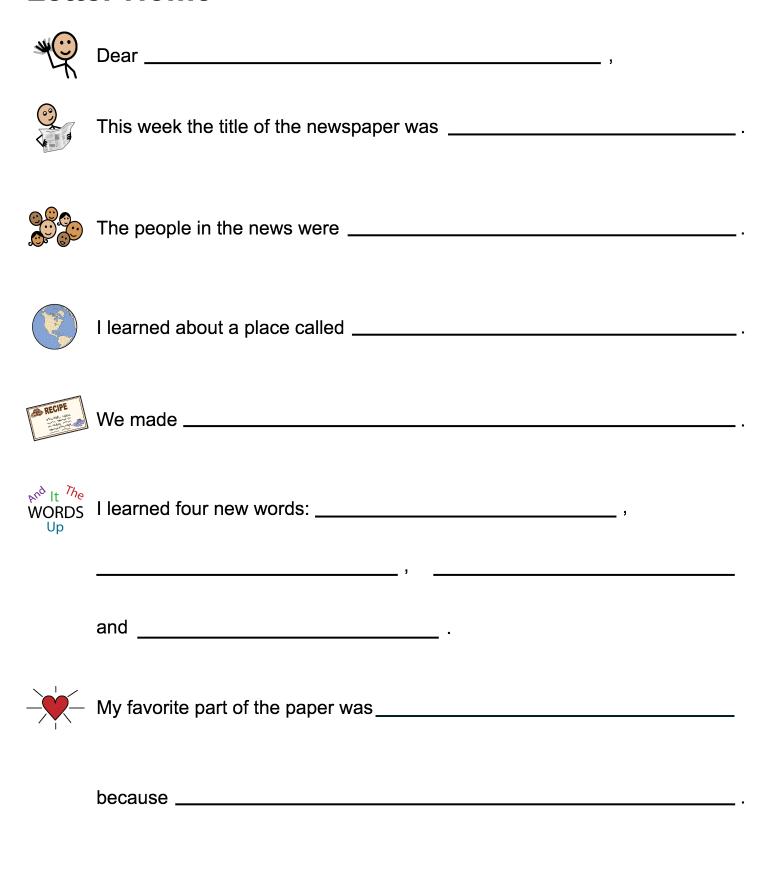
#### **Letter Home**

Dear:					_	
This wee	ek the title of	the newspar	er was		. I learned abo	out a
place called		. I had fu	ın making a	a new recipe	called	
l learned foા	ur new words	32				
My favorite part of the paper was the story recipe joke in the paper was the story recipe in the paper was the story in the story in the paper was the story in the paper was the story in t						
		From,				
teams	Basket- Cheese-Ball	basketball	win	Atlanta, Georgia	tournament	March Madness March Madness MARCH 1204

#### **Letter Home**



■→ From, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Color and Label**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Color the pictures.
- 2. Place the labels in the spaces above the correct pictures.











game

team

championship

## **Matching**

Name:

Choose the matching symbol in each row.

















































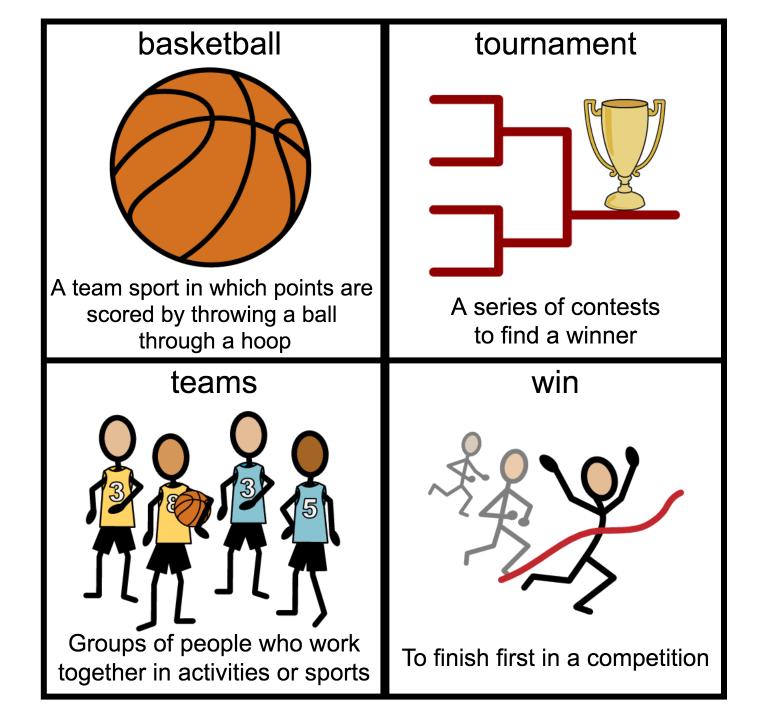


# Vocabulary Words and Definitions

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Read, practice and post these words on classroom word walls.

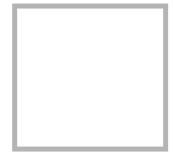
#### **March Madness**



#### **Word Definitions**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Match each picture/word card to its definition.



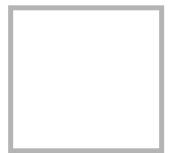
Groups of people who work together in activities or sports



A team sport in which points are scored by throwing a ball through a hoop



To finish first in a competition



A series of contests to find a winner



#### **Word Definitions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Write your own definitions for the words.

basketball



tournament



teams



win



#### **Read and Do**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read each sentence. Do what each sentence says.











Practice drawing here.





1. Color the third basketball brown.



2. Draw a blue oval around the first champion.



3. Color the first basketball red.



4. Draw a green rectangle around the third champion.



5. Color the second basketball orange.

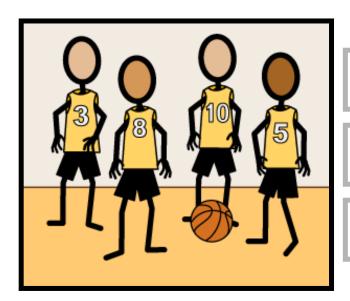


6. Draw a gray line below the second champion.

### Look, Read and Think

Name:

Place an "X" in the box next to the sentence that describes the picture.



A basketball player stands behind a ball.

Basketball players play basketball.

A basketball player holds a trophy.



A basketball player holds a trophy.

A basketball player stands behind a ball.

Basketball players play basketball.



Basketball players play basketball.

A basketball player holds a trophy.

A basketball player stands behind a ball.

## **Counting Syllables**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Say each word. Count the syllables. Place the number in each box.

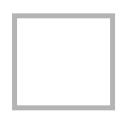
#### college



2

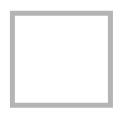
#### men



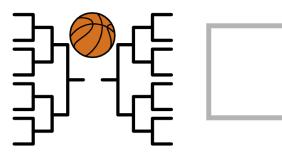


teams



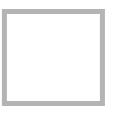


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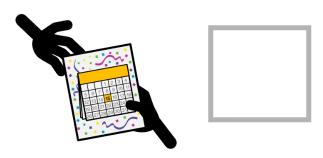


tournament



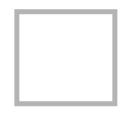


invite



champion





#### basketball





## **Beginning Sound**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Say the name of each picture.
- 2. Circle the letter or letters in each row that make the same beginning sounds.

b	t
b	t
b	t
b	t
b	t

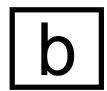
Key: basketball, tournament, big, teams, best

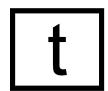
## **Word Beginnings**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Say the name of each picture.
- 2. Put the letter or letters of the beginning sound in each box.

