



WHAT



MARCH MADNESS



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.



Each team wants to win the March Madness tournament.

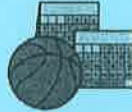


* See Extension Activity to learn about the NCAA women's basketball tournament too.

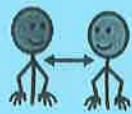




The men's college basketball season starts each November.



The teams play each other in many basketball games.



The best teams win many games.



The NCAA invites these teams to be in the tournament.



The NCAA invites the best 68 college teams.

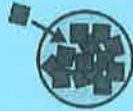


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The best teams include the



These college teams will be in the 2020 tournament.



2020



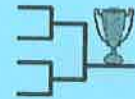
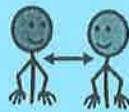
This tournament starts on March 17.



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Teams play each other in the tournament.



Tournament games are in cities across the U.S.



The games are exciting to watch!



Teams who win games stay in the tournament.



Teams who lose games leave the tournament.





Soon only two teams will be left.



2



These two teams will play in a championship game.



2



The championship game will be on April 6.



6

The game will be in Atlanta, Georgia.



The winning team will be the NCAA men's basketball champion !





Many people guess about the tournament.



People guess which team will win each game.



They guess which team will be the champion.



Each person can fill in a bracket.



A bracket is a list of teams in the tournament.





You can guess too !



Watch for a News-2-You March Madness Breaking News article. *



The article will be online March 30.



30

This article will include a March Madness bracket.



You can guess which team will be the champion.



* The article will be called March Madness Final Four.



People are excited for March Madness !



They cheer for their favorite men's college basketball teams.



Some people watch the games in stadiums.



Many people watch the games on TVs.



Will you watch March Madness games ?





WHO



COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS



Many colleges have basketball teams.



College students play on these teams.



Colleges can have men's basketball teams.



Colleges can have women's basketball teams.



Men's and women's teams each have a big tournament.





people in the news



WHO



NCAA



NCAA means National Collegiate Athletic Association.



The NCAA is a group that helps colleges with sports.



The sports include basketball and football.



The NCAA



writes rules,



has tournaments,



gives scholarships



and more.





place in the news



WHERE



ATLANTA, GEORGIA



The championship game will be in Atlanta, Georgia.



Atlanta

is

in

northern

Georgia.



Atlanta

is the

capital city

of Georgia.



The world's

busiest

airport

is

in

Atlanta.



One of the world's

biggest aquariums

is

in

Atlanta.

