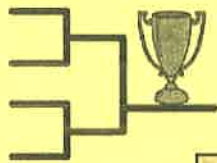




WHAT



# MARCH MADNESS



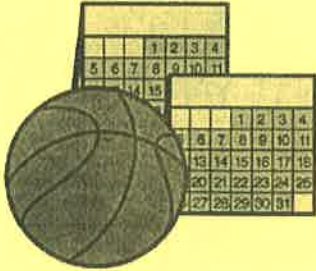
The NCAA® men's basketball tournament starts each March.\* People call this big tournament March Madness.

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.**

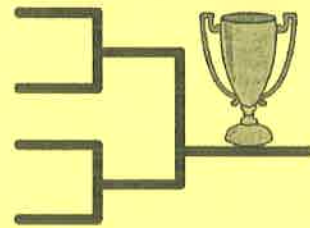


**The best teams win many games. The NCAA invites these teams to be in the tournament. The NCAA invites the best 68 college teams.**



The best teams include the Baylor Bears, Gonzaga Bulldogs, Kansas Jayhawks, Louisville Cardinals, Villanova Wildcats, Seton Hall Pirates and Oregon Ducks.

These college teams will be in the 2020 tournament.



<b>MARCH</b>						
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

This tournament starts on March 17.



**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. These two teams will play in a championship game.

The championship game will be on April 6. The game will be in Atlanta, Georgia.



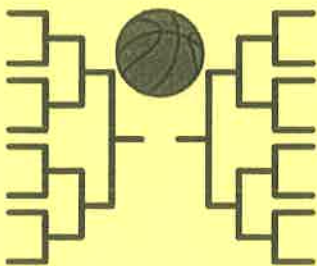
The winning team will be the NCAA men's basketball champion !



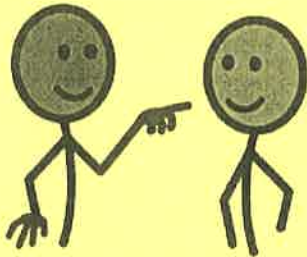


**Many people guess about the tournament.**

**People guess which team will win each game. They guess which team will be the champion.**

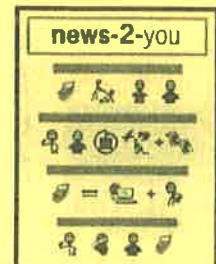


**Each person can fill in a bracket. A bracket is a list of teams in the tournament.**



You can guess too !

Watch for a News-2-You March Madness Breaking News article.\* The article will be online March 30.



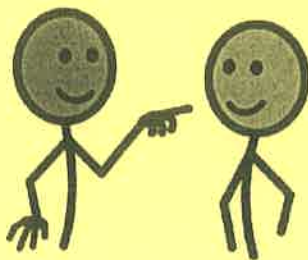
This article will include a March Madness bracket. You can guess which team will be the champion.

\* 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.





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.**





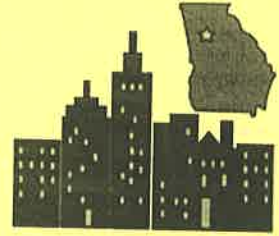
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WHERE



