What was life like for Roman soldiers?

- Training
- Duties
- Following orders



A Roman soldier was a well-trained fighting machine. He could march 20 miles a day, wearing all his armour and equipment. He could swim or cross rivers in boats boild bridges and smash his way into forts.

After a long day's march, Roman soldiers had to build a camp, complete with a ditch and a wall of wooden stakes. The next day, they had to do it all again!

A Roman soldier almost always followed orders. Anyone who didn't faced tough punishments. If you fell asleep on duty, you could be sentenced to death.



Roman soldiers weren't always at war - they spent most of their time training for battle. They practised fighting in formation and man-to-man.

Today, we will be writing in present tense exploring the day to day life of a Roman soldier.



To change a sentence from the past tense into the present perfect tense, you need to use:

'has' or 'have' + a past tense verb = present perfect tense

The alien won the hide-and-seek contest.

The alien has won the hide-and-seek contest.

The aliens **sneaked** into the restaurant.

The aliens have sneaked into the restaurant.



How can we change these sentences from past tense to present?

A Roman soldier was a well trained fighting machine.

A Roman soldier has to be a well trained fighting machine.

After a long day's march, Roman soldiers <u>had</u> to build a camp, complete with a ditch and a wall of wooden stakes.

After a long day's march, Roman soldiers will have to build camp, complete with a ditch and a wall of wooden stakes.



CT to model

Using the research sheets write a short paragraph in present tense about the daily life of a Roman soldier.