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# CONNECT 123



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Spotlight

FROM THE DESK OF  
**WOODWORD**

Happy New Year!

Aaargh! This month's **Connect 123!** has a PIRATE THEME! There are articles about treasure, pirate parrots and more. So shiver your timbers and curl up for a reading adventure!

And, reading **Connect 123!** can make you a better reader! The more you read, the better you read. Our goal is to give you a treasure chest full of fun things to read about!

Before you turn the page, use this game to come up with a silly pirate name for yourself!

Sincerely, **Woodword**

## WHAT BE YOUR PIRATE NAME?

**LAST letter of your FIRST name:**

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| A = RUSTY      | J = JIBBERS   | S = SHUDDERS  |
| B = FIENDISH   | K = BUBBLES   | T = POCKMARK  |
| C = CORKY      | L = SEA LEGS  | U = GRIFTER   |
| D = GRISTLE    | M = SQUEAMISH | V = MUTINOUS  |
| E = SHARKEY    | N = SINISTER  | W = GRUNT     |
| F = SWABBY     | O = BARACUDA  | X = CLUBBER   |
| G = CHUMMY     | P = BUCKETS   | Y = SEAWOLF   |
| H = BILGESWILL | Q = SINKER    | Z = SQUIDLIPS |
| I = TOPSAIL    | R = PIRANHA   |               |

**FIRST letter of your LAST name:**

- |                   |                  |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| A = OSCURVEY      | J = TIMBERWARP   | S = RATTLEBONES |
| B = FELONIOUS     | K = LUGSAIL      | T = McSWAGGERS  |
| C = SWINDLES      | L = McBLUDGEON   | U = PLANKDANCER |
| D = FIBSOMUCH     | M = MAROONER     | V = NOOSEMAKER  |
| E = SWABSLOP      | N = DOCKWALKER   | W = OGRWLEY     |
| F = CRABCAKES     | O = PLUNDERLOOT  | X = BEARDCRUMB  |
| G = SWORDSKULL    | P = ANCHORBOTTOM | Y = RATTERSLY   |
| H = BILDGEPOOLE   | Q = CORALBLOOM   | Z = MAPRIPPER   |
| I = LOBSTERSPINCH | R = KEELHAULER   |                 |

See how many words you can make using the letters in PIRATE TREASURE



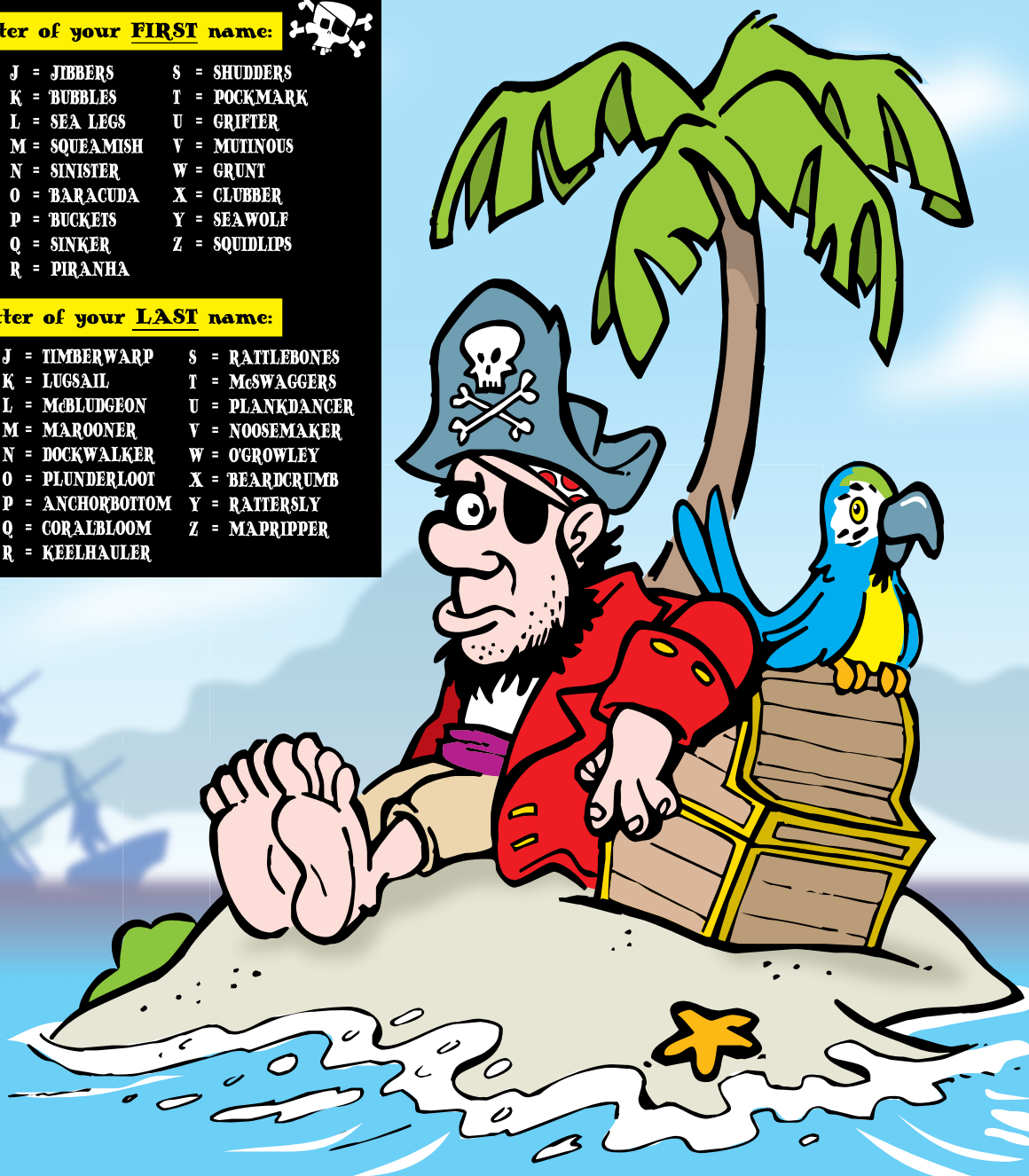
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## SUNKEN TREASURE

# TALES OF SUNKEN TREASURE!

## A Sunken city

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then, in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did!