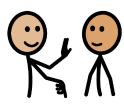












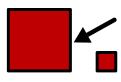






























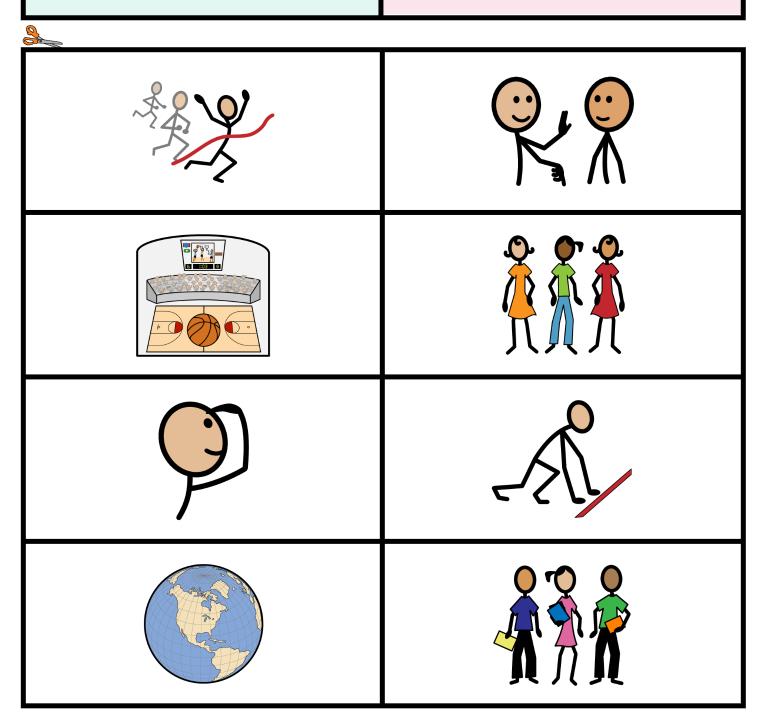
Key: teams, tournament, students, basketball, start, big, stadium, best, stay

## Word Sort: Beginning Sound Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Cut out the words/pictures. Glue the top section of the page to construction paper.
- 2. Sort the words that begin with /st/ and the words that begin with /w/.

## Begins with st

## Begins with w

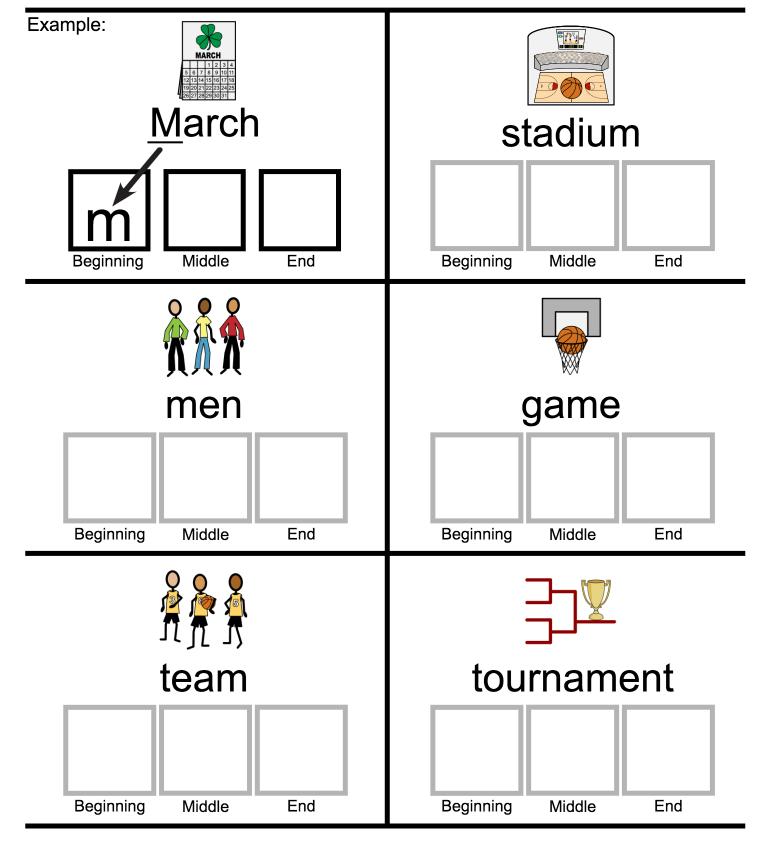


Key: students, watch, start, women, win, stadium, world, stay

#### **Find the Sound**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Each picture has /m/ in it at the beginning, middle or end. Say the word. Write the letter "m" in the box where the sound is located.



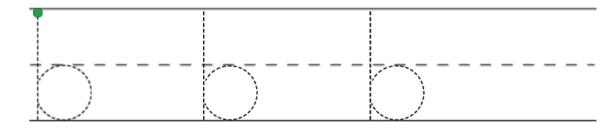
## **Beginning Letter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start at the big dot. Trace each letter.

basketball



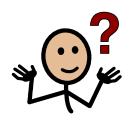


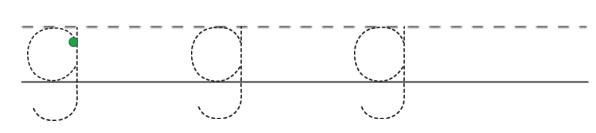
tournament





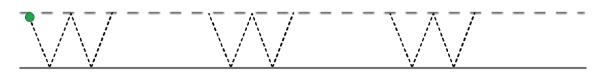
guess





win





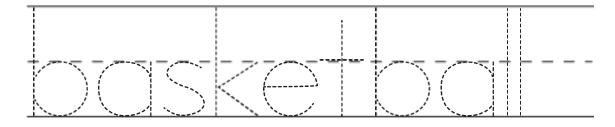
#### Write the Word

Name:

Trace the letters.

basketball



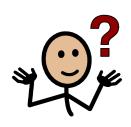


tournament





guess





win





## **Beginning Letter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Start at the dots. Trace the letters.
- 2. Alphabetize the words. Record the order using the small boxes on the right using 1, 2, 3 and 4.

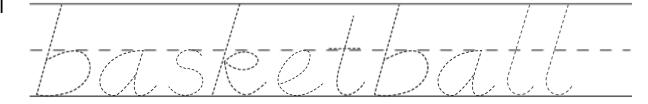
basketball	
tournament	
guess	
win	

#### Write the Word

- 1. Write the word.
- 2. On the line below the word, write a sentence using the word.

basketball





tournament





guess



JUESS

win





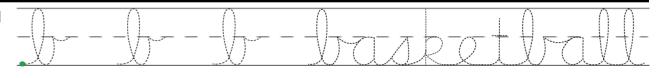
#### **Cursive**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Practice writing the beginning letter and word.
- 2. On the line below the word, write a sentence using the word.

