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## military

- ▶ *adjective* relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces: *the build-up of military activity* | *he organized his shows with military precision.*
- ▶ *noun* (plural **militaries**) the armed forces of a country: *as a young man he joined **the military** and pursued a career in the Army* | *most militaries remain subordinate to civilian authorities.*

– DERIVATIVES

**militariness** *noun*

– ORIGIN late Middle English: from French *militaire* or Latin *militaris*, from *miles*, *milit-* 'soldier'.

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