## 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.

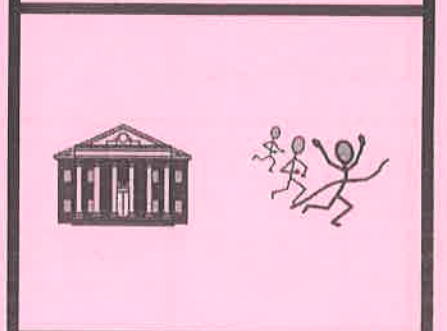
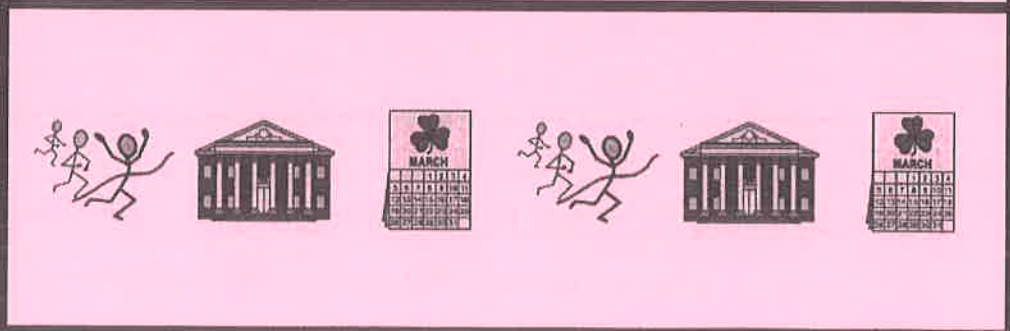
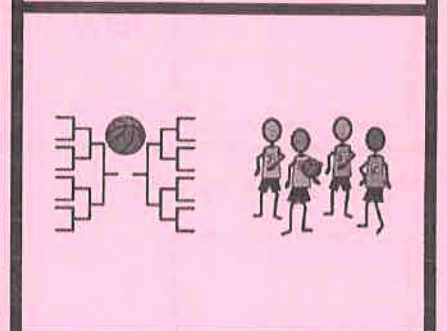
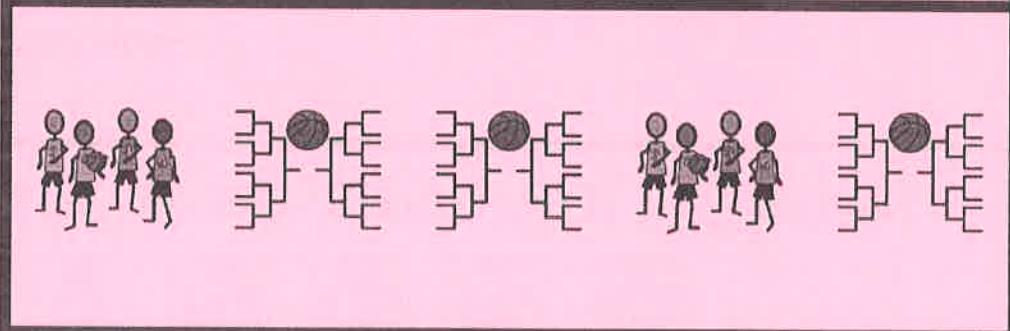
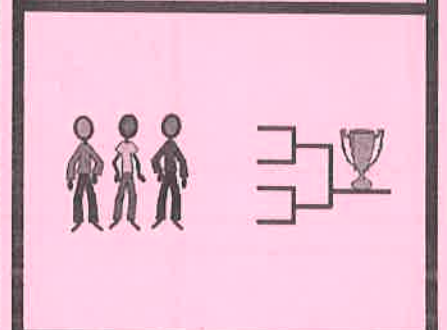
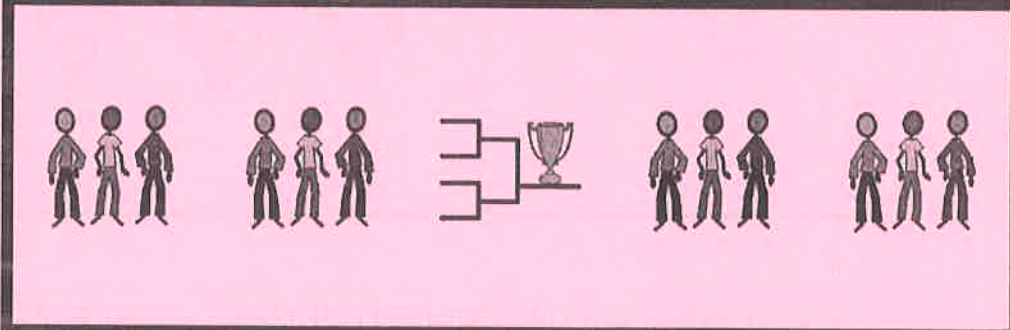
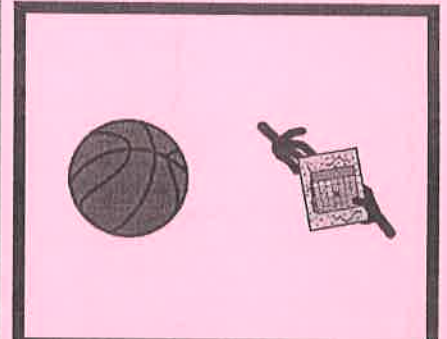
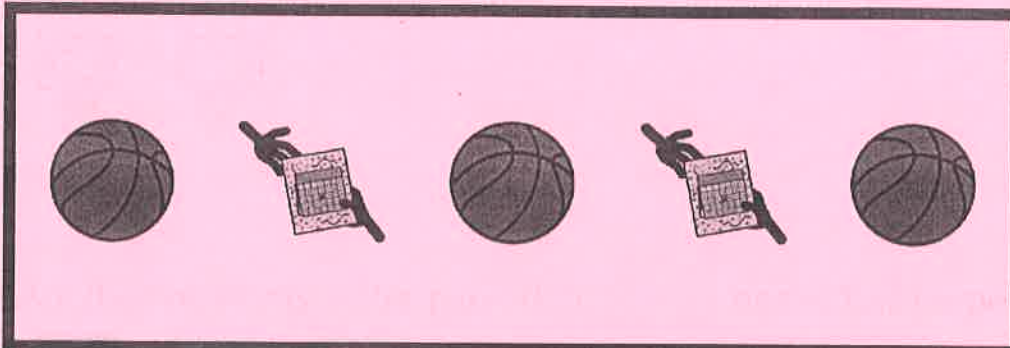




