

The day the biggest naval battle ended



Before listening

naval - connected to the sea

a site - a place

a missile - a big bullet

a range - the distance over which a weapon can hit

to come up with - to have a new idea or a plan

a carrier - a ship that carries something

to invade - to come quickly and take over the territory

to confuse - to think wrongly that a person or a thing is someone or something else

a cannon - a large heavy powerful gun, was used in the past to fire heavy metal balls

a disposal - the act of getting rid of something

Complete the sentences with a proper word from above.

1. There have been talks on the safe _____ of the nuclear weapons.
2. His orders were to protect the port from _____ attacks.
3. I always _____ you and your sister. You look so much alike!
4. There are numerous of historic _____ to visit.
5. Their battleship had the _____ with a range of 40 km.
6. The new _____ is faster and more maneuverable than the previous model.
7. Concentrations of troops near the border proved that they were planning to _____ soon.
8. The soldiers were practising on the shooting _____.
9. They _____ a plan to make the production process more efficient.
10. Sioux Railway is the ninth largest rail _____ in the nation.

Listen and answer the questions.

Who took part in the battle? _____

Where did the battle take place? _____

Who won the battle? _____

Listen again and explain the numbers and dates.

370 _____

1500 _____

200 000 _____

December, 1941 _____

October 23, 1941 _____

October 26, 1944 _____

Listen to the news once again and complete the gaps.

It is the largest _____ (1) battle of World War II in which 370 ships, 1500 aircraft, and 200 000 sailors _____ (2). It is a battle of the Philippine island of Leyte.

In December 1941, Japan _____ (3) Pearl Harbor without warning and _____ (4) the North Pacific. The United States _____ (5) the war and has to fight with the Japanese for every strategic island.

In October 1944, Americans want to _____ (6) the Philippines. Leyte is chosen as the site of _____ (7). Gradually, 170 000 American soldiers land there. The Japanese don't want to _____ (8) the Philippines. They're ready to _____ (9) for them. They send many of their ships into this area, including two of the biggest ships in the history of war.

It's October, 23 1944 and the fight is starting. The first ships are seen by American _____ (10) and small planes. The Americans start to _____ (11) them.

On October, 25 it appears that the battle is over and the Americans have won. However, the Japanese _____ (12) and with a good tactical maneuver, they manage to _____ (13) the Americans.

On October, 26, 1944 they are ready to fight again. At Leyte island, _____ (14) begin to hit the surprised Americans from behind the horizon. They can't see any ship because the Japanese shoot from a huge battleship that has _____ (15) with a range of 40 km.

The Americans must quickly _____ (17) with a plan. From the plane carriers, all the plane they have at their _____ (18) start the counterattack. They also _____ (19) from their ships. They don't have a big chance to succeed but to their surprise the Japanese turn their ships around and go away. The Pacific ocean is now _____ (20) American control.

Paraphrase the sentences

In December 1941, Japan invades Pearl Harbor without warning and occupies the North Pacific.

The United States enters the war and has to fight with the Japanese for every strategic island.

Leyte is chosen as the site of invasion.

The Japanese don't give up and with a good tactical maneuver, they manage to confuse the Americans.

From the plane carriers, all the plane they have at their disposal start the counterattack.

They don't have a big chance to succeed but to their surprise the Japanese turn their ships around and go away.

Ask 6 questions to the text.