basketball





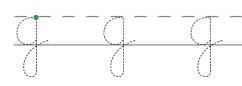
tournament

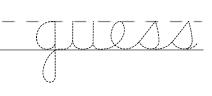


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guess







win



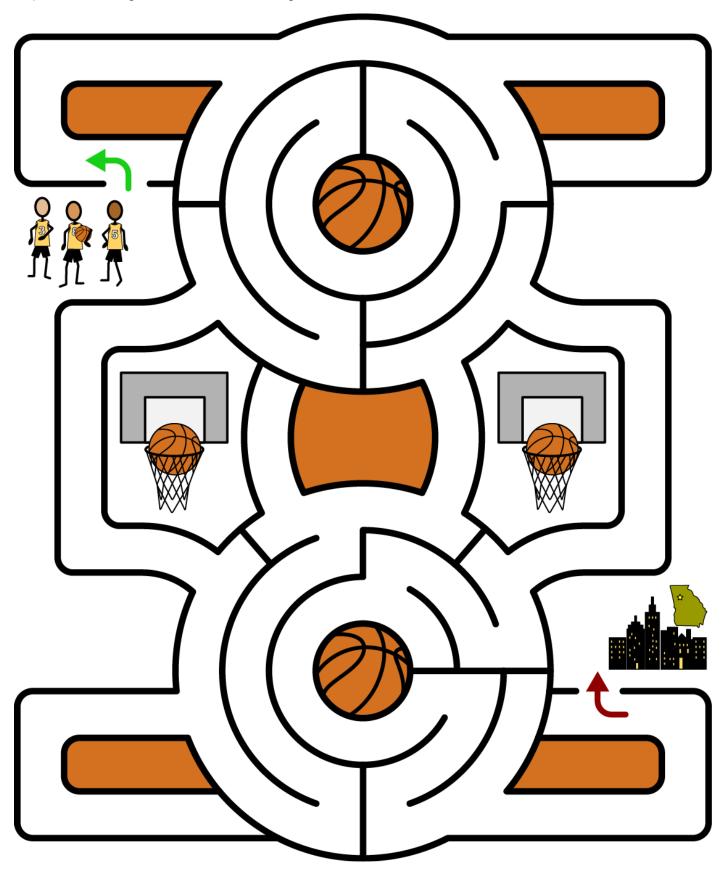
## **Cut and Paste Activity**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Match small pictures to large pictures.



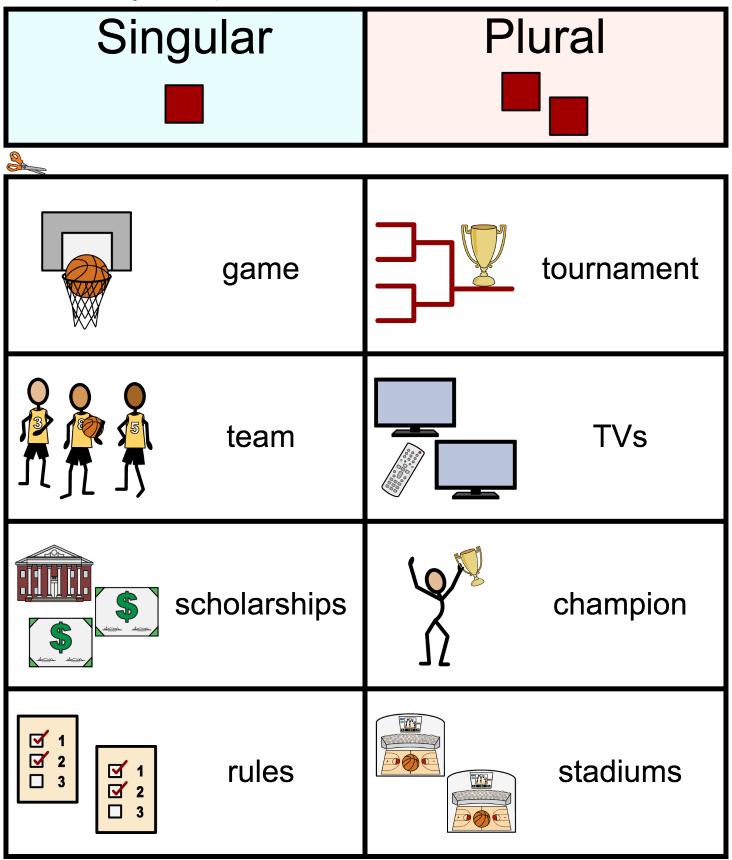
Help the team go to Atlanta, Georgia.



#### **Word Sort**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Cut out the words/pictures. Glue the top section of the page to construction paper.
- 2. Sort the singular and plural words.



#### **Word Sort**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Cut out the words/pictures. Glue the top section of the page to construction paper.
- 2. Sort the nouns and verbs.





## Verbs





play



start



teams



game



invite



guess



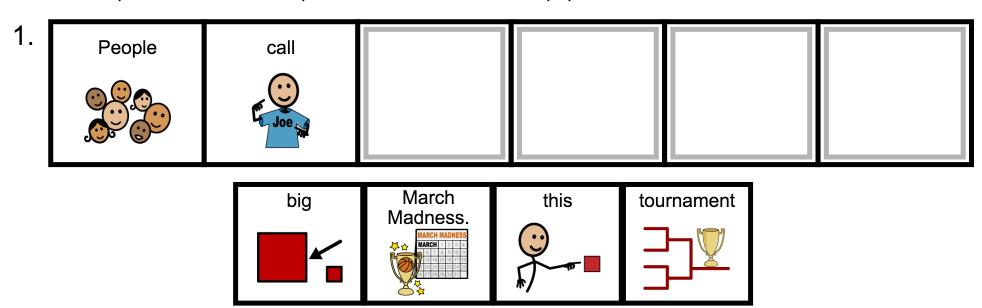
brackets

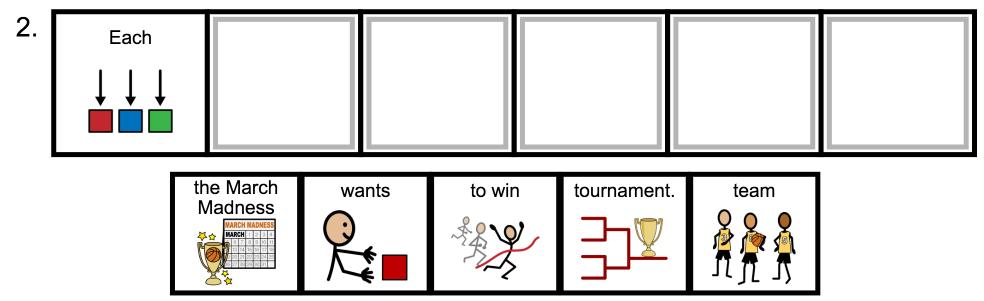


Georgia

#### **Build a Sentence**

Choose the pictures below to complete the sentences from the paper.





## **Sentence Completion**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a picture to complete the sentence.

1. The best teams



many games.

2. Teams play each other in the



3. Many people



about the tournament.

4. Many colleges have



teams.