# Which Comes Next?

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

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

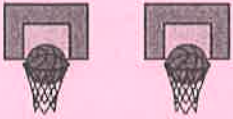


# Word Problems

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.

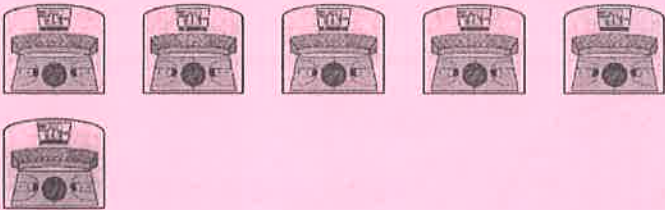


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How many basketball games did my sister play in altogether?

Answer

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



Show your work.

During December the team played in \_\_\_\_\_ stadiums.



-

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

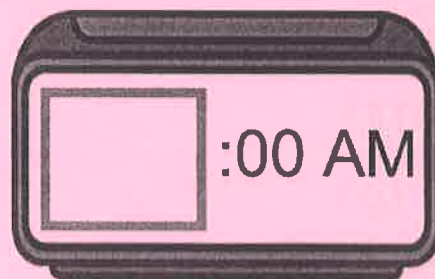


This morning janitors cleaned a stadium. What time did the janitors start cleaning the stadium?



10:00

7:00

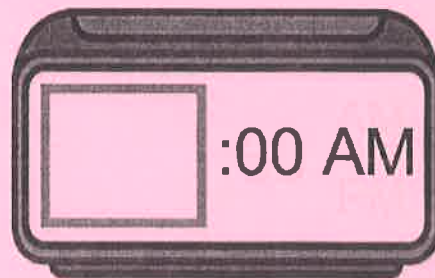


This morning a family traveled to Atlanta, Georgia. What time did the family arrive in Atlanta?



11:00

9:00

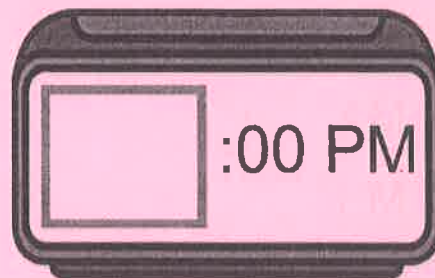


This afternoon a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?



1:00

2:00

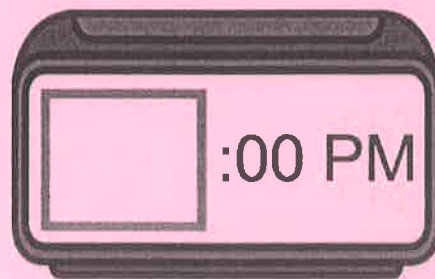


This afternoon a college student went to class. What time did the class start?



4:00

3:00



# Time to the Half Hour

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

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

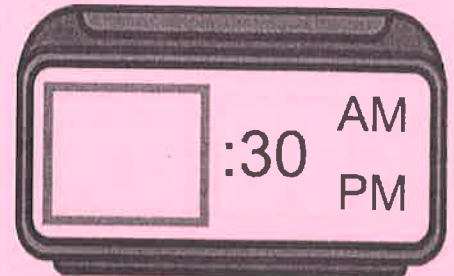
This morning my sister played basketball in gym class. What time did gym class start?



