

**HIT AND SUNK**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
A	1	L	S	A	T			N	A	G	T	O		C	A	S	E	S			
B	15	O	N	C	E		16	L	E	B	E	A	U		17	R	E	T	R	O	
C	18	R	A	T	E		19	S	E	E	T	O	T	H	E	D	O	O	R	SEE / TO = C2	
D	21	D	R	O	P	A	22	G	D			23	L	A	P		24	P	S	T	
E	25	E	F	F	E	C	T	I	V	E	D	A	T	E	S					EFF / ATE = F8	
F			30	B	E	T	A		31	M	Y	M	Y		32	P	A	W	E	D	
G	36	A	G	R			38	B	A	A	E	D		40	P	A	N	E	R	A	
H	41	M	O	A	T		43	P	I	S		44	C	A	N	I	N	E	S	CA / NINE = K9	
I	45	E	N	V	Y		46	M	E	L		47	T	A	L		48	T	E	C	H
J	49	D	E	E	P		50	S	I	X		51	H	I	S		52	Y	E	T	I
K	53	A	T	R	E	A	T		54	M	Y	T	H	S		56	D	S	T		
L	57	L	O	Y	A	L		58	A	R	P	A		59	M	U	S	T			
M				62	B	E	E	F	T	E	N	D	E	R	L	O	I	N	BEE / TEN = B10		
N	67	C	H	E		70	R	O	T			71	R	A	N	A	T	A	B		
O	72	H	A	V	E	A	N	E	Y	E	F	O	R		77	T	A	M	A	EYE / FOR = I4	
P	78	I	L	I	A	C		79	R	E	S	E	W	S		80	E	L	S	E	
Q	81	C	L	E	R	K		82	S	P	A	W	N		83	S	K	O	R		

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Right from the start, I was hoping you would be thinking about the game Battleship, since the title "Hit and Sunk" is a common phrase used in the game itself. Another common phrase (or group of phrases) used in the game is alphanumeric coordinates, which players use to guess where their opponent has hidden their pieces on the grid-shaped seas. Well, I gave you 6 theme entries that each contained their own alphanumeric coordinates. You should've known exactly which entries to look at since I gave you numbers in parentheses following those clues. Each one of the theme entries included a *phonetic* letter and number - sometimes they were spelled out properly, sometimes they weren't, but in each case, you always had the sounds to go off. SEE TO THE DOOR contains the letter C (from SEE) and the number 2 (from TO). EFFECTIVE DATES contains F (from EFF) and 8 from (ATE), and so on. Once you had all the coordinates, you could line up letters on the vertical axes and numbers across the horizontal axes and pick out the corresponding squares from the grid. Using the letters from those squares - in the order of the parenthetical numbers in the clues - spelled out **MAYDAY**, a very appropriate 6 letter word, and our answer.