Thousands of coins were found — perhaps lost pirate treasure.

## Sunken ships

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

**A Spanish treasure ship was called a**

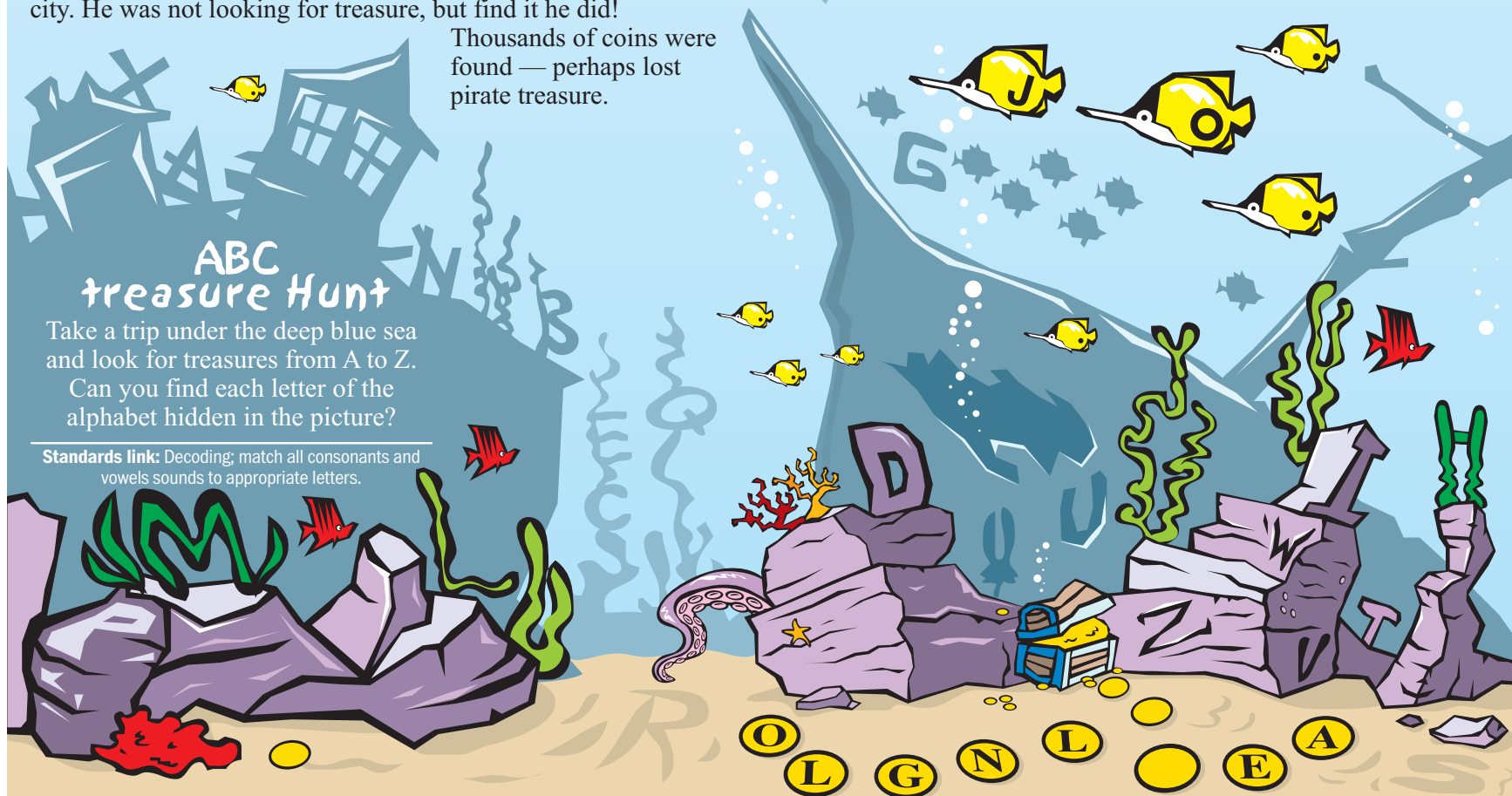
**Standards link:** Spelling: Spell independently combining phonemes to form words; vocabulary development.

## ABC treasure Hunt

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z.

Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?