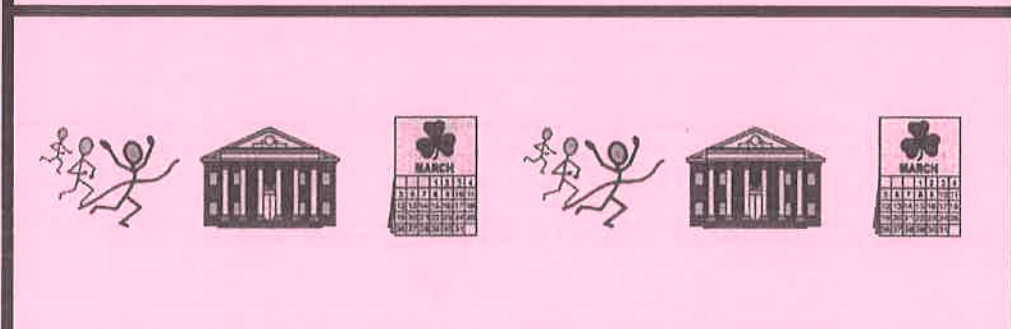
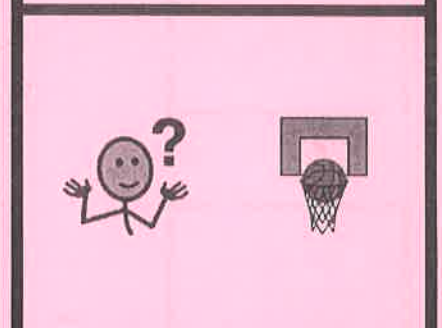
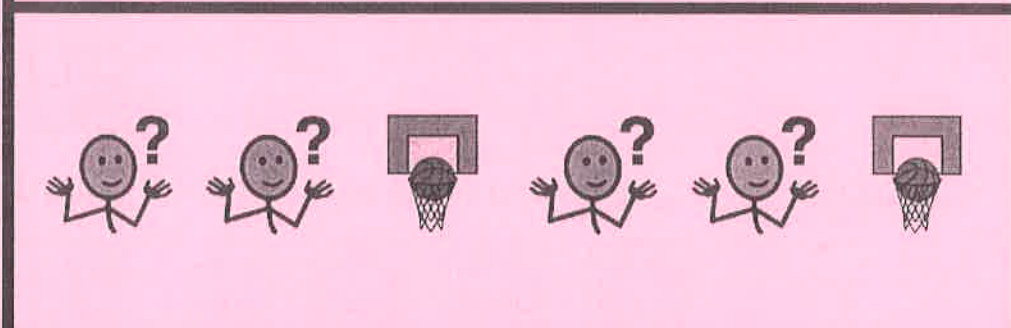
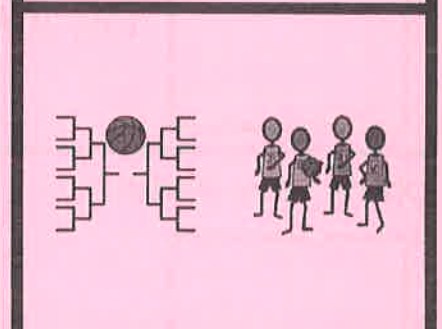
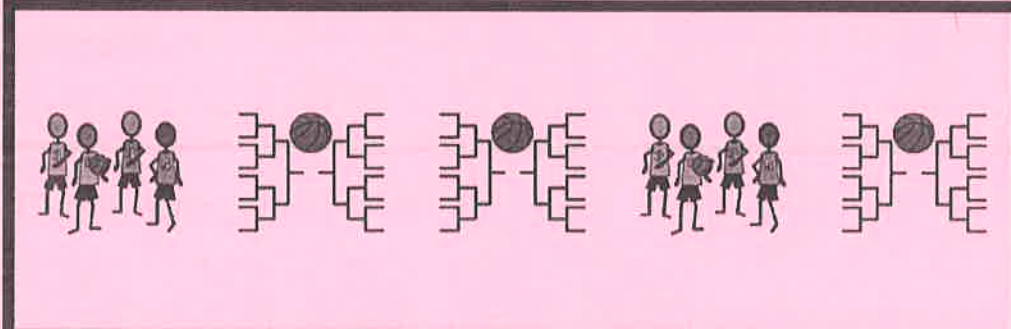
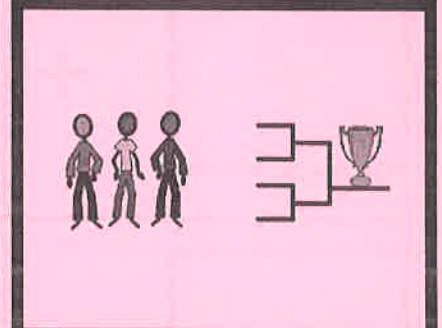
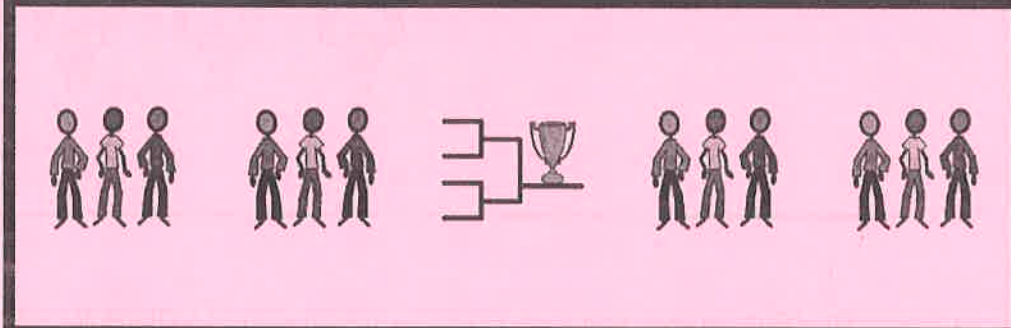
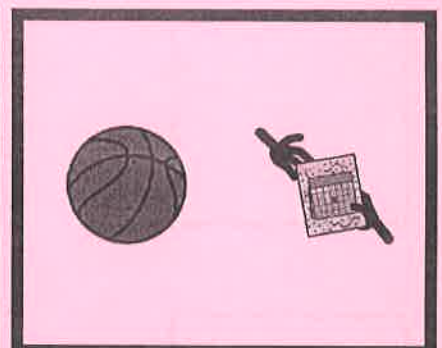
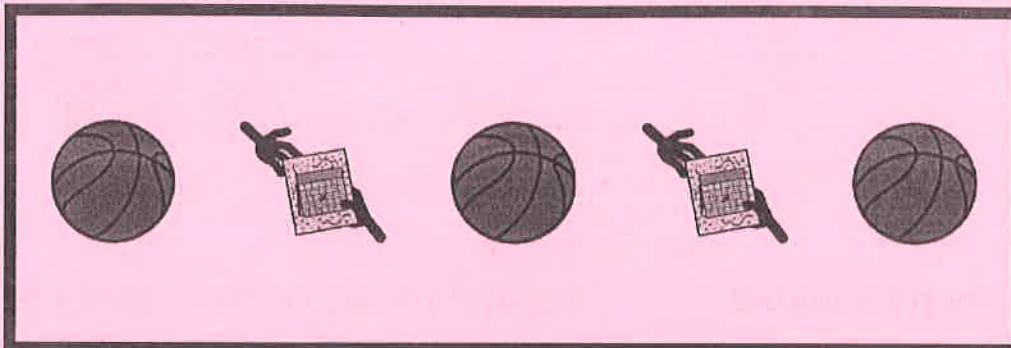
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Which Comes Next?