5. College students play on these











## **Sentence Completion**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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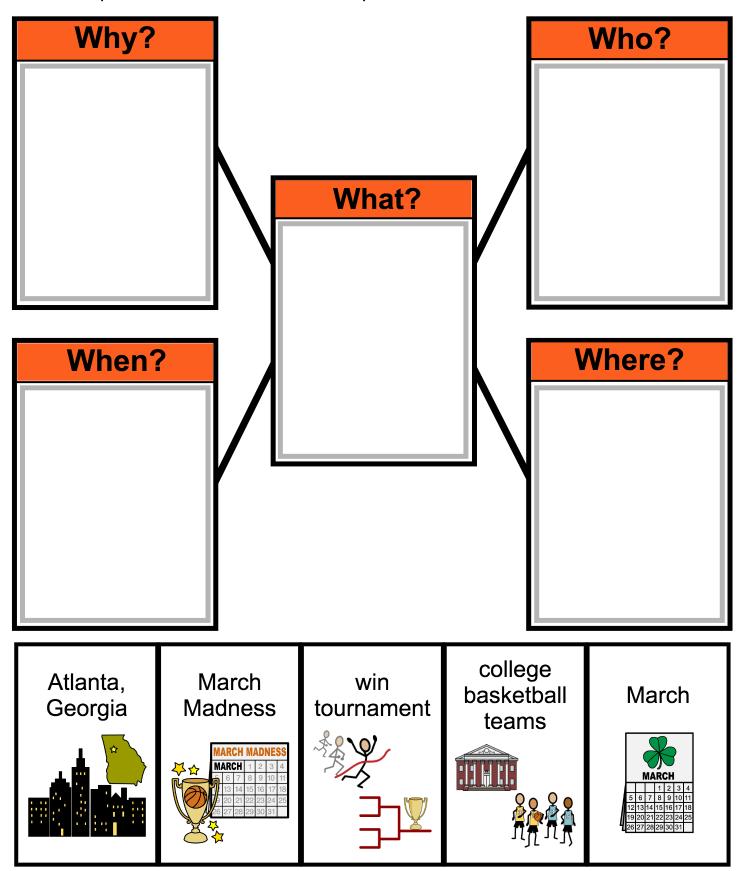
basketball

guess

win

#### Webbing

Choose a picture/word card to fill in each part of the web.



## Write a Story

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use one, two or all of the following picture/word cards to write a sentence or a story.



## Write a Story

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use one, two or all of the following words to write a sentence or a story.

champion	play	March Madness	tournament	teams

#### **Punctuation**

Name:

A period (.) comes at the end of a statement or telling sentence. (I like to run.) A question mark (?) comes at the end of a question or asking sentence. (Do you run?) An exclamation point (!) comes at the end of a sentence to show strong feelings or emotion. (He can run fast!)

Choose the correct punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.

1. The best teams win many games



2. What teams will be in the 2020 tournament



3. The games are exciting to watch



4. Soon only two teams will be left



5. Where will the championship game be



6. You can guess too

## Capitalization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The first word in a sentence begins with a capital letter. Proper nouns are also capitalized. Proper nouns name a specific noun such as a person's name, a city, an ocean, state or country.



Circle the capital letters.

- 1. People call this big tournament March Madness.
- 2. This tournament starts on March 17.
- 3. The championship game will be on April 6.
- Underline the letters that should be capitalized.
- 4. the game will be in atlanta, georgia.
- 5. the article will be online march 30.
- 6. this article will include a march madness bracket.

# Capitalization and Punctuation

Name: ˌ	
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- 1. Circle all the capitalization and punctuation errors in each sentence.
- 2. Write the corrected sentence below each sentence.

1.	The NCAA® invites the best 68 College teams.	
		(1 error)
2.	tournament games are in Cities across the U.S	
		(2 errors)
3.	These two Teams will Play in a championship C	Same.
		(3 errors)
4.	a bracket is a List of Teams in the tournament	
		(4 errors)
5.	will you watch march madness games.	
		(4 errors)

## **Paragraph Completion**

Name:

Choose the correct picture/word cards to complete the paragraph.

The NCAA men's tournament starts each

. People call this big

March Madness. Men's basketball teams

play in the tournament. The NCAA the

best 68 college . Each team wants to

the March Madness tournament. Many

people about the tournament. They guess

which team will be the

guess	**************************************	college		win	
March	MARCH 3 (2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	champion		teams	
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## **Key Topic Facts**

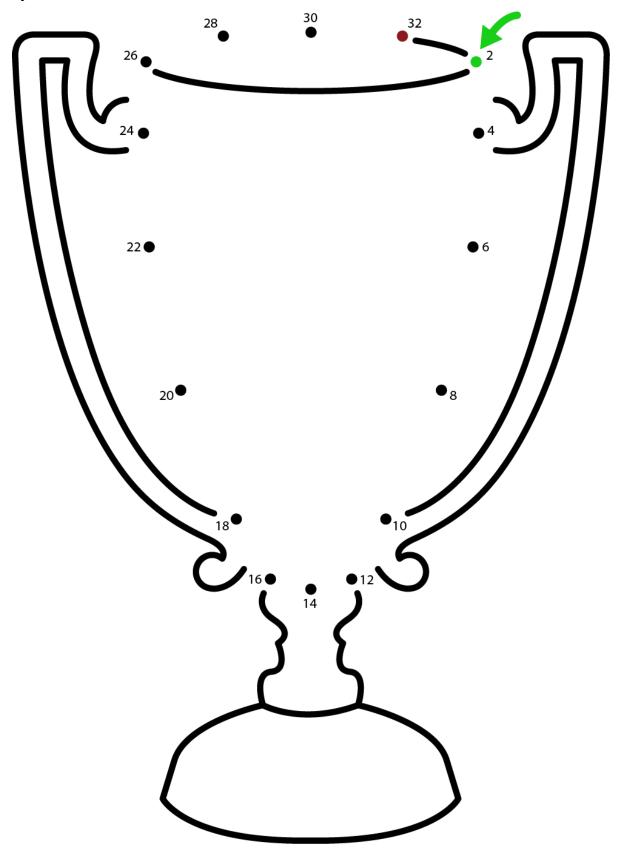
The topic of this week's paper was: March Madness. Write three facts that you remember from the paper.







Count by 2s. What is this?\_\_\_\_\_



#### **Patchwork Math**

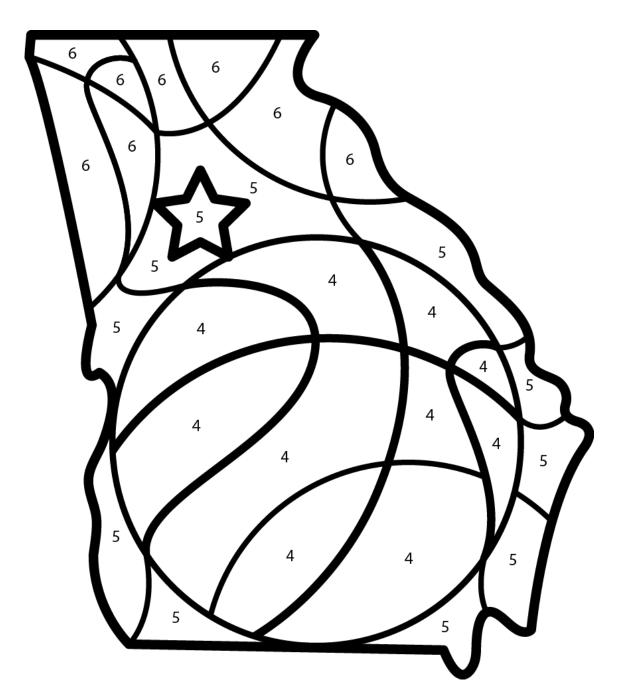
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Color the picture of Georgia, using the colors beside the numbers below.

$$4 = orange$$

$$5 = brown$$

$$6 = black$$



What hidden picture did you find?

