

Signaling Flags Scoring Guidelines

Material to be provided by Station Master:

Secret messages
Semaphore flags
Cones
Stopwatches

The navy often maintained radio silence so the enemy would not be alerted to their presence. Ships would have to signal other ships to alert them of dangers and issue orders and instructions. This provided for communications without a radio. Scout patrols will be divided into two groups. One group will be given a question related to the theme that they will need to use semaphore flags to transmit to the other group 50 yards away. The second group will decode the question, do the math with the response they have been given, and flag back the response with the blank correctly filled in. Points will be given for the correctness and speed of the translated answer.

20 points will be awarded for participation.

20 points will be awarded for correct translation of response.

Additional points are awarded at the end of the day for speed in completing signaling:

Fastest time	20 pts
2 nd place	15 pts
3 rd place	10 pts
4 th place	5 pts
5 th place and lower	0 pts

Total points possible: 60 points

Message to be sent: The total number of characters in each initial message and response are equal. To prevent patrols from sharing the messages with other patrols there are several messages and the response will require some basic math to answer.

Initial Message	Response
Ten enemy ships spotted. We sank five.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Eight enemy ships spotted. We sank six.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Eight enemy ships spotted. We sank two.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Seven enemy ships spotted. We sank one.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Seven enemy ships spotted. We sank six.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Five enemy ships spotted. We sank four.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Five enemy ships spotted. We sank one.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Three enemy ships spotted. We sank one.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.
Three enemy ships spotted. We sank two.	We sank _____. No enemy ships left.

