



Football Battleship for 3rd grade and up:

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Students are divided into teams of 3 or 4. Students receive one football and 4 bowling pins and are asked to create a square or rectangle battleship. One student will be the thrower, one will be the retriever, and one or two will be the defender(s). The thrower and defender must remain on their ship surrounded by 4 buoys (bowling pins) in each corner. The retriever can run in the free space and pick up their team's football and bring it back to the thrower. Each player may only do their job. If you have a team of 4, there will be two defenders. The object of the game is to sink the other battleships without yours being sunk. Rotate roles each time. Once all a team's pins are knocked down, their ship is sunk and they have a seat. Retrievers are not allowed to knock over other team's pins when returning it to the thrower. I usually play 3-4 rounds of this so each student can be each role. I make sure that ships are at least 6-8 feet apart from the others. Students who are defending the pins may not use their hands. They may catch, bat the ball or kick the ball to defend. Teachers are looking for side to target, arm up and back, step toward target with opposite foot, rotate hips and follow through across the body

You may add more pins if each round is going too fast. If someone knows down their own team's pin, they may pick it back up. I learned this game from the NFL Flag Football Curriculum. My kids have loved it and been very receptive.