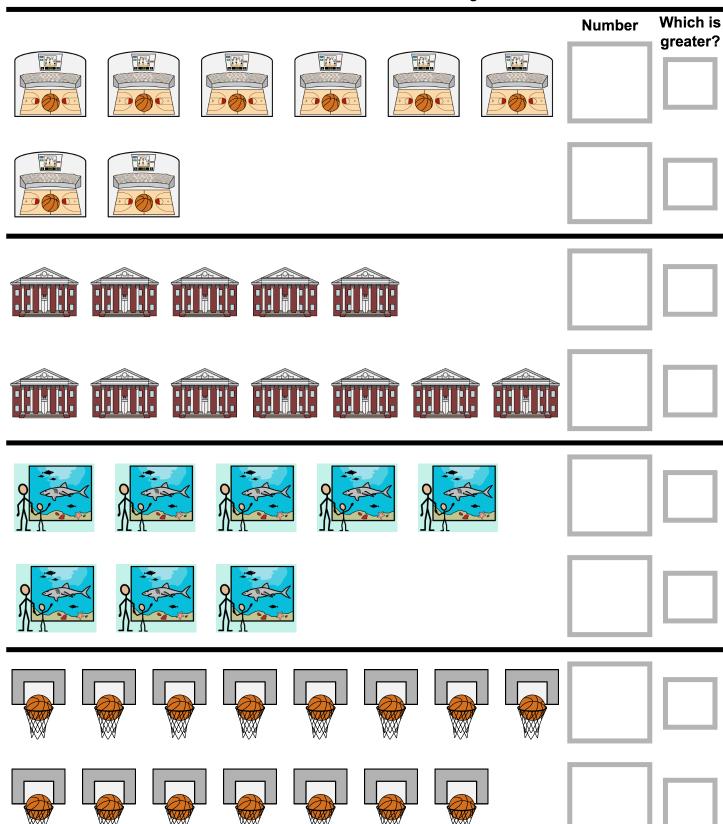
basketball

tournament

### Which Is Greater?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Count the items in each row. Place the number in the box.
- 2. Place a checkmark in the small box next to the number that is greater.



## Which Is Less?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Count the items in each row. Place the number in the box.
- 2. Place a checkmark in the small box next to the number that is less.

Number	Which is less?

### **Which Comes Next?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Look at each symbol pattern.
- 2. Circle the symbol that comes next.











































































## **Word Problems**

Name:

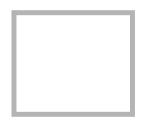
Fill in the blanks. Solve each word problem.

One week my sister played in \_\_\_\_\_ basketball games.

Show your work.







Another week my sister played in \_\_\_\_\_ basketball games.











How many basketball games did my sister play in altogether?

Answer



During November a team played in \_\_\_\_\_ stadiums.

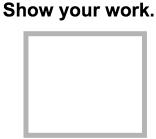












During December the team played in stadiums.













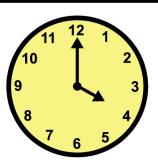
How many more stadiums did the team play in during November than during December?

## Time to the Hour

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the question. Find the answer. Place the time on the clock.

This afternoon my brother and his friends played in a basketball game. What time did the basketball game start?

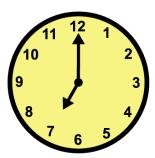


4:00

8:00



This morning janitors cleaned a stadium. What time did the janitors start cleaning the stadium?

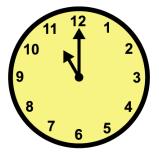


10:00

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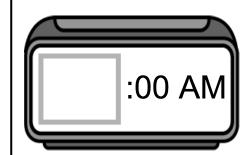


This morning a family traveled to Atlanta, Georgia. What time did the family arrive in Atlanta?



11:00

9:00



This afternoon a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?

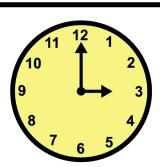


1:00

2:00



This afternoon a college student went to class. What time did the class start?



4:00

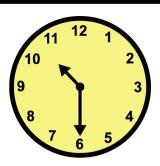


## Time to the Half Hour

Name:

Read the question. Find the answer. Place the time on the clock.

This morning my sister played basketball in gym class. What time did gym class start?



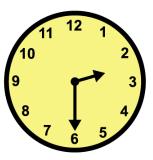
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This afternoon a family watched a basketball game on TV.
What time did the family start watching the basketball game?



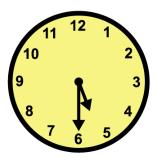
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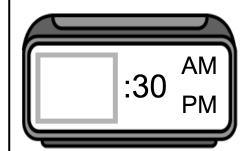
This afternoon my teacher filled in a March Madness bracket. What time did my teacher start filling in the bracket?



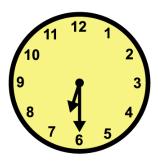
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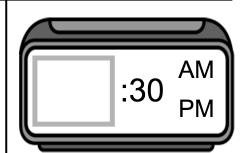
This evening a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?



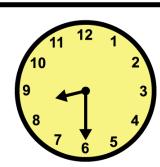
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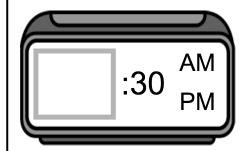


A basketball team played in a tournament today. What time this morning did the tournament start?



8:30

9:30

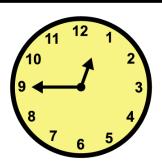


## Time to the Quarter Hour

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the question. Find the answer. Place the time on the clock.

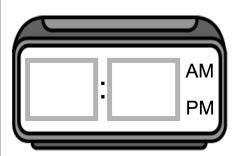
This afternoon a basketball player went for a run. What time did the basketball player start running?



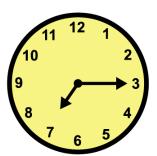
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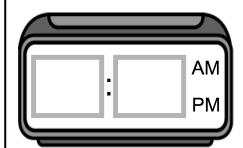
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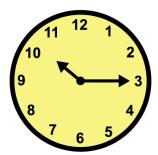
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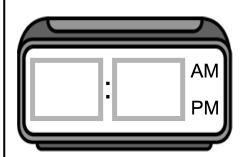


This morning a college basketball player went to a science class. What time did the class start?

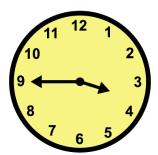


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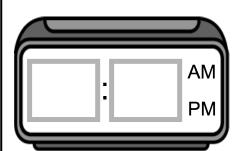


This afternoon a reporter interviewed a basketball coach. What time did the interview start?

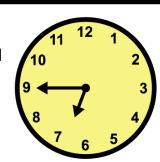


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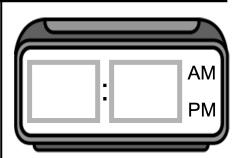


This evening my brother played in a basketball game. What time did the basketball game start?



6:15

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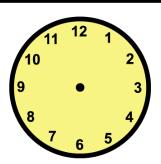


## Time Lapse

Name:

Read the question. Find the answer. Place the time on the clock.

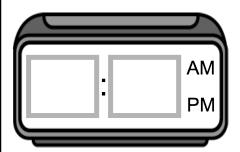
This morning in gym class, I played basketball. Gym class started at 10:00 and lasted 1 hour. What time did gym class end?



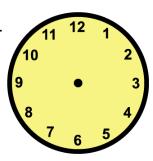
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11:00





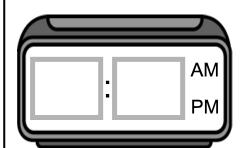
This morning a basketball player worked out. He started working out at 6:00 and worked out for 2 hours and 30 minutes. What time did he stop working out?



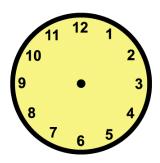
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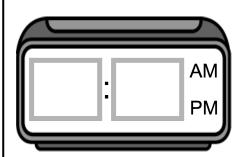
This afternoon a family went to a basketball game. The basketball game started at 12:30 and lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes. What time did the basketball game end?



