

## No Snow Required

What do you get when you cross a snowboarder, a skateboarder, and a mountain biker? A mountainboarder, of course!

Mountainboarding is an extreme sport that is becoming very popular these days. It involves racing downhill or doing tricks on an oversized skateboard. Mountainboarders practice their sport on dirt roads, in sand dunes, on grassy ski slopes, in skate parks, and even on BMX tracks. "Basically, this is for guys who like to play in the dirt," Don Baker, a mountainboarder from San Jose, California, told *The New York Times*.

Snowboarders Jason Lee and Patrick McConnell invented mountain-boarding in the summer of 1993. Both were bored because of the lack of snow. When the boredom got too much for them, the pair took wheels from wheelbarrows and dollies and fastened them to plywood planks. In that instant, mountainboarding was born.

The boards have big inflatable wheels in the back. The rider uses a front wheel to steer. The board is also equipped with shock absorbers and brakes. Different kinds of boards, including dirt boards and all-terrain boards, are available.

Every August, racers and tricksters travel to Colorado to battle in the U.S. Open Mountainboarding Championships. Since 2005, mountainboarding has taken off. "Mountainboarding is happening all over the world," Lee, now a seven-time national mountainboarding champion, told *Senior Edition*. "It's easier to learn than snowboarding or skateboarding. And you don't even need a mountain."

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

1. What is a meaning of the word **battle**?

- A. the extended spatial location of something
- B. an energetic attempt to achieve something
- C. an amount of something available for use

2. What is another meaning of the word **battle**?

- A. an open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)
- B. a person with advanced knowledge of one or more sciences
- C. a particular course of action intended to achieve a result

**Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.**

3. Soon the Greeks made another desperate assault on the city walls; but safe behind their \_\_\_\_\_, the Trojans drove them back with hornet flights of arrows.

- A. battlements
- B. battlement
- C. battles
- D. battle
- E. battling

4. We had more than 4,000 firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ a wildfire in San Bernardino.

- A. battlements
- B. battlement
- C. battles
- D. battle
- E. battling

5. Soldiers wrote messages and drew maps during \_\_\_\_\_ and while on patrol.

- A. battlements
- B. battlement
- C. battles
- D. battle
- E. battling

6. Instantly, from the \_\_\_\_\_ above, the voice of a sentinel cried, "Who goes there?"

- A. battlements
- B. battlement
- C. battles
- D. battle
- E. battling

7. In a \_\_\_\_\_ near Antietam Creek in Maryland, the Union army would need Clara's help.

- A. battlements
- B. battlement
- C. battles
- D. battle
- E. battling

8. Please write your own sentence using the word **battle**.

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9. What would you like to remember about the meaning of the word **battle** so that you can use it when you write or speak?

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

1. What is a meaning of the word **champion**?

- A. the event consisting of the start of something
- B. someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field
- C. a statement that represents something in words

2. What is another meaning of the word **champion**?

- A. a young dog
- B. steadiness
- C. the winner

**Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.**

3. He was \_\_\_\_\_ their cause wherever he played.

- A. champion
- B. champions
- C. championed
- D. championing

4. Wilma Rudolph was a teacher, coach, \_\_\_\_\_ athlete, and mother of four children.

- A. champion
- B. champions
- C. championed
- D. championing

5. We are real \_\_\_\_\_, playing with a real ball.

- A. champion
- B. champions
- C. championed
- D. championing

6. She \_\_\_\_\_ the rights of women to equal access in team sports.

- A. champion
- B. champions
- C. championed
- D. championing

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

1. What is a meaning of the word **extreme**?

- A. devoid of good sense or judgment
- B. of sports, difficult or dangerous
- C. of or pertaining to the universe

2. What is another meaning of the word **extreme**?

- A. characterized by variety
- B. of or relating to music
- C. ultimate, final or last

**Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.**

3. A boundary is that which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of something.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism

4. Revolutionary France was marked by \_\_\_\_\_ of all sorts.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism

5. Mostly it is windy land, and dry, with \_\_\_\_\_ of heat and cold.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism

6. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of a line are points.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism

7. Earth is \_\_\_\_\_ small compared to the sun.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism

8. They live in the dark at \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures not found on the surface.

- A. extremity
- B. extremities
- C. extremely
- D. extremes
- E. extreme
- F. extremism



9. Please write your own sentence using the word **extreme**.

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

1. Jason Lee is a mountainboarder who

- A. invented his own sport.
- B. has been a national champion 7 times.
- C. knows snowboarder Patrick McConnell.
- D. all of the above.