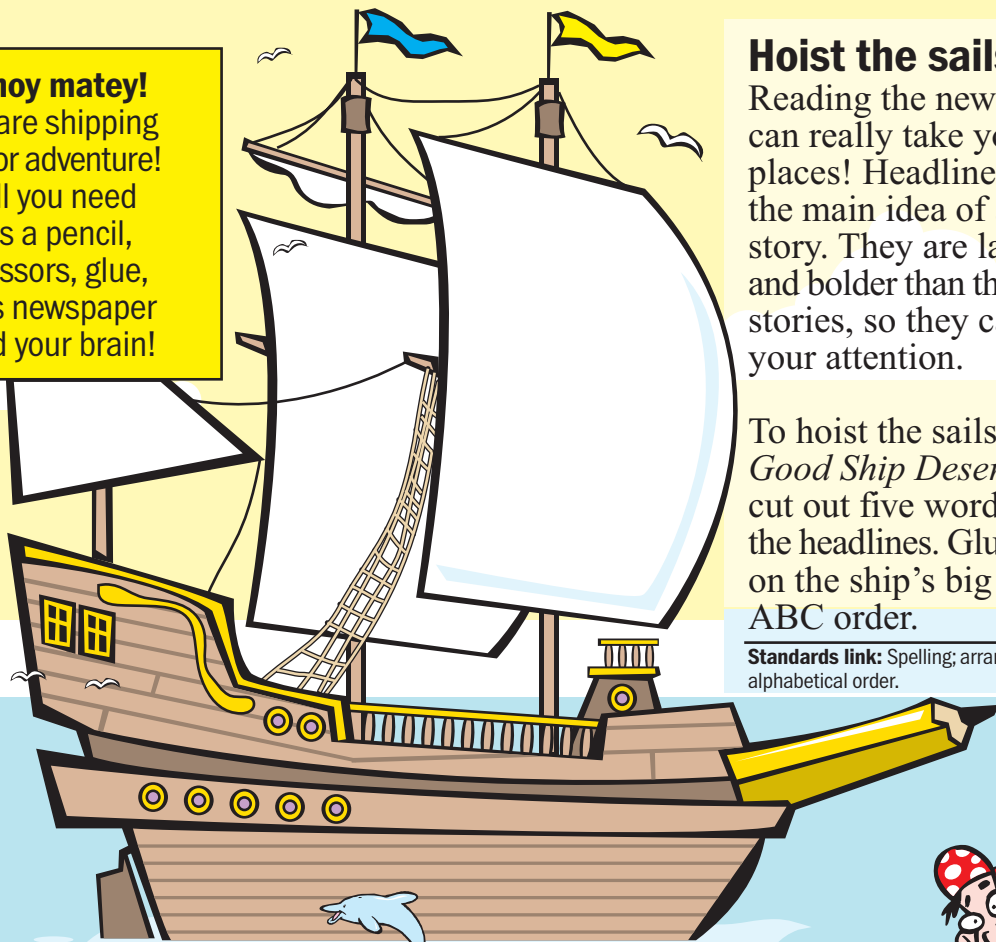
**Standards link:** Decoding; match all consonants and vowels sounds to appropriate letters.



# SET SAIL FOR ADVENTURE!



**Ahoy matey!**  
We are shipping off for adventure!  
All you need is a pencil, scissors, glue, this newspaper and your brain!



**Hoist the sails!**  
Reading the newspaper can really take you places! Headlines tell the main idea of a news story. They are larger and bolder than the news stories, so they catch your attention.

To hoist the sails of the *Good Ship Deseret News* cut out five words from the headlines. Glue them on the ship's big sail in ABC order.

**Standards link:** Spelling; arrange words in alphabetical order.

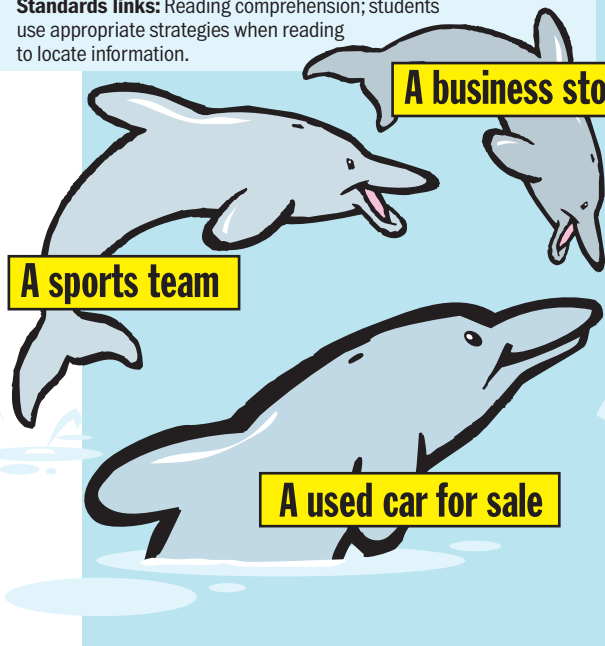
## Navigating the news

Most people only read parts of the newspaper, not the whole thing.

By using the index or table of contents, you can quickly and easily get to the places in the newspaper you want to go.

Use the newspaper index to find the section or page number where you will find the information on each dolphin.

**Standards links:** Reading comprehension; students use appropriate strategies when reading to locate information.



A business story

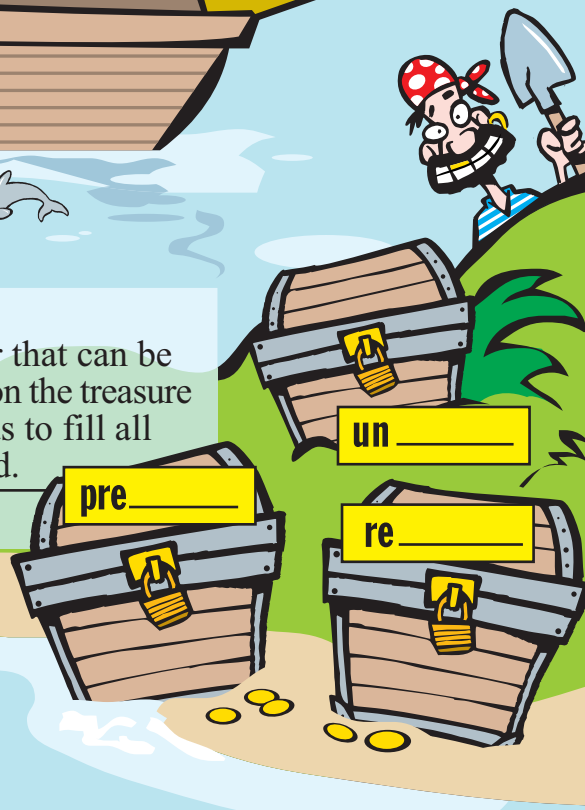
A sports team

A used car for sale

## Prefix treasures

Find root words in the newspaper that can be changed using one of the prefixes on the treasure chests. Cut out and glue the words to fill all three chests. For example: **unkind**.

