

Every group or organization has its own "language" and it takes time to learn. Here is a list of our most used acronyms and phrases, also known as "military alphabet soup":

When in reference to the officers or staff:

Admin O	Administration Officer, the CIC officer who maintains the paperwork involved in the running of the corps
CF	Canadian Forces
CIC	Cadet Instructor Cadre, all officers are commissioned in the CIC
CO	Commanding Officer, the CIC officer who has been placed in command of the corps
DCO	Deputy Commanding Officer, the CIC officer who is second in command (2IC) to the CO
DND	Department of National Defence
Trg O	Training Officer, the CIC officer who maintains the training schedule and guides the senior cadets in the teaching of the lower levels

When in reference to the cadet ranks:

Cdt	Cadet, used for new cadets
Cpl	Corporal, rank achieved after 1 year of training
CSM	Company Sergeant Major, the cadet who is in charge of a company of cadets
CWO	Chief Warrant Officer, rank given to the cadet who demonstrates the best qualities of being a cadet in leadership, teaching, training, and skills. The CWO is given control of the corps by the CO.
DSM	Drill Sergeant Major, the cadet who is in charge of maintaining drill standards (also a MWO)
LCpl	Lance Corporal, rank achieved after 6 months as a cadet
MCpl	Master Corporal: rank achieved after 2 years of training
MWO	Master Warrant Officer, rank given to the cadet who demonstrates the high standards of being a cadet in leadership, teaching, training, and skills. MWO may also be DSM, CSM, or TSM.
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major, the cadet who is in charge of the regiment (also the CWO)
SC	Section Commander, the cadet who has been given the task of overseeing cadets within their section
2IC	Second In Command, the cadet who has been given the task of supporting the Section Commander
Sgt	Sergeant: rank achieved after 3 years of training
TSM	Training Sergeant Major, the cadet who is in charge of providing the training schedule to the cadet who will be teaching
WO	Warrant Officer: rank achieved after 4/5 years of training

General terms used:

ACR	Annual Ceremonial Review, a celebration of our training year, held in June, as a formal inspection with a visiting dignitary and family viewing
AWOL	Away Without Official Leave, the term used when a cadet forgets to call in an absence in advance
CADPAT	Canadian Disruptive Pattern, the term used to describe the camouflage pattern shown on combat wear
Combats	Also known as "fatigues", term used for military issue/surplus clothing in plain green, worn with black combat boots
FTX	A weekend Field Training eXercise, where our cadets spend the weekend camping, hiking, climbing, and participating in outdoor activities.
MRE	Meals Ready to Eat, the prepared food supplied by the DND for consumption during an FTX
MPR	Multi-Purpose Room, where the cadets form up for opening and closing parade
NLT	Not Later Than, used when your cadet needs to be somewhere and cannot be late, like a bus pick up for camp

Military Call Sign:

A	Alpha	H	Hotel	O	Oscar	V	Victor
B	Bravo	I	India	P	Papa	W	Whiskey
C	Charlie	J	Juliette	Q	Quebec	X	X-ray
D	Delta	K	Kilo	R	Romeo	Y	Yankee
E	Echo	L	Lima	S	Sierra	Z	Zulu
F	Foxtrot	M	Mike	T	Tango		
G	Golf	N	November	U	Uniform		

Military time: Forms will come home that list time in the military standard, the 24-hour clock.

1:00 AM	0100	7:00 AM	0700	1:00 PM	1300	7:00 PM	1900
2:00 AM	0200	8:00 AM	0800	2:00 PM	1400	8:00 PM	2000
3:00 AM	0300	9:00 AM	0900	3:00 PM	1500	9:00 PM	2100
4:00 AM	0400	10:00 AM	1000	4:00 PM	1600	10:00 PM	2200
5:00 AM	0500	11:00 AM	1100	5:00 PM	1700	11:00 PM	2300
6:00 AM	0600	12:00 PM	1200	6:00 PM	1800	12:00 AM	0000