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To become a Navy SEAL, one has to complete 7 to 9 weeks of initial training. In this Boot Camp, a candidate for SEAL will be tested both physically and mentally. The purpose of the Boot Camp is not only to prepare a recruit for extreme conditions, but also teach each person to work alone and as a member of an elite team. Many people that have completed SEAL training refer to it as “brutal”. After Boot Camp, there is even more training to complete. A recruit must complete training for underwater missions and specialized training in a chosen field. If a recruit is able to complete the training successfully, he or she is able to advance through the very competitive system.

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Navy SEALs need to work as a team. They work in all types of terrains. Their missions can be done using a variety of transportation types.

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Boot camp is to teach recruits how to work as a Navy SEAL. Boot camp is not easy to complete, and it is competitive.

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Navy SEALs have many jobs to keep United States citizens safe from harm.