



BATTLESHIPS: STRONG OR HEAVY?

Fluency Boost - Travelling
Intermediate (KS3/4)

Learning outcomes: To practise collocations with the adjectives 'strong' and 'heavy'.

Game instructions:



- Print off the 'Instructions' worksheet (page 2) and 'Questions' worksheets (page 5 and 6).
- Group pupils into pairs and give each pair 2 'Instructions' worksheets (page 2) and 1 'Pupil A Questions' worksheet (page 5) and 1 'Pupil B Questions' worksheet (page 6).
- Each pupil has 6 boats (2 submarines which are 2 squares long, 1 frigate which is 4 squares long, 2 cruisers – 4 squares long, 1 battleship – 5 squares long). Using a pencil, each pupil draws crosses to represent their 6 boats in the 'My grid' space.
- Pupils take it in turn to guess the co-ordinates of their partner's boat by saying which space they think the boat is in. Each pupil can keep track of which spaces they've guessed in the 'Their grid' box.
- If a pupil guesses a square where one of their partner's boats are, their partner will ask them a question about strong and heavy collocations. If a pupil answers the question correctly, the boat will be hit. To sink a ship, the pupil must correctly answer the question for each square that the boat is in. If a pupil answers incorrectly, they must try again on their next turn.
- The first pupil to sink all their partner's ships wins.

Materials required:

- 2 x Instructions (page 2), Grids (page 3 and 4), 1 x Pupil A questions (page 5), 1 x Pupil B questions (page 6)

Differentiation:

- ▶ Encourage pupils to use fewer boats, thus answering fewer questions.
- ★ Ask pupils to create their own questions using strong and heavy collocations.

Tip!

If pupils are finding these collocations difficult, encourage them to practise using the FlashAcademy® lesson Intermediate > Travelling > Strong vs. Heavy.





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You have 6 boats:

2 submarines (2 squares long)

1 frigate (3 squares long)

2 cruisers (4 squares long)

1 battleship (5 squares long)

1. Arrange your boats by writing crosses in pencil on 'My grid'.
2. Take it in turns with your partner to guess where their boats are, calling out the square where it might be. Mark it with a cross on 'Their grid'.
3. If your partner guesses a square where one of your boats are, ask a question from the question sheet. They must get it right otherwise they must try again in their next turn. To sink a ship, all squares containing the boat must be answered correctly.
4. The first person to have lost all their boats loses.



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My grid

[illegible]

Their grid

[illegible]



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Pupil A Questions

1. I like to drink _____ cups of tea. (strong)
2. I was late for school due to the _____ traffic. (heavy)
3. The wind was so _____ that the washing was blown off the line. (strong)
4. I can't see because of the _____ rain. (heavy)
5. My head is so _____ I can't think. (heavy)
6. He has very _____ views on the matter. (strong)
7. The politician has _____ support from the people. (strong)
8. There was a _____ smell of cheese in the air. (strong)
9. There is _____ evidence to support my view. (strong)
10. The government has made a _____ commitment to helping the elderly. (strong)
11. If there's _____ snow, we can build a snowman! (heavy)
12. She's such a _____ sleeper, she could sleep through a thunderstorm! (heavy)
13. My dad is a _____ smoker. (heavy)
14. Grace is a _____ swimmer and she has swum the English Channel! (strong)
15. They didn't go to jail but they had to pay a _____ fine. (heavy)
16. I put lots of chilli on my food as I like _____ flavours. (strong)
17. I can't lift my suitcase because it's too _____. (heavy)
18. I feel sleepy after that _____ meal. (heavy)
19. The company collapsed after _____ losses. (heavy)
20. I don't like books which make me cry. I find them too _____. (heavy)

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Pupil B Questions

1. You're so _____ after all your hard work at the gym. (strong)
2. Venice can't handle the _____ footfall of tourists in the city. (heavy)
3. James has a _____ moral compass. (strong)
4. After the run, his breathing was very _____. (heavy)
5. I support this political party due to their _____ leader. (strong)
6. I only read books with _____ female characters. (strong)
7. I have a _____ belief that this time will be different. (strong)
8. We're in a _____ position. (strong)
9. The guilt weighed _____ on his conscience. (heavy)
10. I often use _____ colours when I'm painting. (strong)
11. Listening to that song, I always have a _____ feeling of nostalgia. (strong)
12. From your CV, I can see you're a _____ candidate. (strong)
13. There's a _____ bond between friends. (strong)
14. Sofia is very _____ at physics. (strong)
15. My boss is very busy due to her _____ workload. (heavy)
16. She hid the dark circles under her eyes with _____ makeup. (heavy)
17. Michael left the house with a _____ heart, wondering if he would return. (heavy)
18. With _____ eyelids, Dana went to bed. (heavy)
19. The silence was _____ between them. (heavy)
20. Jabir has a _____ passion for helping others. (strong)

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