Staying in Port: Fun & Games

The USS *Intrepid* was an aircraft carrier built for World War II. It served as a part of the U.S. Navy for 31 years. Now, the ship welcomes visitors as the home of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

*USS Intrepid,* 1974.

The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum today.
*Intrepid* was a city at sea, with its own work and social culture. How sailors spent their leisure time reflects how *Intrepid* was a home away from home for most of the men that served.

*Intrepid* did not have a lot of dedicated relaxation space, so sailors had to make due with the spaces available, even if they were a little cramped.

Can you find the airplane parked behind this game of ping-pong?

**Making Connections:**

What do you notice about this picture of sailors on board *Intrepid*?

What is something you do for fun?
Harmless pranks were another a way that sailors had fun during their time on *Intrepid*.

Click link below to hear Intrepid volunteer Tom Fisher tell stories about pranks on board.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bvPBY_d37E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bvPBY_d37E)

**Making Connections:**
What is something that makes you laugh?

In 1944, Dick Powell, Danny Kaye and others performed a USO show on *Intrepid*. Click the link below to watch a clip of a show that may have happened on *Intrepid*.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViSzH-7pVHs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViSzH-7pVHs)

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