

Navy to End Ban on Women in Submarines



Language Practice: Sentence Sense

Use one of the words in the box to complete each statement below. Each word will be used only once.

ban	conditions	cramped	fleet	officers
plan	privacy	separate	serve	underwater

1. The U.S. Navy has announced plans to end its _____ on women in subs.
2. Women have not been allowed on subs because subs are very _____ places.
3. Sailors have very little _____ on a submarine.
4. A sub's crew can live in these tight _____ for up to seven months at a time.
5. Female _____ will be the first to live on subs.
6. The Navy has a _____ of 71 submarines.
7. According to the Navy's _____, there will never be fewer than two women on a sub.
8. Women make up about 15 percent of the people who _____ in the U.S. Navy.
9. Women who live on subs will have _____ rooms from men.
10. A submarine might stay _____ for as long as 75 days at a time.

Reading Comprehension: Reading for Detail

Circle all the statements below that are true.

1. Women have served on Navy ships since 1989.
2. Life on a sub is much different from life on a ship.
3. Sailors on a sub might be underwater for as long as 75 days.
4. New spaces will have to be built before women officers can live aboard subs.
5. The first woman to command a sub will take over in 2011.
6. The United States is the first country to allow women on subs.

Reading Comprehension: Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that *best* sums up the main idea of this week's News for You article.

- a. On a submarine, 150 sailors share two bathrooms.
- b. The Navy is opening up new opportunities for women by ending a longtime ban.
- c. Today, more than 50,000 women serve in the U.S. Navy.
- d. If women are to serve on a sub, special quarters will have to be set aside for them.