Name _____

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

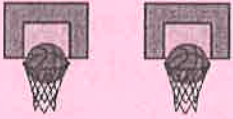


Word Problems

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.

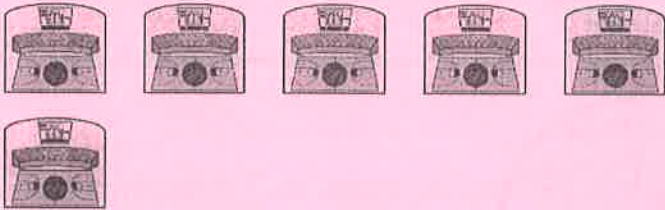


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How many basketball games did my sister play in altogether?

Answer

During November a team played in _____ stadiums.



Show your work.

During December the team played in _____ stadiums.



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

Answer

Time to the Hour

Name: _____

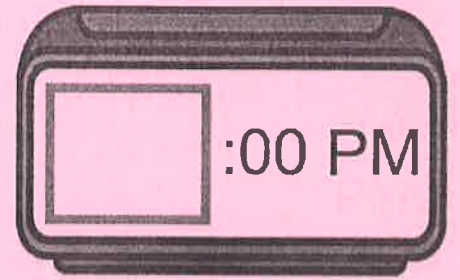
Read the question. Find the answer. Place the time on the clock.

