## Nagumo's Dilemma



## **Context:** Words in sentences that help to explain the other words around it.

## Directions:

Carefully read the paragraph below about the Battle of Midway. Match each underlined word with its definition by placing the correct number in the box next to the definition on the next page. Use the *context* of the words and sentences around it to help you decide on each word's meaning.

Admiral Nagumo is in quite the <u>predicament</u>. He is the commander of the Kidō Butai, the powerful naval air force of the Empire of Japan. He is in charge of <u>invading</u> and <u>capturing</u> 3 Midway Atoll, the first step in a plan to <u>lure</u> the US carriers into a deadly trap. He did not <u>obey</u> the instructions from his commanding officer, Admiral Yamamoto, andwas now very close to losing the battle that he started. His decision to <u>rearm</u> his carrier strike team with land bombs put the lives of 97 other pilots at risk. Those men are on their way back to his ship from their first attack to rearm their aircrafts, and they plan to return to Midway for a second attack. However, he had just discovered that the US carriers which he was supposed to destroy, have <u>discovered</u> where he and the rest of the Kidō Butai are located. He needs to make a quick decision. Admiral Nagumo doesn't have the time or the <u>capability</u> to land and <u>replenish</u> the Midway strike team while launching his carrier strike team <u>simultaneously</u>. His <u>9</u>

10

carrier ship can do only one thing at a time. He has two choices: send an immediate attack with the wrong kind of <u>armament</u> and risk 97 planes running out of fuel and crashing, or wait <u>11</u>

until the Midway attack team had lands and are ready to fight the enemy all together properly.

## Nagumo's Dilemma



Fill in the blanks with the number of the word that you believe best fits with definition given.

Number	Word Definition
	"Happening at the same time."
	"The ability to do a job or task."
	"To follow the commands or guidance of."
	"A supply of war materials or weapons."
	"To make ready with weapons or a way of fighting."
	"To gain sight or knowledge of something for the first time."
	"A difficult situation."
	"To tempt or lead something in order to capture it."
	"To spread into or onto, usually harmfully."
	"To make fully or complete once more."
	"To take by force."