**Standards link:** Vocabulary development; students use knowledge of prefixes to understand meaning of words.



Activities

Word search

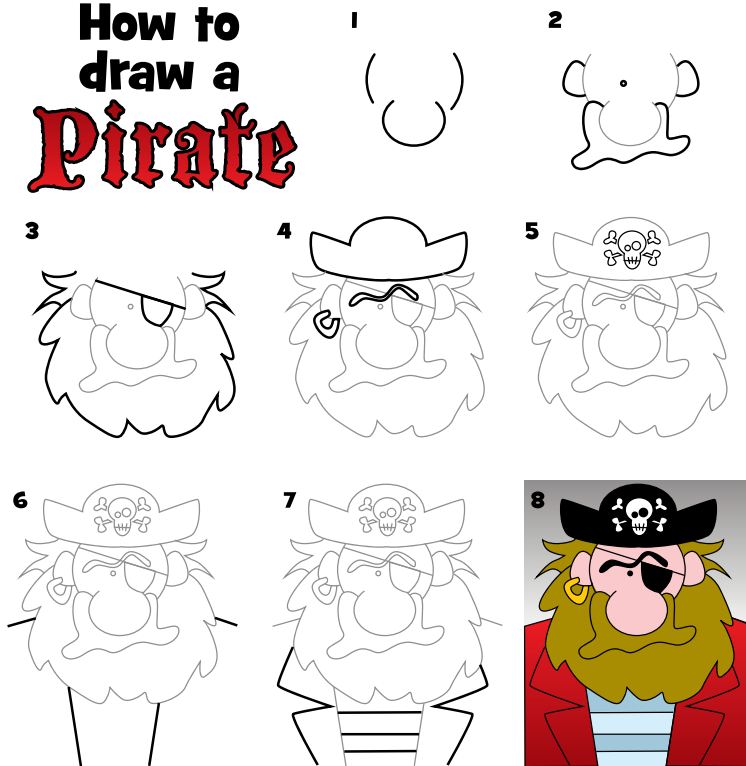
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

- |           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| ADVENTURE | INDEX  | PREFIX |
| NEWSPAPER | PENCIL | MATEY  |
| HEADLINES | GLUE   | LARGER |
| BRAIN     | GOOD   | SAILS  |
| ANCHOR    | READ   | PAGE   |



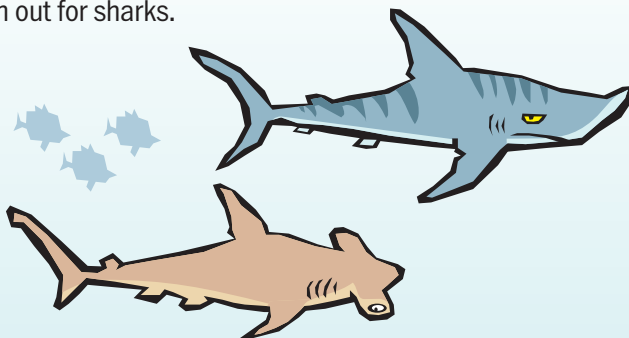
**Standards link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

How to draw a Pirate



Shark alert

Diving for the lost city of Port Royal is dangerous. Divers must watch out for sharks.



Do all sharks look the same? No siree! Circle five ways the two sharks are different.

**Standards link:** Visual discrimination.

Anchors away

Which is the heaviest anchor? Look through the newspaper and find a number for each box. Do the math problem under each anchor. The one with the biggest number for an answer is the heaviest.



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17 -  =

14 +  =

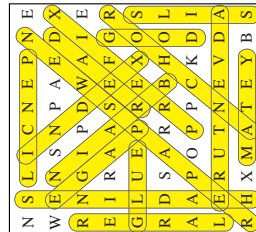
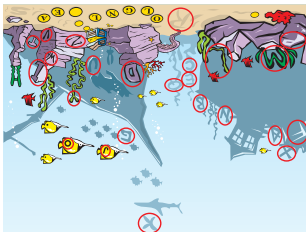


23 -  =

8 +  =

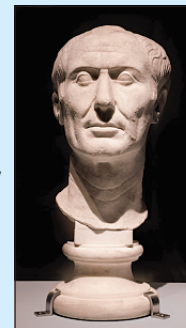
**Standards Link:** Math: Number Sense; students create number sentences and compute sums and differences.

**ANSWERS**  
A Spanish treasure ship was called a GALLEON



New Year's history

Julius Caesar decided the Roman calendar needed to be changed. They tried having the calendar follow the lunar cycle, but it frequently fell out of phase with the seasons.



In redesigning the calendar again, Caesar enlisted Sosigene, an Alexandrian Astronomer. He advised him to follow the solar year instead. They decided to begin the year on January 1st instead of in March. He also decreed that every four years a day be added to February to keep the calendar from getting off track. Shortly before Julius Caesar's assassination in 44 B.C., he changed the name of the month Quintilis to Julius (July) after himself. It was later found that they failed to calculate correctly, and there was an 11 minute-a-year error. In 1582 the Gregorian calendar was implemented. Since then, people around the world gather on January 1st to celebrate the precise arrival of the New Year.

**Learning buddy sign here**

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my learning buddy.

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Learning buddy's signature      Date

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The largest parrot is the Blue Hyacinth macaw. It lives in the tropical forests of South America. Scientists believe that there are now less than 5,000 of these beautiful birds left in the wild.

## Positively Parrots

**F**or hundreds of years, parrots large and small have been kept as pets. Perhaps they were first captured for food or for their colorful feathers, but when it was discovered they could “talk,” they became pets rather than dinner.

There are more than 350 kinds of parrots. Some are only 3 inches long, while others

grow to be more than 3 feet long.