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



4:00

8:00

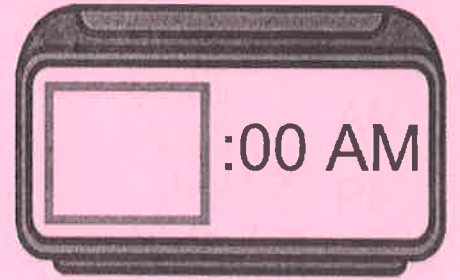


This morning janitors cleaned a stadium. What time did the janitors start cleaning the stadium?



10:00

7:00

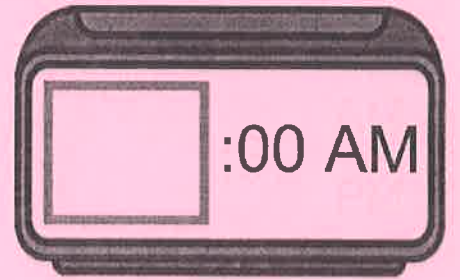


This morning a family traveled to Atlanta, Georgia. What time did the family arrive in Atlanta?



11:00

9:00

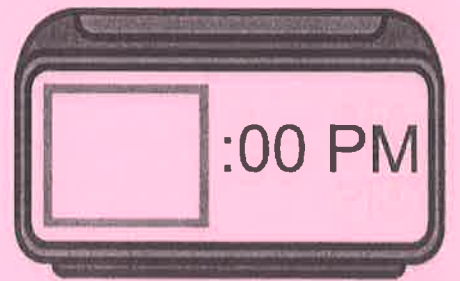


This afternoon a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?



1:00

2:00

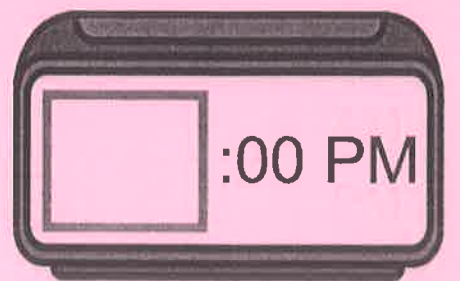


This afternoon a college student went to class. What time did the class start?



4:00

3:00



Time to the Half Hour

Name: _____

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

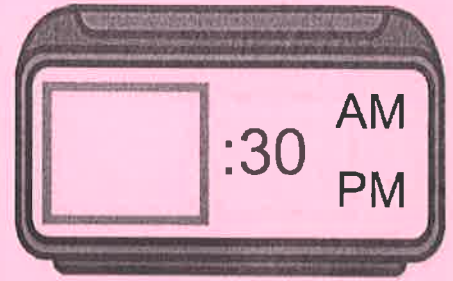
This morning my sister played basketball in gym class. What time did gym class start?



1:30

5:30

10:30



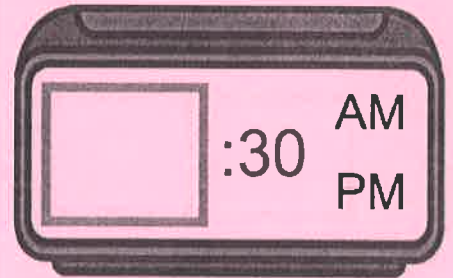
This afternoon a family watched a basketball game on TV. What time did the family start watching the basketball game?



2:30

4:30

6:30



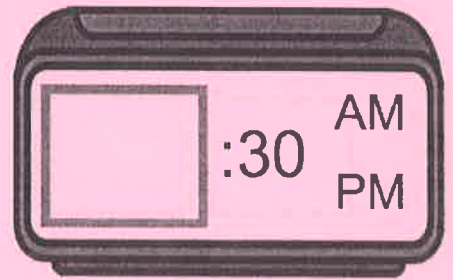
This afternoon my teacher filled in a March Madness bracket. What time did my teacher start filling in the bracket?