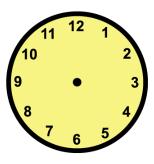
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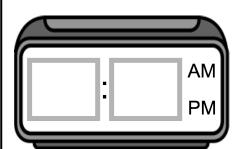
This morning janitors cleaned a stadium. The janitors started cleaning at 6:30 and cleaned for 3 hours and 15 minutes. What time did they stop cleaning?



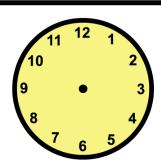
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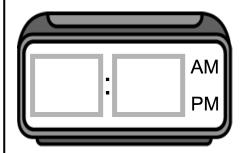


A basketball team played in a tournament today. The tournament started at 9:30 this morning and lasted 7 hours and 45 minutes. What time did the tournament end?



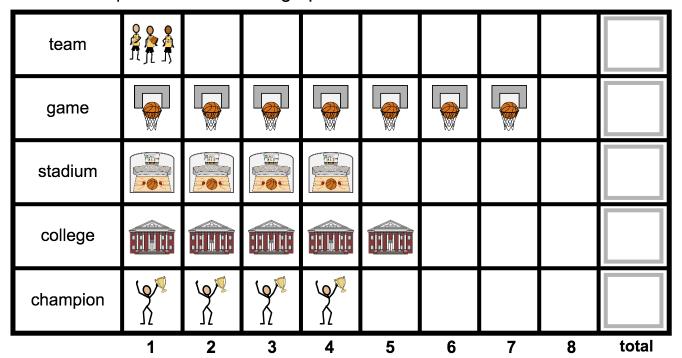
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5:00



Name:

- 1. Count the number of symbols in each row. Place that number in the last column.
- 2. Answer the questions about the graph.





1. Which word has the most symbols?



game



stadium



team







2. Which word has the fewest symbols?









3. What is the highest number?



4. What is the lowest number?



5. Do any words have the same number?



yes

Name:

- 1. Count the number of symbols in each row. Place that number in the last column.
- 2. Answer the questions about the graph.

total

team					
	11 12 12				
game					
stadium					
college					
champion					



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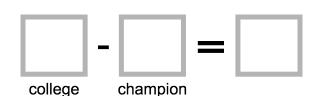
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Count the number of symbols in each row. Place that number in the last column.
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total

team					
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- 1. Which word has the most symbols?
- 2. Which word has the fewest symbols?
- 3. What is the highest number?
- 4. What is the lowest number?
- 5. Do any words have the same number?
- 6. Are there more team symbols or stadium symbols?
- 7. How many more college symbols are there than champion symbols?



- 1. Count the number of times each word appears in this week's news pages.
- 2. Starting at the bottom of each column, fill in the squares to match that number.

10			
9			
8			
7			
6			
5			
4			
3			
2			
1			

basketball tournament

teams

win

college











## **Graphing Review**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the graph on the previous page to answer the questions.

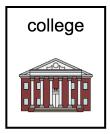
Which word had the most?











Which word had the least?



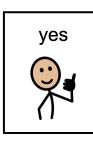








Were any numbers the same?





What was the highest number?

Which was your favorite word?



tournament







Use the map to answer the questions.

### Atlanta, Georgia



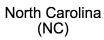




What place is this page about?

What state is south of Georgia?







Tennessee (TN)



Florida











Colorado River Lake Superior





What body of water borders Georgia?

## Geography

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the map to answer the questions.

#### Atlanta, Georgia





/	<b>*</b> .	10
1		1
	$\checkmark /$	

What place is this page about? \_\_\_\_\_



What cities in Georgia are near the border of South Carolina?



▶ What states are west of Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_



What direction would you travel to go from Atlanta to Americus?



What body of water is Savannah near? \_\_\_\_\_



How many states border Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Recipe Ingredients**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check for recipe ingredients before cooking! Place symbols in the have column if the ingredients are in your kitchen. If you need to buy ingredients, place the symbols in the need column.

## Recipe Name: Basket-Cheese-Ball

2 (8-oz) pkgs cream cheese, softened



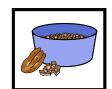
2 t Worcestershire sauce



8-oz pkg shredded sharp cheddar cheese



1 C chopped pecans in a bowl



2 T diced red bell pepper



12-oz bag mini pretzels



have:































## **Recipe Review**

Share your opinions about the recipe. Fill in the blanks. Circle your answers.

Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

#### What was in it?





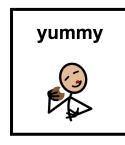


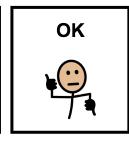




How did it taste?



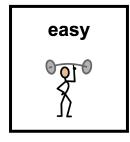






How was it to make?









Do you think it was healthy?



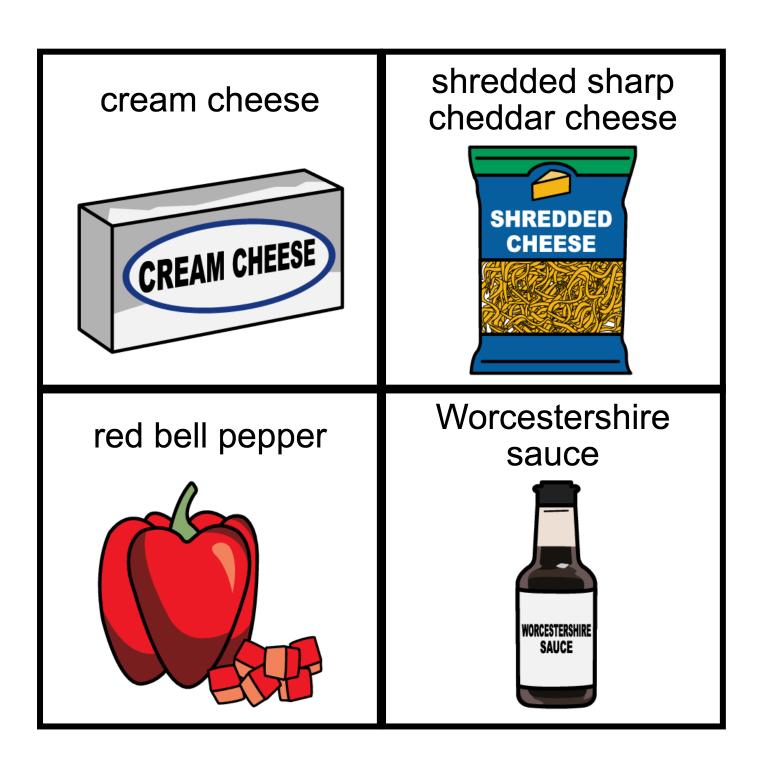






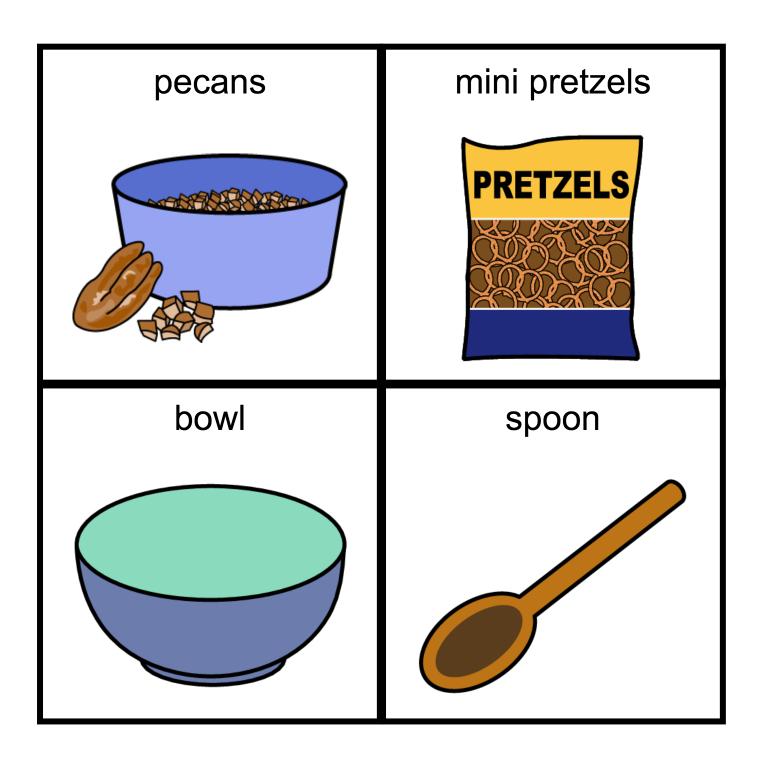
## **Cooking Vocabulary Words**

Read, practice and post these words on classroom or kitchen word walls.



