



March Like a Marine

To be effective in battle, Marines learned to work and move together. Part of their training involved marching and turning as a group to the beat of a drum. Marines marched at the “common step.” Each pace was two feet long, and they took 75 steps per minute. In addition, Marines were taught to point their toes as they marched.

Practice marching like a Marine!

- Gather a group and stand in a line. Each person should face the back of the person in front of him or her.
- The first person in line is the drill sergeant and will give the commands.

Commands:

- **“To the Front - March!”**: Step off together with the left foot. Drill sergeant marks time by saying the cadence “Left... Left... Left, Right, Left” to make sure everyone steps on the proper foot at the proper time.
- **“Halt!”**: Stop marching.
- **“To the Right - About Face!”**: Turn in place 180 degrees clockwise. Face the way you came and march back to where you began.
- **“Company - Dismissed!”**: Recruits may disperse!

