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TOPIC	Limited Visibility Attacks
LEVEL	Pre-Intermediate
LANGUAGE PRESENTED	Lexis related to the military (eg) attack, troops, infiltrate, optical sights
SKILLS DEVELOPED	Listening, note-taking, speaking / discussion
MATERIALS	Total pages (4); Student's copy (2); Tapescript + key (2)
ESTIMATED TIME	45 minutes
PRODUCED BY	PEP PEMP group
INSTITUTION & DATE	PEP PEMP group, August 2003
SELF-ACCESS / CLASSROOM	Classroom
ORIGINAL SOURCE	Adapted from PEMP Archive
TEACHERS' / USERS' NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-listening: Ss predict the content of a listening text about Limited Visibility Attacks (LVAs) - First listening: Ss make notes on main features of Limited Visibility Attacks from the tape. - After listening, Ss compare notes in pairs - Second listening: Ss fill in gaps in tapescript - T / Ss check answer key - Post-listening: Ss make notes + discuss any possible disadvantages of LVAs
PILOTING DATA (When? Where? With?)	N/A

Limited Visibility Attacks

Pre-listening

You will listen to a text about Limited Visibility Attacks. In pairs, discuss what you expect the text to tell you. 2 minutes

While-listening

Activity 1: Listen to the tape recording and note down the main features mentioned by the speaker about the topic: limited visibility attacks using the box below. An example has been given for you.

EXAMPLE:

- *Under cover of darkness – the enemy can't see you*
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Now compare your initial notes with a partner. Add in any new information you think is appropriate.

Activity 2: While listening to the tape recording for the second time, try to fill in the gaps in the text. For each gap use ONE or TWO words only.

Advantages of limited visibility attacks

“Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We are here today to discuss limited visibility attacks. Now, what do we mean by this expression – *limited visibility attack*? You know, if we put it into simpler language, what we mean basically is the **(1)** As with everything in life, it has both advantages and disadvantages. Let’s think about what the advantages are. First, it’s obviously easier to **(2)** the enemy’s defences during such kinds of attack, because they can’t see you that well at night.

I have a good example of this from when we were serving out in the Gulf. We managed to bypass the enemy guards without them noticing us. We were able to get right into their headquarters, and this actually became a **(3)** in the battle. So, if you’re planning to move in any number of **(4)**, then cover of darkness is what you need most. It’s your best ally actually.

And don’t forget, it’s an ally that doesn’t work alone as it brings a sense of **(5)**, disorientation and confusion to your enemy as well. And that’s what we are trying to do with our **(6)** forces, aren’t we? That’s why we also use factors like dummy lights, noise, **(7)**..... and fires to get the maximum effect. Imagine the scene: you’re the enemy and you get woken up from your sleep. It’s really **(8)** and people are running about all over the place. Someone is shouting orders, and you’re right in the middle of it all. Not the best situation to be in, is it?

And the final point I want to make here is that **(9)** can also help a lot because it’s not so easy for the enemy to detect it at night with only **(10)**

Well, I’ve kept this short..... but, if you have any questions?”

After listening, compare your answers with your partner and then check with your teacher or the Answer Key + transcript.

Post-listening:

In pairs, discuss and make notes on the possible disadvantages of limited visibility attacks.

Share your ideas with another pair.

KEY: Limited-visibility attacks

EXAMPLE:

- ***Under cover of darkness – the enemy can't see you***
- Easier to infiltrate enemy territory
- Easier to move large forces without being seen
- A night attack will surprise enemy forces
- A night attack will confuse enemy forces
- Easier to use air support at night without detection by the enemy

KEY: Advantages of limited-visibility attacks (gap-fill)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) NIGHT ATTACK • (2) INFILTRATE • (3) TURNING-POINT • (4) TROOPS • (5) SHOCK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (6) OPPOSING • (7) SMOKE • (8) NOISY • (9) AIR SUPPORT • (10) OPTICAL SIGHTS |
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FULL TAPESCRIPT (including ANSWER KEY to Listening + Gap fill activity 2)

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First, it's obviously easier to **(2) INFILTRATE** the enemy's defences during such kinds of attack, because they can't see you that well at night.

I have a good example of this from when we were serving out in the Gulf. We managed to bypass the enemy guards without them noticing us. We were able to get right into their headquarters, and this actually became a **(3) TURNING-POINT** in the battle. So, if you're planning to move in any number of **(4) TROOPS**, then cover of darkness is what you need most. It's your best ally actually.

And don't forget, it's an ally that doesn't work alone as it brings a sense of **(5) SHOCK**, disorientation and confusion to your enemy as well. And that's what we are trying to do with our **(6) OPPOSING** forces, aren't we? That's why we also use factors like dummy lights, noise, **(7) SMOKE** and fires to get the maximum effect. Imagine the scene: you're the enemy and you get woken up from your sleep. It's really **(8) NOISY** and people are running about all over the place. Someone is shouting orders, and you're right in the middle of it all. Not the best situation to be in, is it?

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