

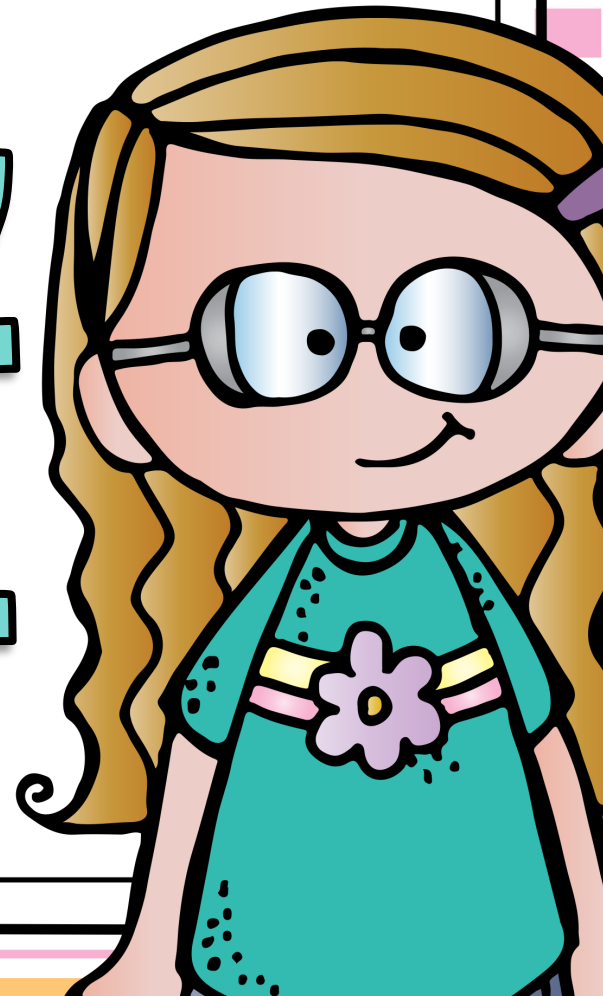
AUGUST

COMPREHENSION

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THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CHALLENGE

"Okay, students, tomorrow is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day! Don't forget that we are going to have our chocolate chip cookie challenge to celebrate," Mrs. Jernigan announced to the class. "Remember, you have to include a special ingredient."

I could feel the sweat starting to bead up on my forehead. I had been trying for two weeks to come up with had any luck.

"Bryant, have you decided what your secret ingredient is going to be yet?" Rory asked.

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KOBE BRYANT

Kobe Bryant was one of the best basketball players in the world. He played for the Los Angeles Lakers for 20 years. He played as a guard during his time with the Lakers. He is considered to have been the best basketball player in the 2000s and one of the greatest of all time.

Early Life

Kobe Bryant was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 23, 1978. He played basketball in high school and college.

Instead, he entered the NBA draft in 1996. He was selected by the Los Angeles Lakers as the 13th overall pick.

He immediately traded to the Charlotte Hornets and then to the Memphis Grizzlies.

He was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers in 2000.

He won the NBA Championship with the Lakers in 2001, 2002, 2009, and 2010. He was also a scoring champion for the Lakers in 2008.

He was named the NBA MVP in 2008.

He was named the NBA Finals MVP in 2002, 2009, and 2010.

He was named the NBA All-Star MVP in 2007, 2009, and 2010.

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HURRICANES

SHORT ANSWER:

1. What makes hurricanes dangerous for people when it makes landfall?

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1. Under which subheading did you find the information about the NBA Championships Kobe won?

THE DAY BEFORE THIRD GRADE

Nastia unpacked her school supplies and put them in the labeled bins while her mom filled out the first-day-of-school paperwork. She was so excited to be in third grade. She hadn't seen any of her friends walk through the door yet. She was afraid that she wouldn't have any friends in her class. After she finished emptying her bag, she found her desk. Her teacher had a gift bag on each desk. Inside the bag was a shaped like an apple, and a juice.

