

Activity Type

Listening, speaking and spelling activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Categories of words

Aim

To find out what words a partner has written on a battleship grid and the name of the category the words relate to.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining category game, students play a game of battleships to find out words and their related category.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B) and give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Write a category on a piece of paper and give it to Group A.

Then, write another category on a piece of paper and give it to Group B.

Tell the groups to keep their category secret from the other group.

Working together, the students come up with seven words belonging to their category. Three words should be four letters long, two words should be five letters long and two words should be six letters in length.

The students enter the words horizontally, vertically or diagonally on the grid entitled 'My ships'.

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group.

Have the students sit back to back so they can't see each other's worksheet.


Explain that the students are now going to play a game of battleships to find out what words their partner has written on their battleship grid and the name of the category the words relate to.

The students then take it in turns to call out coordinates to their partner, e.g. C4.

If there is a letter in that square, their partner says 'hit' and reveals the letter. If the square is blank, the student says 'miss'.

The first student to find all seven words and say the name of the category the words belong to wins the game.

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My partner's ships										
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