1:30

5:30

10:30



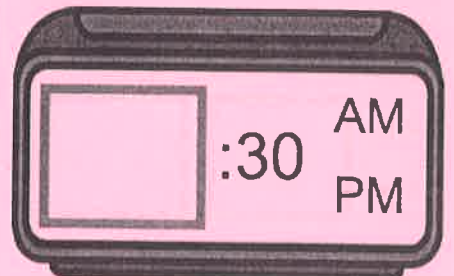
This afternoon a family watched a basketball game on TV. What time did the family start watching the basketball game?



2:30

4:30

6:30



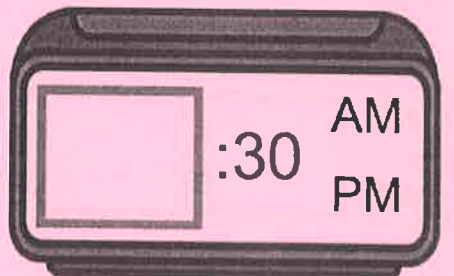
This afternoon my teacher filled in a March Madness bracket. What time did my teacher start filling in the bracket?



3:30

4:30

5:30



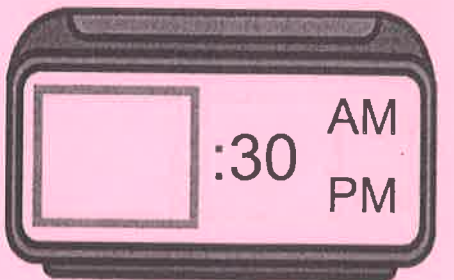
This evening a basketball team had a practice. What time did the practice start?



7:30

6:30

5:30



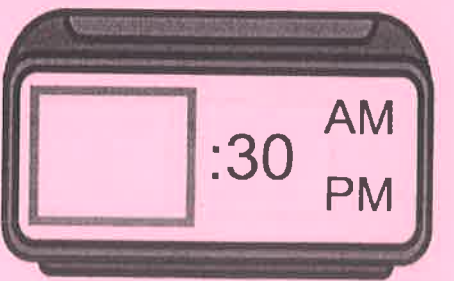
A basketball team played in a tournament today. What time this morning did the tournament start?



8:30

9:30

7:30





# Time to the Quarter Hour

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

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

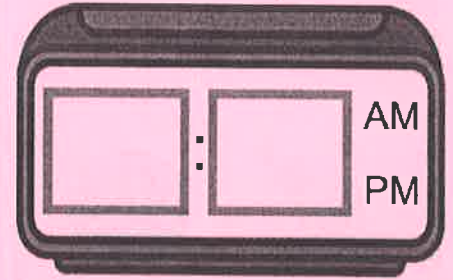
This afternoon a basketball player went for a run. What time did the basketball player start running?



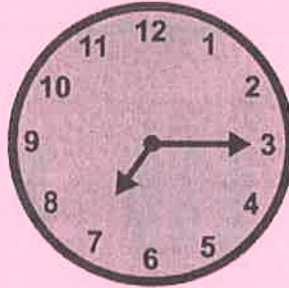
5:15

3:45

12:45



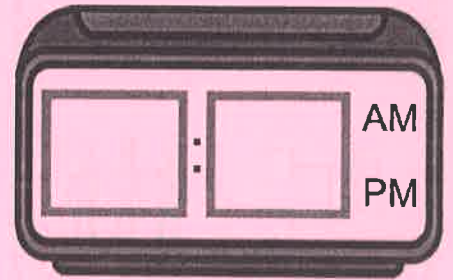
This morning janitors cleaned a stadium. What time did the janitors start cleaning the stadium?



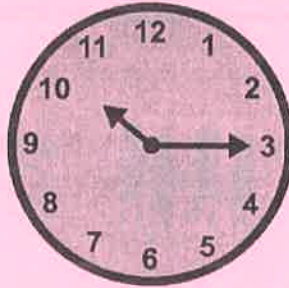
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5:15

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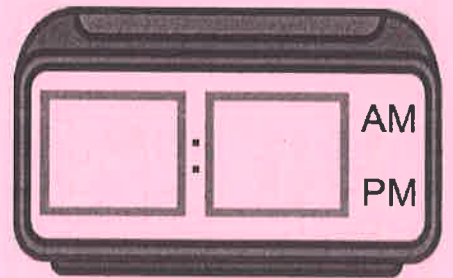
This morning a college basketball player went to a science class. What time did the class start?



