On! My Hero

Write a paragraph about your personal hero. Be sure to tell why this person is your hero.

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