

WARSHIPS AND THEIR MISSIONS

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A frigate is a **warship**. The term has been used for warships of many sizes and roles for a few **centuries**. During the age of sail they were small, agile ships that were extensively used in the American War of Independence, and later against the British. In the modern day the term Frigate covers a broad range of ships. Its primary purpose is usually anti-submarine warfare. It can also be a long range patrol vessel or in smaller navies an anti-air vessel.

	True or False	Justify
A frigate is a new ship.		
It was used during the conflict between the UK and the USA.		
There is only one type of frigate.		
Its aim is to fight submarines.		



A destroyer is a fast, small, and maneuverable **warship**. Destroyers escort larger warships. Destroyers were first used in the late 1800s to defend against **torpedo boats**. Destroyers were used extensively during **World War I** and **World War II**. Today, most naval warships are destroyers. Modern destroyers use **cruise missiles**, automated turrets, and **torpedoes**. Some can launch **nuclear missiles**.

1. Are Destroyers easy to steer (drive)?
2. When were they first used?
3. What kind of armament can you find on a destroyer?

Vocabulary

bateau de guerre:

Guerre d'Indépendance
américaine:

but premier:

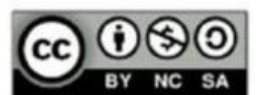
combat, guerre:

plus grand:

à la fin des années:

torpilles:

missiles de croisière:





True or False

Ais a boat or ship that maneuvers vessels by pushing or towing them. Tugs move vessels. They are powerful for their size and strongly built. They have **diesel engines**. Many of them have **firefighting monitors**, allowing them to assist in firefighting, especially in harbours. They are small but very important for bigger ships.

	True or False?	Justify (quote the text)
Tugboats help large vessels.		
They are small and fragile.		
Ships need them in ports.		



A is a small **naval vessel** generally designed for coastal defence duties. Their missions are numerous: border protection roles, including **anti-smuggling**, **anti-piracy**, **fisheries patrols**, and **immigration law enforcement**.

a. What is the first mission of a patrol boat? Where can you find it?

b. Choose the right definition.

anti-piracy ☐

fisheries patrols ☐

immigration law enforcement ☐

smuggling ☐

☐ illicit traffic, contraband

☐ making sure no one enters the country illegally

☐ surveillance of fishing industry

☐ fight against sea bandits

Vocabulary

remorquer		frontière	
puissant		contrebande	
permettant de		la loi	
port		la piraterie	



A..... is a small **naval vessel** that seeks, detects, and destroys **naval mines**. Mine clearance divers work on these vessels and dive in the sea toexplosive devices. were very useful after They destroyed a lot of mines and cleared the

Why do we need such boats?

Explain the mission of a mine clearance diver. Is it dangerous? Why?

Why did minehunters prove very useful after WWII?



This is aIt is a large vessel. Though it is capable of self-defence, its mission is not to fight but to provide the fleet with:

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Are those boats warships? Why?

When and why do fleets need such boats?



This is a L.....H..... D..... It is an **amphibious warfare ship**, that embarks, transports, and lands elements of **landing force** for warfare missions. The ships are generally designed to transport troops, tanks, choppers and landing craft tanks into a war zone by sea.

Vocabulary: find the words corresponding to the following definitions and then fill in the grid

able to work on land and water – come to the shore – soldiers – helicopters

chasseur de mines:

force de débarquement :

plongeur démineur:

prévus pour :

munitions :

hélicos :

débarquer :

barge de débarquement:

Fill in the blanks using the following words:

airports, weapons, need, take-off, engines, airplanes, warships, landing



Aircraft carriers are large.....that carry many and other aircraft like helicopters. The flight deck of a large, modern aircraft carrier has a area and a area. So, aircraft carriers are basically small, floating, mobile Because they are big ships and much electric power, some modern aircraft carriers have on-board nuclear power plants. Others are powered by diesel Except for their airplanes, aircraft carriers usually have few, so other warships escort them.

Fill in the blanks



An SSN is a
S.....S.....N.....

Its mission:..... and, intelligence gathering, insertion and exfiltration of special forces.

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Fill in the blanks using the following words:

target, Cold War, detect, missiles, deterrence.

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B.....N.....



Fleet ballistic missile submarines ensure nuclear They were first used during the They are nuclear-powered and equipped with nuclear war heads and represent a real threat. They can fire thousands of kilomet from their and are difficult to

What are the similarities and differences between SSNs and SSBNs?