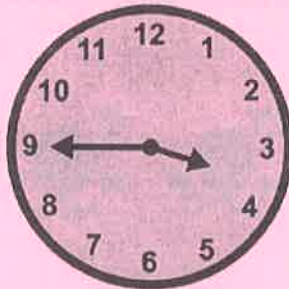
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10:15

7:15



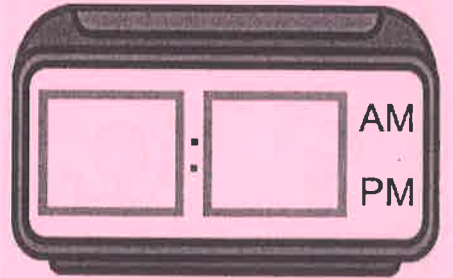
This afternoon a reporter interviewed a basketball coach. What time did the interview start?



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4:45

9:45



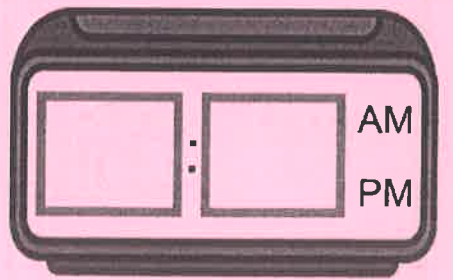
This evening my brother played in a basketball game. What time did the basketball game start?

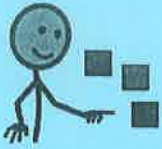


6:15

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





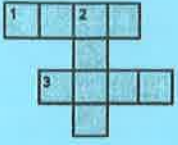
# review page

may use newspaper to answer questions



- |  |                       |                          |                    |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <b>WHAT</b> is the paper about ?  | Women's History Month | Leap Year                | March Madness      |
| 2. <b>WHO</b> play in the March Madness tournament ?                         | MLB baseball teams    | college basketball teams | NFL football teams |
| 3. <b>WHERE</b> will the championship game be ?                              | Atlanta, Georgia      | Duluth, Minnesota        | Anchorage, Alaska  |
| 4. <b>WHEN</b> does March Madness start each year ?                          | April                 | March                    | May                |
| 5. <b>WHAT</b> must teams do to stay in the tournament ?                     | lose                  | tie                      | win                |
| 6. <b>WHAT</b> does a person fill in to make guesses about the tournament ?  | bracket               | graph                    | puzzle             |
| 7. <b>WHAT</b> season does March Madness end in ?                            | winter                | fall                     | spring             |
| 8. <b>HOW MANY</b> teams leave the tournament before the championship game ? | 58                    | 66                       | 49                 |





# puzzle page



## ACROSS →

## DOWN ↓

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

- 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.

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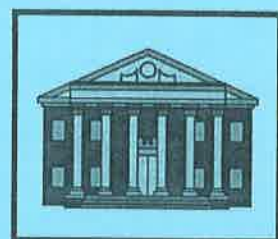
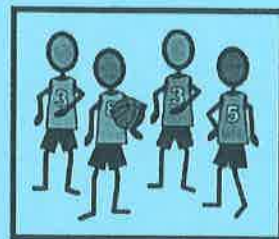
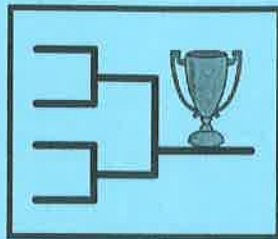
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3		4	

# 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?

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

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

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

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# Word Sort

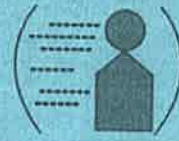
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Sort the nouns and verbs.

## Nouns



## Verbs



play



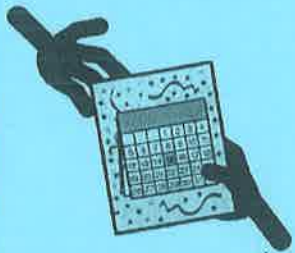
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teams



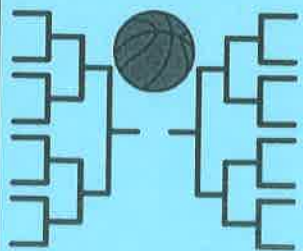
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invite



guess



brackets



Georgia

# Word Sort

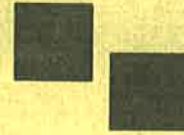
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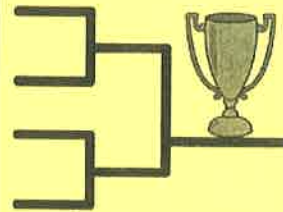
## Singular