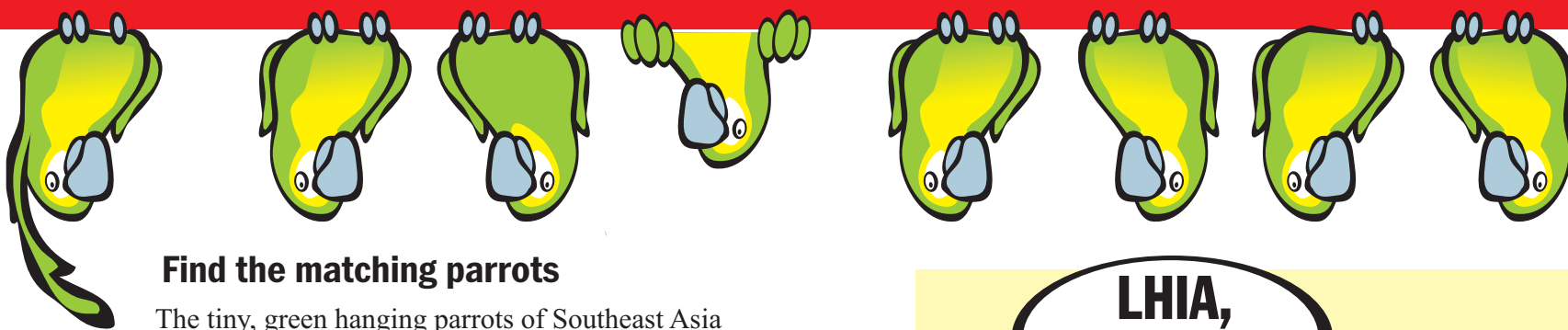
All parrots have short legs with two toes that point forward and two toes that point backward. This arrangement of toes makes it possible for parrots to grasp the fruits and nuts they like to eat. It also helps them to climb and even hang upside down.

### The a-MAZE-ing blue hyacinth

To find out how many inches long the Blue Hyacinth macaw can grow to be, add up the numbers along the correct maze path.

**Standards link:**  
Math. Find the sum of whole numbers.

**Standards link:** Life science: Recognize that different animals have different features that help them thrive in different places.



### Find the matching parrots

The tiny, green hanging parrots of Southeast Asia roost upside down at night like bats.

**Standards link:** Observe similarities and differences in objects.

### Why do parrots copy people?

Parrots are highly intelligent birds, and they like to play with people. Some parrots learn they can get attention when they copy, or *mimic*, human speech. Find at least 10 differences in the two pictures.



**Standards link:** Observe similarities and differences in objects.

LHIA,  
ROPMERE!



In ancient Rome, parrots were kept in silver cages and taught to say a certain phrase. Unscramble the letters above to find out the phrase.

### The parrot who would not talk

#### A true story!

One day a little parrot was sitting outside in the sun when some children came by and tried to get him to speak. But he would not utter a sound. After a while the children got tired and started to walk away. At that point the parrot called out, "Don't go!" Apparently, as long as the children were entertaining *him*, the parrot saw no reason to entertain *them*.



**Standards link:** Reading comprehension.

# YOUR TREASURE CHEST

**Y**ou have a treasure chest with you every day. Inside your chest there is a treasure that keeps you alive. It is your heart.

Your heart is in the middle of your chest, a little to the left. Put your hand on your chest and be very still. Can you feel your heart beating?

Your heart is actually a muscle, a very strong muscle.

It pumps blood to all parts of your body. It works all the time, even when you're sleeping.

Think about how you would make other muscles in your body strong, such as your arm or leg muscles. Exercise, followed by rest and good eating habits, is the key to strong muscles and a healthy treasure chest.



Can you find the keys to strong muscles and a healthy treasure chest?

**Standards link:** Health; make decisions about food, rest, exercise and hygiene which maintain and enhance health.

## Peek inside your treasure chest!

Real hearts don't look much like Valentine hearts. Inside the treasure chest is a picture of a real heart. The tubes that stick out from the heart are the arteries and veins that carry blood to and from all parts of your body.

Arteries carry your blood from the heart to your body, to deliver oxygen. Veins carry the blood, minus oxygen, back to your heart.

To find out the size of your heart, make a fist with one hand. This is about the size of your heart.

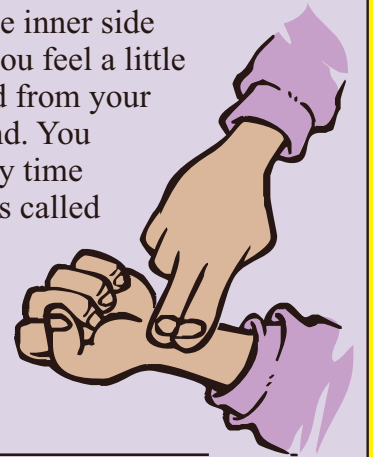
**Standards link:** Life science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

## Jumping Jewel

Your heart needs exercise, just like all of the other muscles in your body. The faster you move, the faster your heart beats. Beating faster for a while everyday is good exercise for a heart.

Place two fingers on the inner side of your left wrist. Do you feel a little jump? This is the blood from your heart going to your hand. You can feel that jump every time your heart beats. This is called your **pulse**.

Jump up and down 10 times. Is your pulse faster or slower?



