Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: providing vocabulary, Battleships (group and pair work)

Focus

Categories of words

Aim

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

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining category game, students play a game of Battleships to find words and name the category the words relate to.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Write a category on a piece of paper and give it to Group A and then do the same for Group B.

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

Working together, students come up with seven words belonging to that category.

Three words should be four letters long, two words should be five letters long and two words should be six letters in length.

Students write 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.

Students then 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.

Students 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, their partner says 'miss'.

The student then marks the 'My partner's ships' grid accordingly.

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

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

My ships

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My partner's ships

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