## Plural



game



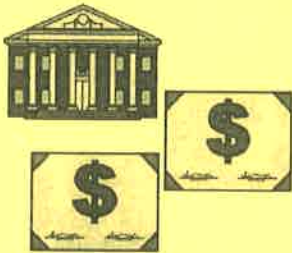
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team



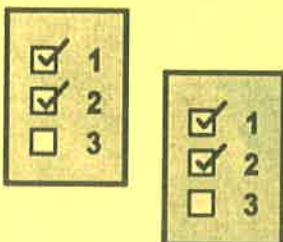
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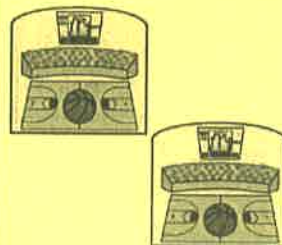
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rules



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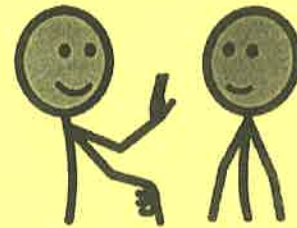
# Word Sort: Beginning Sound

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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

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b

t



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b

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Key: basketball, tournament, big, teams, best



# Word Beginnings

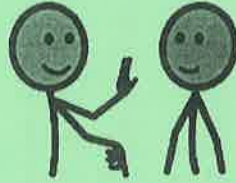
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

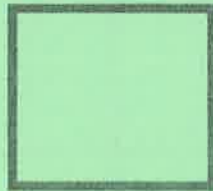
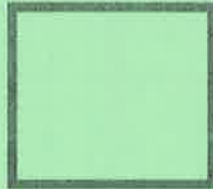
st

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:



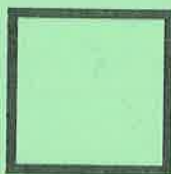
March



Beginning



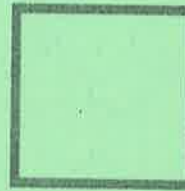
Middle



End



stadium



Beginning



Middle



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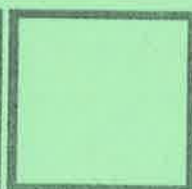
men



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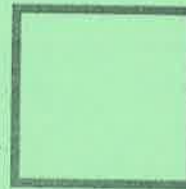
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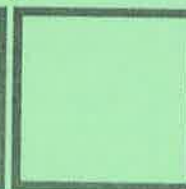
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game



Beginning



Middle



End



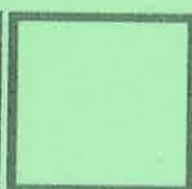
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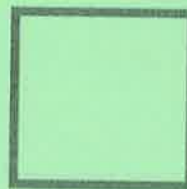
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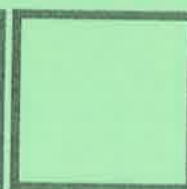
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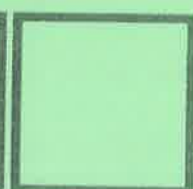
tournament