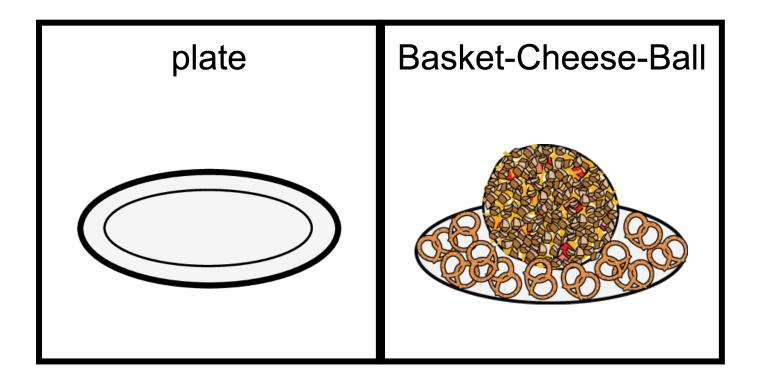
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## science page



# **IDENTIFYING SPORTS BALLS**





Many sports games involve two teams using a ball. Sports balls are different shapes and sizes. They also have different textures. In this experiment, students can put their hands into boxes and try to identify which sports ball is inside of each box by the ball's texture, size and shape. The students will use only their sense of touch. You will need to do a little preparation by getting four cardboard boxes of about the same size. The sizes of the balls you use could determine the size of the boxes you need. We use a basketball, golf ball, football and baseball. These balls have very different textures and sizes, so the students should be able to feel differences between them. If you use balls other than these, you will need to make changes to the Sports Ball Description Page and Sports Ball Guess Chart.

To prepare the boxes, cut a hole in each box big enough for a student to reach through. If students will require physical assistance to reach into the box, cut the hole large enough for someone to assist them. Put one of four different balls into each box, out of sight of your students.

To extend the experiment, you can put all four of the balls into one large box and ask the students to find one particular ball, such as the baseball, using only touch.



#### What We Know:

 People call the NCAA® men's college basketball tournament March Madness.



• Men's college basketball teams play in this tournament.



• Players use a basketball to play basketball games.



A basketball is a kind of sports ball.



Each sports ball feels unique.





### Step 1: Ask a Question

Can you identify sports balls just by using your sense of touch?





### Step 2: Make a Guess / Hypothesis

I think...











#### Need:

marker

prepared boxes (see Introduction)



**Sports Ball Description Page** (page 61)



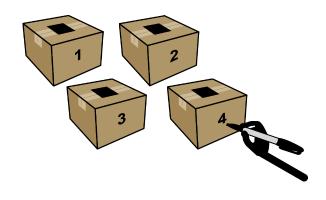
**Sports Ball Guess** Chart (page 62)





## **Step 3: Do an Experiment**

1. Number boxes, 1-4.

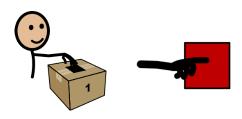


2. Read Sports Ball Description Page out loud.

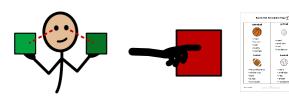




3. Reach into box 1 and touch sports ball inside.



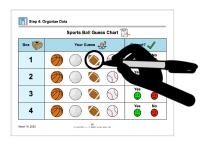
4. Compare what you touch with description of each ball.





## **Step 3: Do an Experiment**

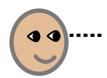
5. Circle ball you think it is on first line of Sports Ball Guess Chart.



6. Repeat steps 3-5 for each box.

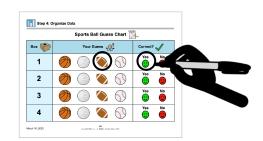


7. Look at sports ball in each box. Check your guesses.





8. Circle YES or NO to say whether each answer was correct.



# Sports Ball Description Page



#### basketball



- round
- big size
- hard
- bumpy
- has lines

## golf ball



- round
- small size
- hard
- has dimples

#### football



- two pointed ends
- medium size
- hard
- bumpy
- has stitches

#### baseball



- round
- small size
- hard
- smooth
- has stitches



**Step 4: Organize Data** 

## **Sports Ball Guess Chart**



Box P	Your	Correct?	<b>✓</b>		
1		Tr.		Yes	No
2		Trans		Yes	No
3		Tr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. Pr. P		Yes	No
4		- Property		Yes	No



## **Step 5: Find the Conclusion**

1. What sense did you use to try to identify 😊 the sports balls?



sight







smell



touch







2. Did you correctly identify each ball?



yes



no



3. Was your guess correct?



yes



no

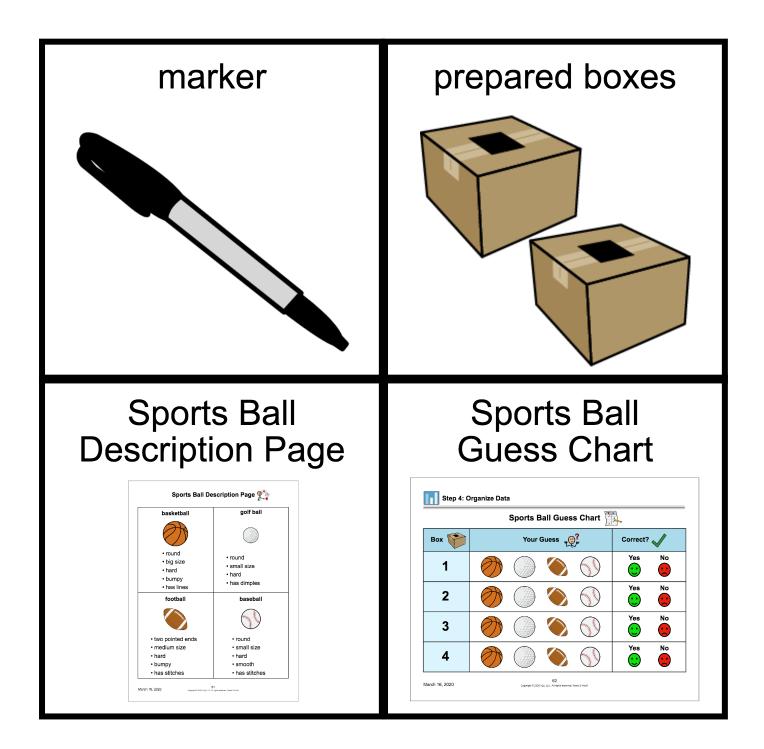




## **Questions for Class Discussion**

- What sense would be easiest to use to identify sports balls? Why?
- What other sports balls could you include in the experiment?
- Which sports ball was the easiest to identify? Why?