**Standards link:** Health: Understand the importance of regular exercise to maintain and enhance health.

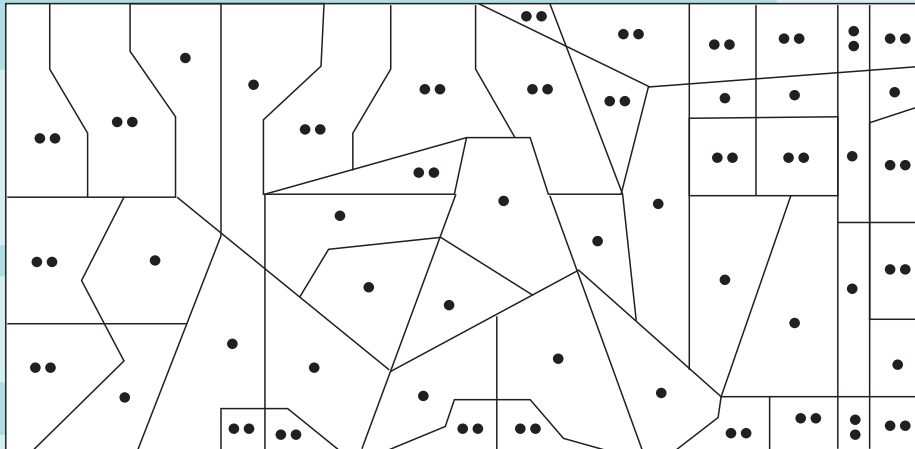
**Activities**

**Sunken SOMETHING**

**Standards link:** Reading comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Some say that in 1876, **something** carrying millions of dollars of gold crashed and fell into the Ashtabula River in Ohio. Many have tried to find the buried bullion, but to date no one has. Do you think it is really there? Or is it a legend?

To find out what crashed, color each space with one dot **BLACK** and color each space with two dots **BLUE**.



**EARLY LEARNERS**

**Apple Away**

Number these mixed-up pictures in order from 1 – 4.

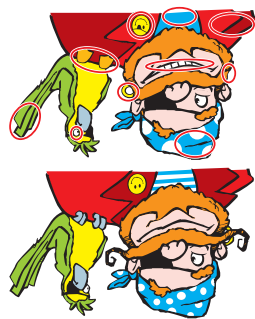
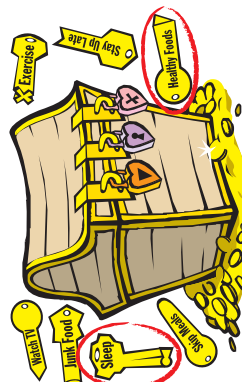


**My rhyme time**

An apple a day  
Keeps the doctor away  
Apple in the morning is  
Doctor's warning.  
Roast apple at night  
Starves the doctor outright.

**ANSWERS**

The a-MAZE-ing Blue  
Hyacinth: 39 inches  
LHA, ROPMEREI Hall,  
Emperor!



**My letters**

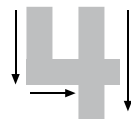
A is for Apple  
a is for apple



How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter A makes in the word apple?

**Learning buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter A. Say the letter as you trace it.

**My numbers**



How many ?  
alligators  
How many ?  
antlers

**Learning buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

**CHECK IT OUT**



Time to crack open a good book! Check out these award worthy picks from the staff of the Salt Lake City Public Library.



**"A Big Mooncake for Little Star,"** by Grace Lin.

In this stunning picture book, Grace Lin creates a heartwarming original story that explains phases of the moon.

**"A House That Once Was,"** by Julie Fogliano. A poem about an abandoned house speaks about the mysteries of other people and the wonderfulness of home.

**"Drawn Together,"** by Minh Le. A grandfather and grandson discover a shared love of art and storytelling.

**"Hello Lighthouse,"** by Sophie Blackall. Step back in time and through the door of this iconic lighthouse into a cozy dollhouse-like interior with the extraordinary award-winning artist Sophie Blackall.

**"Imagine!,"** by Raul Colon. After passing a city museum many times, a boy finally decides to go in. He passes wall after wall of artwork until he sees a painting that makes him stop and ponder. Before long the painting comes to life and an afternoon of adventure and discovery unfolds, changing how he sees the world ever after.

**Learning buddy sign here**

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Learning buddy's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## “What can I buy?”

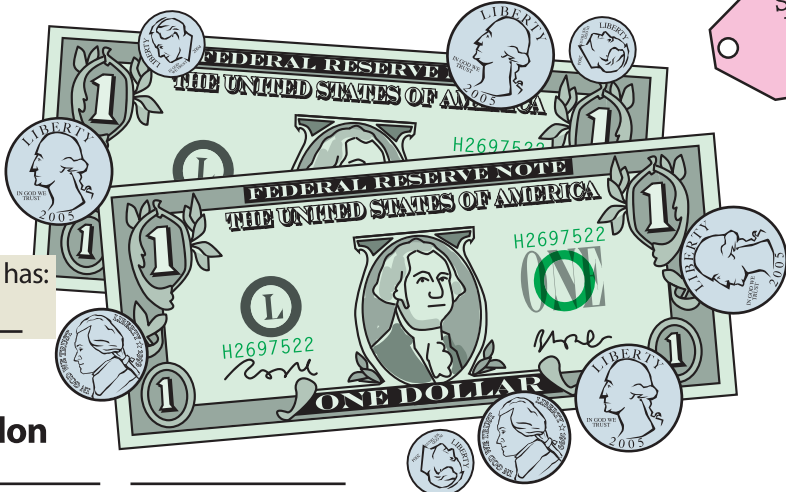
**A game to practice counting money!**

Are you a super smart shopper? Count up how much money each child has for school supplies. Then look at the price tags. On the lines below each child's name, write all the things he or she can afford to buy without spending more than the amount shown.