Beginning



Middle



End

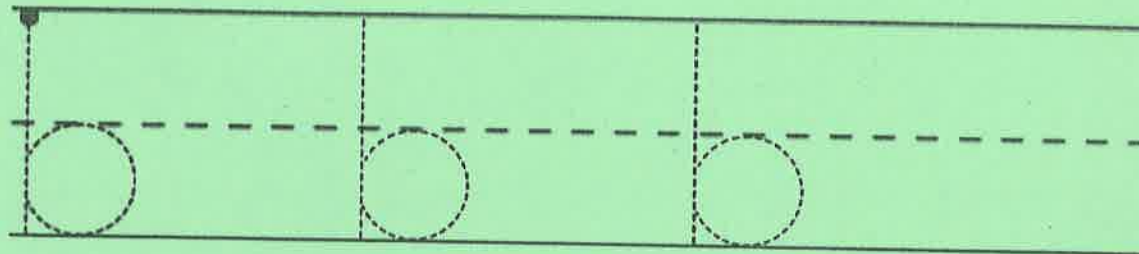


# Beginning Letter

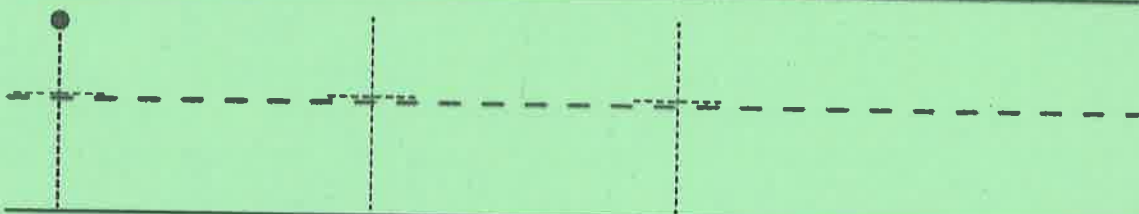
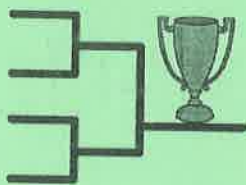
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start at the big dot. Trace each letter.

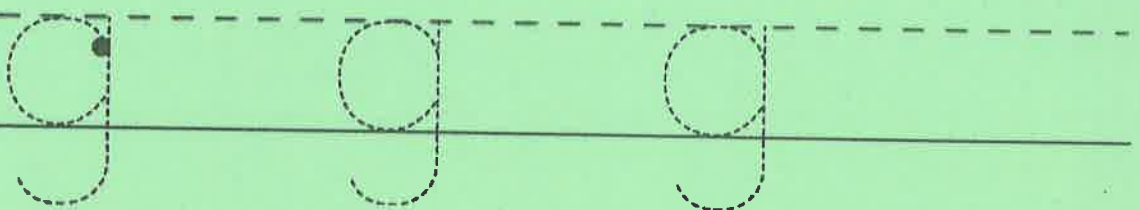
basketball



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 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, \_\_\_\_\_



## BASKET-CHEESE-BALL



 NEED

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



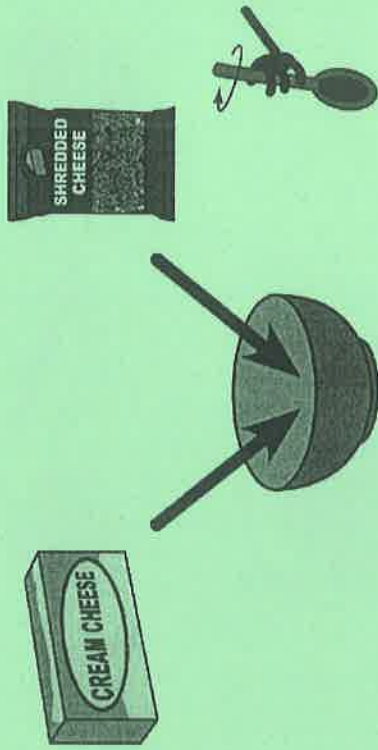
NOTE: Always consider student food allergies when preparing recipes.



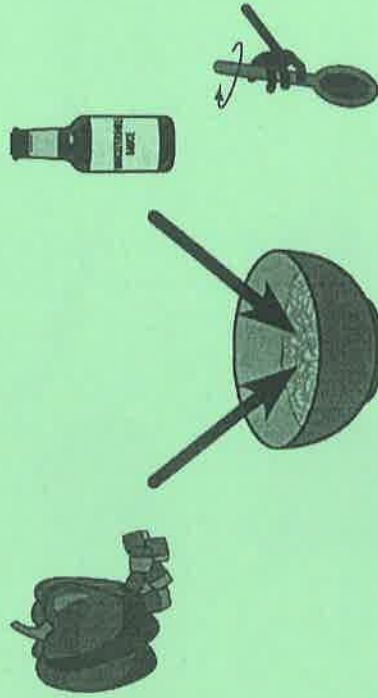
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1. Put cream cheese and cheddar cheese into bowl. Stir.



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



3. Form mixture into a ball.







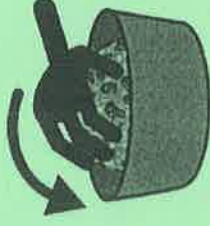
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4. Put ball into bowl with chopped pecans.



5. Roll ball in pecans to coat ball.



6. Put ball onto plate.



7. Serve with pretzels.



8. Eat.