Read, practice and post these words on classroom or craft area word walls.







## **TISSUE PAPER BASKETBALL ART**





This week's newspaper is about the NCAA men's basketball tournament called March Madness. Men's college basketball teams play in this tournament. They play each other in basketball games. For this craft, students can make basketball art.

In order to prepare for this craft, you will need to make a copy of the Basketball Page (page 69) for each student. You may want to copy this page onto sturdy paper or cardstock, or glue a paper copy onto cardstock, as students will be gluing tissue paper onto this page.

You will also need tissue paper, black and orange, cut or torn into 2-inch pieces. You can prepare the tissue paper pieces beforehand, or you can have students cut or tear the tissue paper into pieces as part of the craft process. For students, you may find it helpful to cut the tissue paper into strips first, and then have the students cut or tear the strips into pieces.

The directions for this craft include wrapping pieces of tissue paper around the end of a pencil, and then using the pencil to glue the pieces onto the Basketball Page. Encourage students to glue the pieces close together so that little of the white paper underneath is showing.

If it works better for your students, you can have them simply glue flat pieces of tissue paper onto the Basketball Page, overlapping the pieces in a mosaic-style pattern. For this option, it may help to cover an area of the basketball picture with a thin layer of glue first, then lay the pieces of tissue paper onto the glue. Have students follow the directions for the craft and glue the black pieces of tissue paper onto the Basketball Page first. Another option is to have students wad each tissue paper square into a loose ball and have them glue the balls onto the picture.



#### What We Know:

• The NCAA® men's basketball tournament starts each March.



People call this big tournament March Madness.



• Men's college basketball teams play in the tournament.



The teams play each other in basketball games.





#### What We Can Do:

• We can make basketball art!





#### **Need for Each:**

school glue



small foam plate



2-in pcs black tissue paper (See Introduction)



unsharpened pencil



**Basketball Page** (page 69)



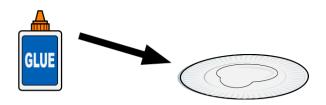
2-in pcs orange tissue paper (See Introduction)



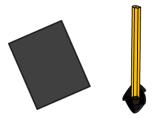


## **Activity Steps**

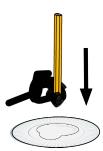
1. Squeeze small amount of glue onto plate.



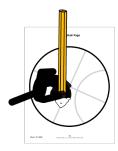
2. Wrap one piece black tissue paper around end of pencil.



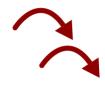
3. Hold black tissue paper on pencil. Dip into glue.



4. Press tissue paper onto gray lines on basketball picture.



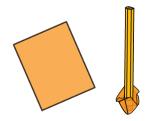
5. Repeat steps 2-4 until gray lines are covered.



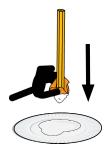
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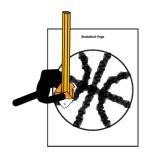
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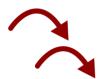
7. Hold orange tissue on pencil. Dip into glue.



8. Press orange piece between black pieces on basketball picture.



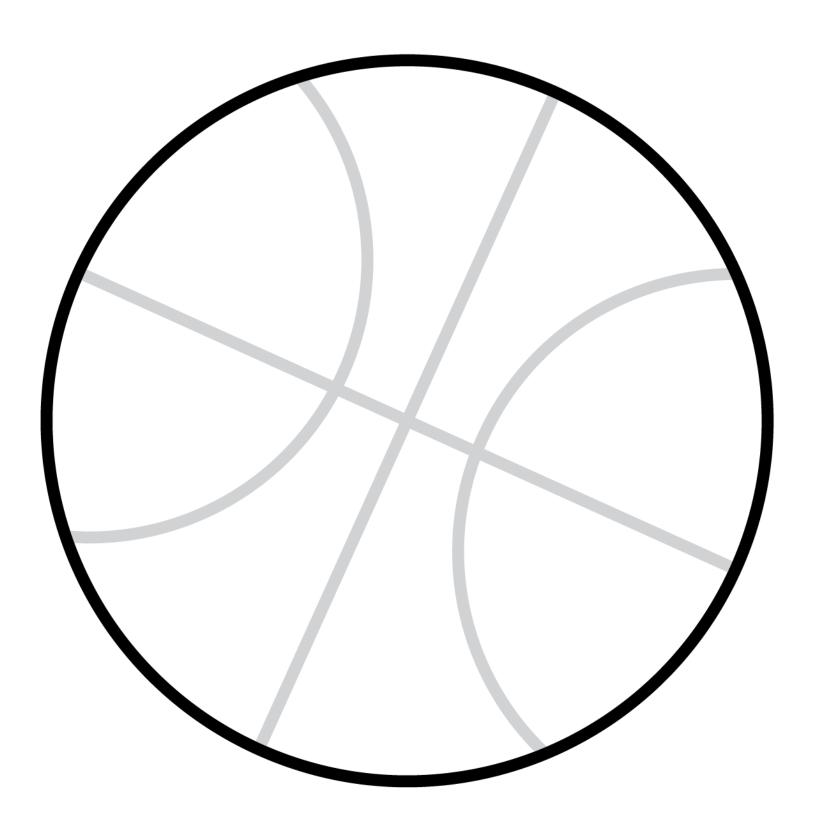
9. Repeat steps 6-8 until basketball picture is covered. Let dry.



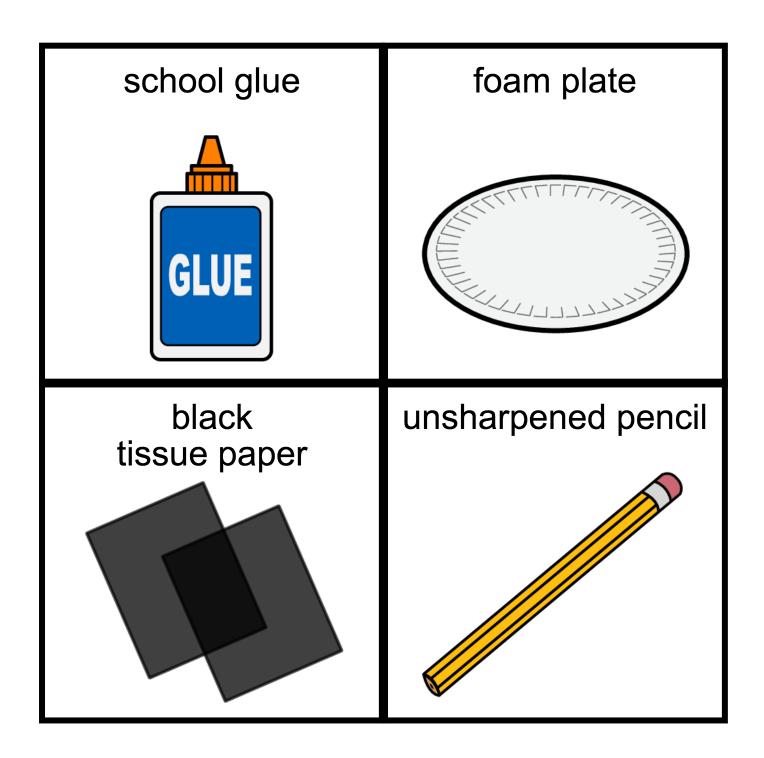
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## **Basketball Page**



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