### MONEY MATTERS

- Binder \$2.50
- Binder Paper 65¢
- Eraser 50¢
- Glue Stick 99¢
- Markers 75¢
- Pencil 25¢
- Folder \$1.65
- Sticky Notes \$2.99
- Pen 85¢
- Crayons \$1.55
- Scissors \$3.25

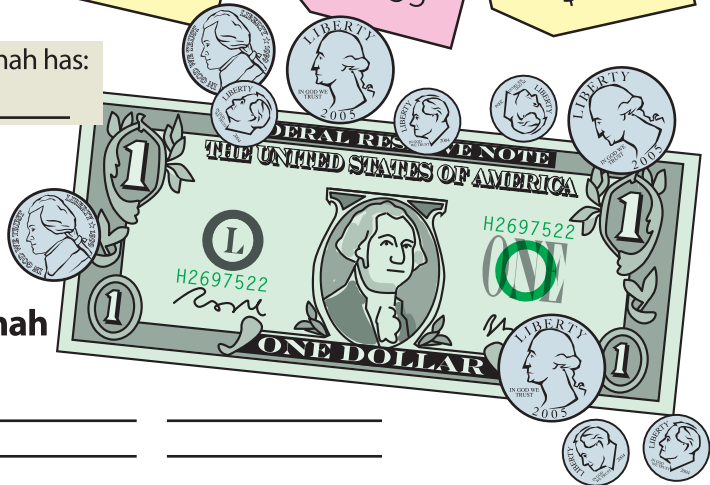
Brandon has: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Brandon**

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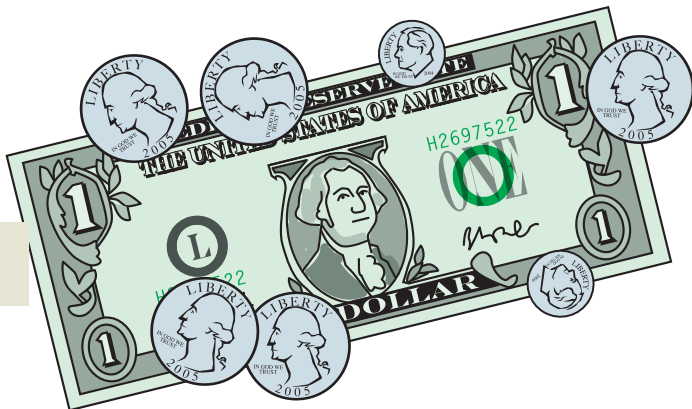
Hannah has: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Hannah**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Olivia has: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

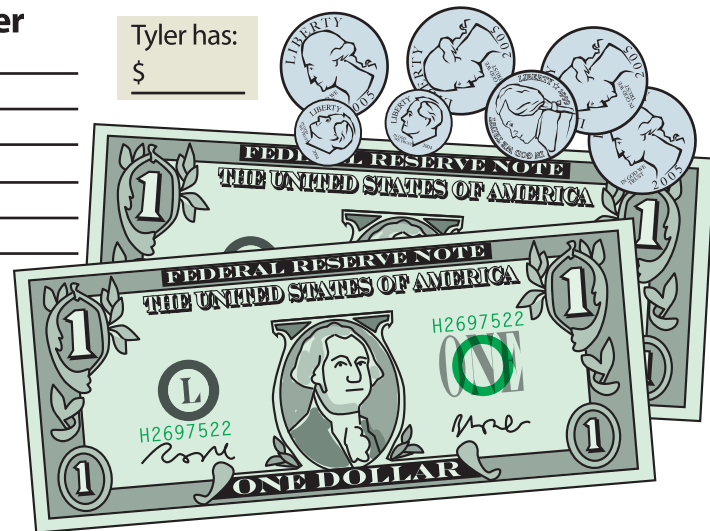


**Olivia**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Tyler**

Tyler has: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service



“Make a career of humanity... and you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.”  
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Service was at the heart of Martin Luther King’s philosophy. “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,” he once said, and he urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others.

In recognition of that spirit, in 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, to support efforts to make the King holiday a day of service. Since then, millions of Americans have honored the memory of Dr. King by taking Martin Luther King Day as a “day on” instead of a “day off.”

People across the nation will spend Martin Luther King Day volunteering to make their communities better places. Some will plant community gardens; others will clean up parks and beaches. Still others will read to children or the elderly.

**Standards link:** History/Social science: Identify the purposes of, and the people and events honored in, commemorative holidays, including the human struggles that were the basis for the events; understand the significance of national holidays and the achievements of people associated with them.



## Who You Gonna Call?

Many communities have an organization that helps volunteers find places to help others. Write the letter that comes after each letter of the alphabet on the spaces below to find a place you can call to see how you can be of service to your community.

V  
U N K T M S D D Q    B D M S D Q

Dwayne and Alex offered to shovel a path to Mrs. Krenshaw’s front door. Can you help them by coloring a path to the front door in blue?

**Standards link:** Reading comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

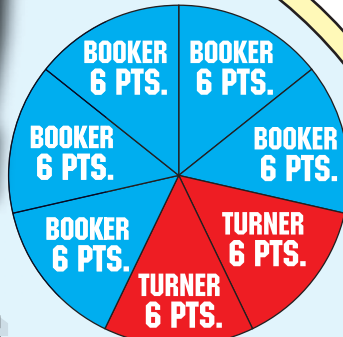
# FOOTBALL!

## FROZEN FANS

The coldest game in National Football League history was the Dec. 31, 1967, game between the Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys. The temperature on the field was -13°F (-10.5°C) with a wind chill factor of -46°F (-7.7°C)! This championship game earned the nickname, "The Ice Bowl."

## FOOTBALL FRACTIONS

Last week, Ready Readers wide receiver Mark Booker scored **30 points**. Running back Page Turner scored **12 points**, giving the team a total of **42 points**. What fraction of the points did Booker score? What fraction of the points did Turner score?



$$\frac{\text{BOOKER}}{42}$$

$$\frac{\text{TURNER}}{42}$$

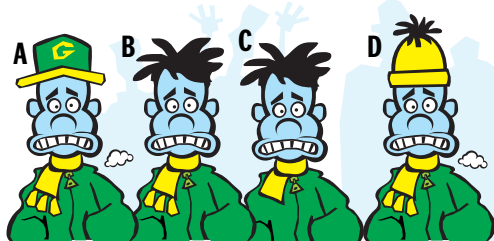
**Standards link:** Number sense: Students know fractions refer to parts of a whole.

American football, a sport that grew out of two games – soccer and rugby – is an American favorite. It is popular to play and to watch on television. In fact, football is one of the most-watched sports in America.