3:30

4:30

5:30



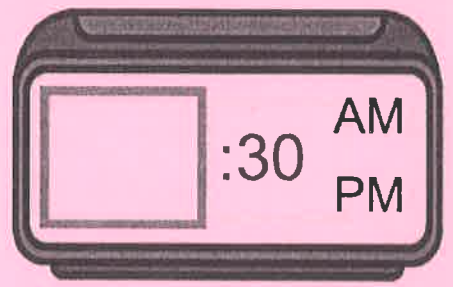
This evening a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?



7:30

6:30

5:30



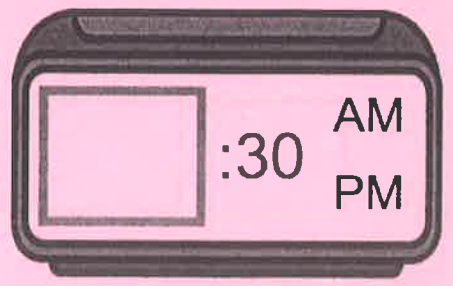
A basketball team played in a tournament today. What time this morning did the tournament start?



8:30

9:30

7:30



Time to the Quarter Hour

Name: _____

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

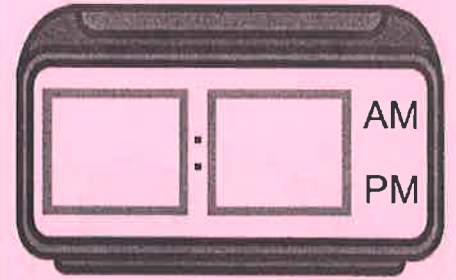
This afternoon a basketball player went for a run. What time did the basketball player start running?



5:15

3:45

12:45



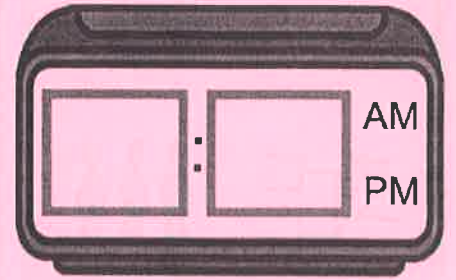
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7:15

5:15

9:15



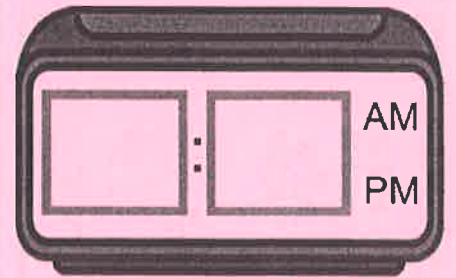
This morning a college basketball player went to a science class. What time did the class start?



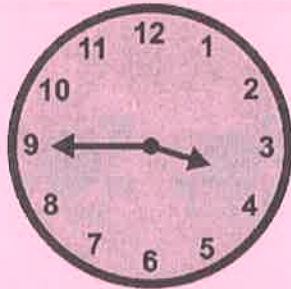
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10:15

7:15



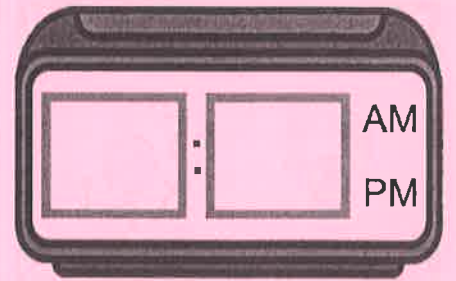
This afternoon a reporter interviewed a basketball coach. What time did the interview start?



3:45

4:45

9:45



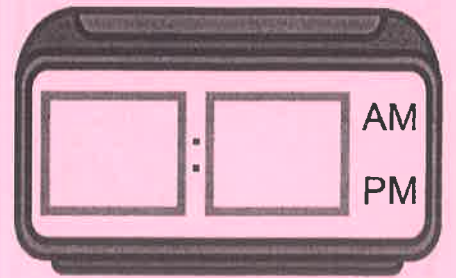
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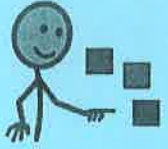


6:15

7:45

6:45





game page



Choose the pictures NOT about MARCH MADNESS.

basketball



men



gerbil



win



bouquet



tournament



college



bracket



guess



snow sculpture



champion



teams



basketball game



invite



March



lifeguard



skiing



stadium



play



March Madness





review page

May Use newspaper to answer questions



1. **WHAT** is the paper about ?