2. Mountainboarding

- A. takes place only on a mountain.
- B. involves wheelbarrows.
- C. is exactly like skateboarding.
- D. involves racing downhill on an oversized skateboard.

3. Based on how mountainboarding came into being, you could say that

- A. boredom can have lucky results.
- B. without snow, mountainboarding cannot be practiced.
- C. it took about 5 years for mountainboarding to become popular.
- D. for mountainboarding, you need a grassy ski slope.

4. The U.S. Mountainboarding Championships take place in

- A. San Jose, CA.
- B. skate parks.
- C. BMX track facilities.
- D. Colorado.

5. What are the similarities and differences between a skateboard and a mountainboard?

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## Fractions

This problem gives you the chance to:

- show the position of fractions on a number line
  - compare the sizes of fractions
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Here is a number line.



1. Mark the position of the two fractions  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{5}$  on the number line.
2. Explain how you decided where to place  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{5}$  on the number line.

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3. Which of the two fractions,  $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{2}{5}$ , is nearer to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how you figured it out.

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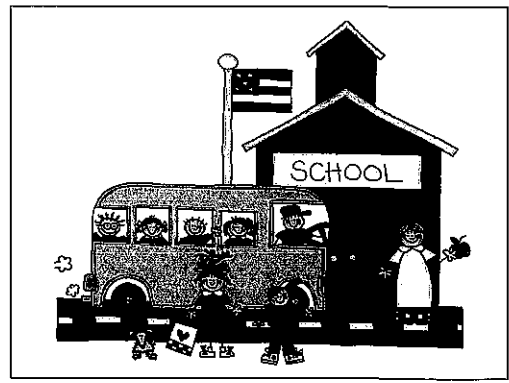
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# NTID SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 26, MARCH 25, SNOW DAY 1, 2, 3

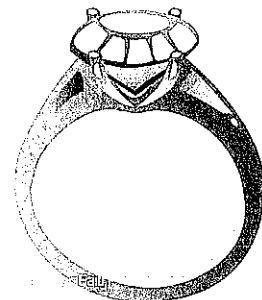
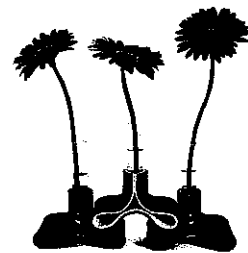
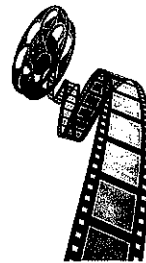
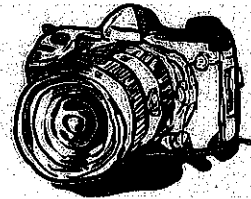
# Elementary ART



Draw your favorite things or how you spent your day...

Explore your home and see how many different art forms that you use in a single day.

Did you play a video game, take a photograph, watch a movie, or notice colorful designs on your clothes or around your home?



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# Elementary Music

Sing your favorite song or listen to a different type of music.

**REFLECT:** Draw a picture about how it made you feel.

**Write** about how the music made you feel.

Did the music excite you, calm you, or make you sad?

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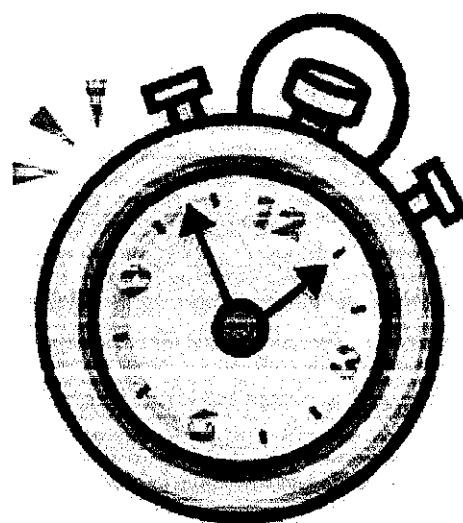
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# Elementary P.E.

Take 20 minutes for active play or exercise...



### DID YOU...

take a walk?

play outside?

practice a sport?

go swimming?

go sledding?