Worksheet 11.3
The Language of War

Watch this military briefing given by General Norman Schwarzkopf to the members of the press. As you watch, listen carefully to the language General Schwarzkopf uses, and note any unusual phrases.

Now ask yourself the following questions.

1. Bearing in mind the importance of the media in modern warfare, do you think that the briefing has political as well as military importance?

2. Do you think that the general public is able to comment with authority on military tactics and strategy?

3. What are the key points Schwarzkopf makes in explaining how the coalition forces came to have the advantage over Iraq?