Women's History Month

Leap Year

March Madness

2. **WHO** play in the March Madness tournament ?

MLB baseball teams

college basketball teams

NFL football teams

3. **WHERE** will the championship game be ?

Atlanta, Georgia

Duluth, Minnesota

Anchorage, Alaska

4. **WHEN** does March Madness start each year ?

April

March

May

5. **WHAT** must teams do to stay in the tournament ?

lose

tie

win

6. **WHAT** does a person fill in to make guesses about the tournament ?

bracket

graph

puzzle

7. **WHAT** season does March Madness end in ?

winter

fall

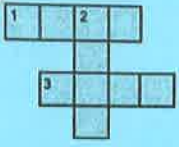
spring

8. **HOW MANY** teams leave the tournament before the championship game ?

58

66

49



puzzle page



ACROSS

- 1 This article will include a March Madness _____.
- 4 The best teams _____ many games.
- 5 The championship _____ will be in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 6 These _____ teams will be in the 2020 tournament.
- 7 College students play on these _____.

DOWN

- 1 Many colleges have _____ teams.
- 2 Teams play each other in the _____.
- 3 The NCAA _____ the best 68 college teams.
- 5 Many people _____ about the tournament.

1 b

2 t

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4 W

5 g

6 C

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WORD BANK

win
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basketball
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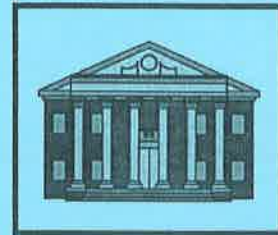
Use bottom section
of page 23
(cut and glue)






	4		3
1		2	
	2		1
3		4	

sudoku page



Fill in the grid using the pictures below so that every row, every column and every large box contains the following four items:





think page



1. WHO is your favorite team? Why?

2. WHAT sport do you like to watch? Why?

3. WHAT sport event would you like to go to? Why?

4. WHO would you like to be on a team with? Why?

Word Sort

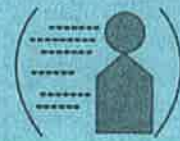
Name _____

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Nouns



Verbs



play



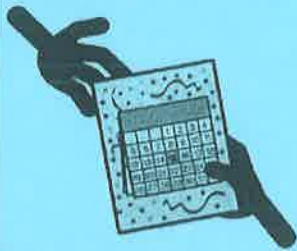
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teams



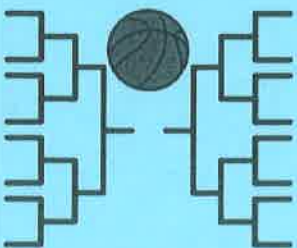
game



invite



guess



brackets



Georgia

Word Sort

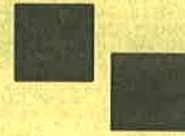
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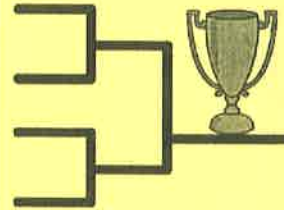
Singular