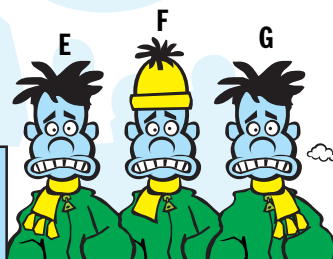
The name **football** is also used for team sports played in other parts of the world. The game called **soccer** in the United States is called football in most countries.

What's hiding in the picture of the football player?

Find a bird, a fish, a key and a candle.



Can you find the two identical football fans?



## WHO WON THE GAME?

The Number Crunchers and the Ready Readers both played their best. The score was close! Add up the numbers on the jerseys for each team. Write the winning score on the large football jersey.

	1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	4TH QUARTER	WINNING SCORE:
NUMBER CRUNCHERS	7	10	14	10	
READY READERS	21	3	6	7	

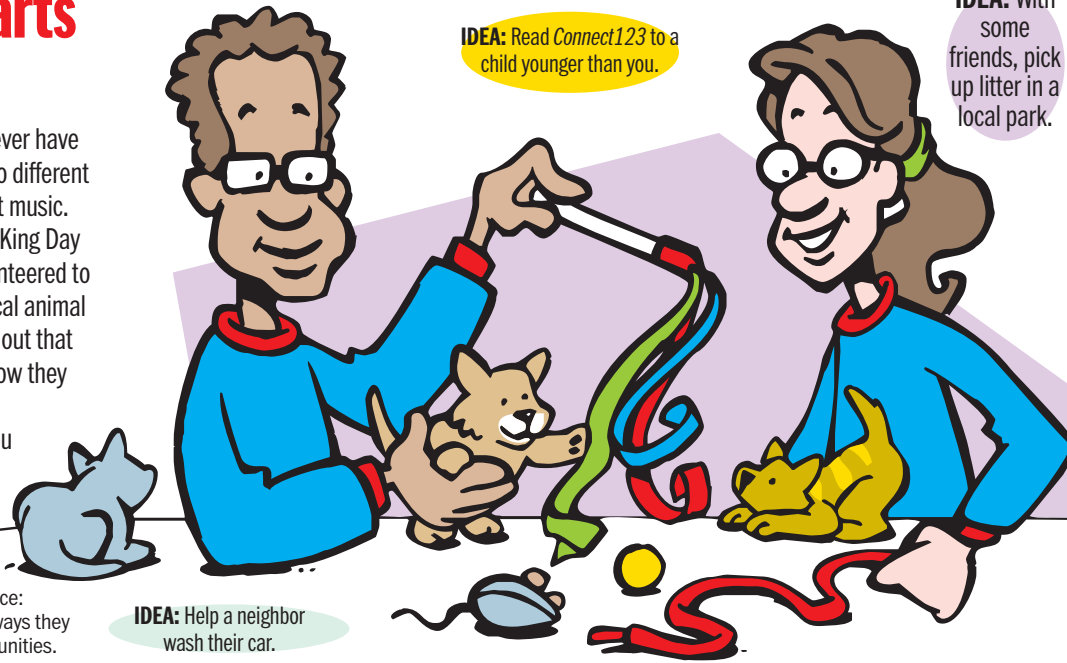
**Standards link:** Number sense: Calculate sums to 50.



# Service starts friendship!

Kayla and Tyler might never have become friends. They go to different schools. They like different music. But, on the Martin Luther King Day of Service, they each volunteered to play with kittens at the local animal rescue center. They found out that they both love animals! Now they are good friends.

How many things can you find that Kayla and Tyler have in common?



**Standards link:** Social science: Students recognize positive ways they can contribute to their communities.

**IDEA:** Help a neighbor wash their car.

## Word search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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|-----------|--------|
| FOOTBALL  | FRAME  |
| FROZEN    | JERSEY |
| FRACTIONS | BOWL   |
| TEAMS     | FANS   |
| SCORES    | ZONE   |
| READERS   | DALLAS |
| TOUCHDOWN | PLAYER |
| SPORT     |        |

S N O I T C A R F L  
 R S Z F R E Y A L P  
 E S N F R T E A M S  
 D A E A O O B O W L  
 A L M R F T Z O O S  
 E L A Z O N E E T P  
 R A R O B C A L N O  
 L D F J E R S E Y R  
 Z N W O D H C U O T

**Standards link:** Letter sequencing; recognized identical words; skim and scan reading; recall spelling patterns.

## COLOR THE SPACES

What's the most important thing on a football player's mind?

2	6	4	2	4	6	6	4	2	8	2	6	2	6	4	8	4	8	4	4	6	8
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Color each space with an even number **YELLOW**. Then color each odd-numbered space **BLUE** to discover the answer.

**Standards link:** Reading comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## ANSWERS

Who won the game? Number Crunchers. Winning Score: 41

BOOKER	42	7
TURNER	12	2

**Football fractions**  
 Tyler has: \$3.20  
 Hannah has: \$2.35  
 Olivia has: \$2.45  
 Brandon has: \$3.40

Identical fans: B&E

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	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
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## New Year's fun facts

1. The song traditionally sung on New Year's, "Auld Lang Syne," means "times gone by."
2. In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long. The tradition dates back to medieval times.
3. Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. The original ball weighed 700 pounds and featured 100 25-watt bulbs – much different than the ball we know today!
4. The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 B.C.
5. January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. He is the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doors, passages and endings.
6. Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productivity.
7. The first recorded New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years to Babylon, when the first moon after the spring equinox marked a new year. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar created a calendar with Jan. 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor Janus, the month's namesake.
8. The tradition to kiss at midnight isn't a recent invention. According to old English and German folklore, the first person you come across in the New Year could set the tone for the next 12 months.
9. To ensure a year of good luck, firecrackers and noisemakers became tradition in order to scare away any remaining evil spirits and to ensure a brand new start.
10. 2,000 pounds of confetti are dropped on the crowd in Times Square at midnight.