Plural



game



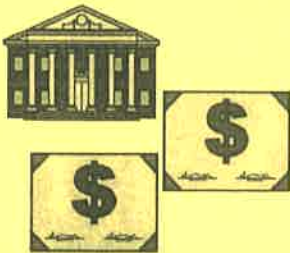
tournament



team



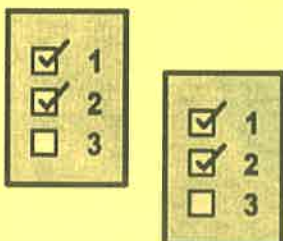
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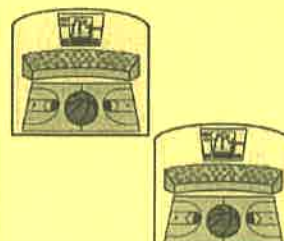
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champion



rules



stadiums

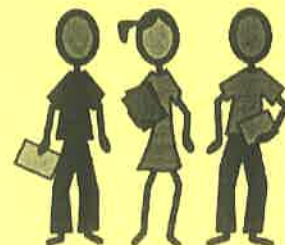
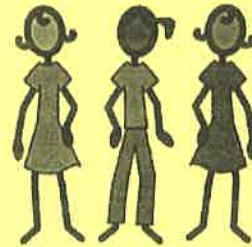
Word Sort: Beginning Sound

Name: _____

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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

Counting Syllables

Name: _____

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

college



2

men



teams



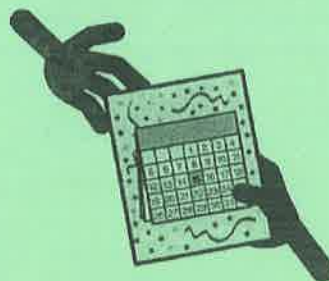
bracket



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



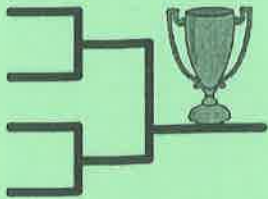
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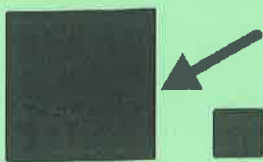
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Key: basketball, tournament, big, teams, best

Word Beginnings

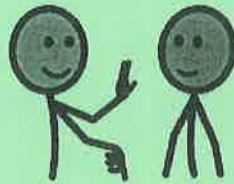
Name: _____

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

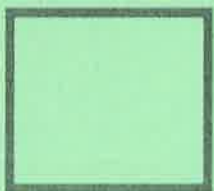
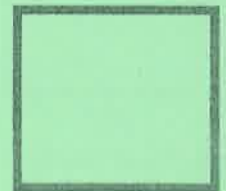
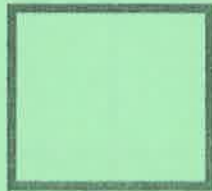
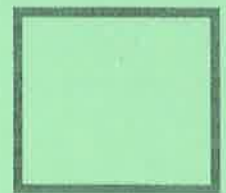
st

b

t



t



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

Example:



March

--	--	--

Beginning

Middle

End



stadium

--	--	--

Beginning

Middle

End



men

--	--	--

Beginning

Middle

End



game

--	--	--

Beginning

Middle

End



team

--	--	--

Beginning

Middle

End



tournament

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Beginning

Middle

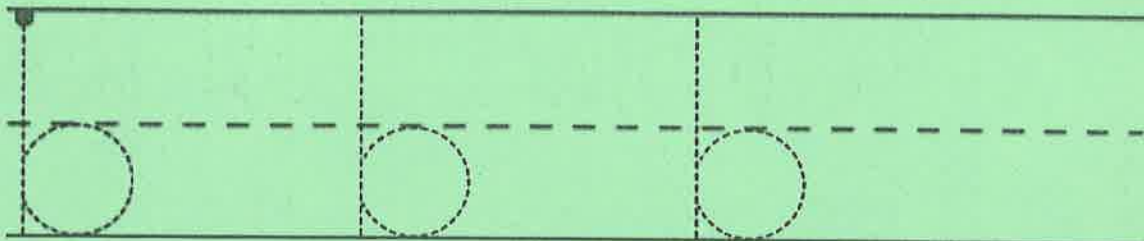
End

Beginning Letter

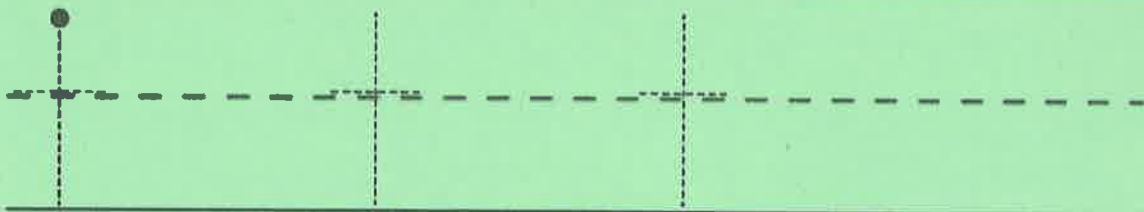
Name: _____

Start at the big dot. Trace each letter.

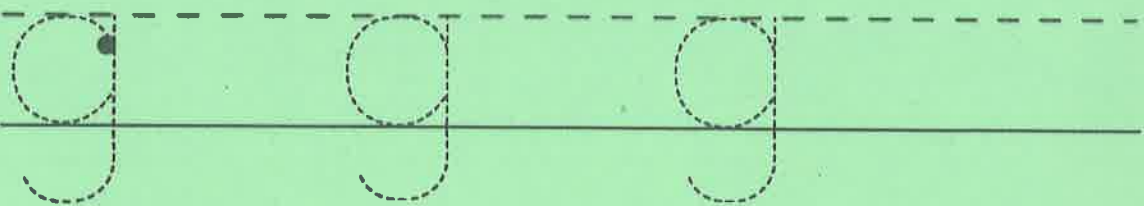
basketball



tournament



guess



win



Write the Word

Name: _____

Trace the letters.

basketball



basketball

tournament



tournament

guess



guess

win



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



b b b basketball

tournament



t t tournament

guess



g g g guess

win



w w w win

to Mrs. Farnsworth

Letter Home



Dear _____,



This week the title of the newspaper was _____.



The people in the news were _____.



I learned about a place called _____.



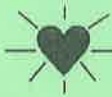
We made _____.



I learned four new words: _____,

_____ , _____

and _____.



My favorite part of the paper was _____

because _____.

From, _____



recipe page

BASKET-CHEESE-BALL



2 (8-oz) pkgs
cream cheese,
softened



8-oz pkg
shredded sharp
cheddar cheese



2 T diced
red bell pepper



2 t
Worcestershire
sauce



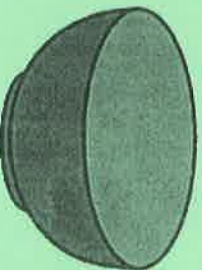
1 C chopped
pecans in a bowl



12-oz bag
mini pretzels



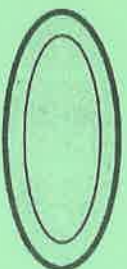
bowl



spoon



plate



NOTE: Always consider student food allergies when preparing recipes.

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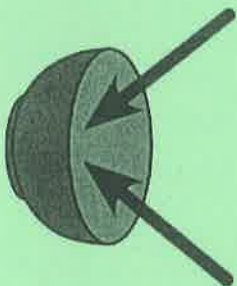
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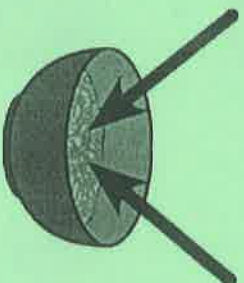
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1. Put cream cheese and cheddar cheese into bowl. Stir.



2. Put pepper and Worcestershire sauce into bowl. Stir.



3. Form mixture into a ball.





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4. Put ball into bowl with chopped pecans.



5. Roll ball in pecans to coat ball.



6. Put ball onto plate.



7. Serve with pretzels.



8. Eat.