The new walked in, but she still hadn't seen any of her friends. Nastia's mom walked over and began a scavenger hunt. Nastia nodded and walked to the table to get the directions.

She found her desk. This was an easy task since they had already been there. The second thing they did was to look for headphones inside. Nastia grabbed her headphones and made her way over to her cubby. She tapped her on the shoulder. When she turned around, she looked confused.

"This is my year," Janie said with excitement. A smile grew across Nastia's face. She might not be as nervous as she was before. "This is going to be the best school year ever! Mrs. Stinson said we'll have reading and math competitions and that the winners get extra class cash to buy books and projects," Janie added.

"We will have reading and math competitions and that the winners get extra class cash to buy books and projects," Janie added. "Speaking of that, I have to finish the scavenger hunt. Do you want to do it with me?"

"Sure," Nastia replied. "I'll help you find the items." They went to the bins, "Janie replied.

They found the correct bins and moved on to the third item on the scavenger hunt list. "I'll write down one goal for the school year, and put it in an envelope," Nastia said to write.

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VINYL RECORDS VERSUS CDS

Music has been around for hundreds of years. Inventors have created different ways to listen to music. You can use a phonograph or a compact disc player to listen to music at home.

Vinyl Records

A phonograph, or record player, uses records to play music. A record is a flat plastic disc. The disc is round and has small grooves on top where the sound is recorded. The grooves go around the record from the outside to the inside. The record player uses a needle that touches the grooves to play the music. Both sides of the record usually have music on them, and each side plays about 22 minutes of music. That means that a record will hold about 44 minutes of music. The most common record is made out of vinyl. Vinyl is a type of plastic. Some vinyl records are worth lots of money today, and there are still record stores where you can buy vinyl records and record players. You have to be sure that you keep your records clean and don't overuse them. Eventually, the grooves on the records will wear out and won't play the music anymore.

Compact Discs

Compact discs were introduced in 1982. They were designed to replace the use of vinyl records. Compact discs are more commonly known as CDs. They are similar to records because they are round and play music. They have pits that hold the sound. CDs are much smaller than vinyl records, and they only play music on one side of the discs. Each disc can hold about 80 minutes of music. CDs are compact, or small, and played using a CD player. CD players can be found in vehicles. They use a laser that moves across the pits to play the music. There are also portable CD players. They can be easily carried around and aren't very heavy. You have to take care of CDs and keep them from getting scratched. Once they are scratched, they will skip over parts of the songs and eventually stop working.

Most people listen to music on their phones nowadays. However, vinyl records and CDs are still around. See if you can spot a CD or record the next time you go to the store!

SHORT ANSWER:

1. Why is it important to take care of records and CDs?

2. According to the text, how does a phonograph play music?

3. Using context clues, which word in the text helps you understand the meaning of the word "compact"?

TRUE/FALSE:

4. A record plays 80 minutes of music.

True False

5. A CD player uses a laser to play music.

True False



INCLUDES FICTION AND NONFICTION PASSAGES

SUMMARY

somebody-wanted-but-so-then

CHARACTERS AND SETTING

WHAT DID THE CHARACTER WANT?

WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?

HOW

HOW

Use the flowchart to

SHORT ANSWER:

1. Why was Nastia

2. How did Nastia's story?

HISTORY OF THE BLACK MAMBA

Directions: Draw a line to match each basketball with the hoop that has the correct date of the event.

1978

2008

2016

2018

SHORT ANSWER:

1. What is the central message or moral of the story?

2. Why was Bryant starting to sweat when his teacher reminded the class of the cookie contest?

3. What is the effect of adding nutmeg to the cookies?

TRUE/FALSE:

4. Bryant won the chocolate chip cookie contest.
True False
5. Adding cocoa makes the cookies have a more chocolatey taste.
True False

Kobe retired from basketball.

Kobe entered the NBA Draft after high school.

STANDARDS-BASED extension
activities & QUESTIONS

HURRICANES

Do you live near the coast? If so, you might have experienced a hurricane before. A hurricane is a type of storm. Hurricanes often have lots of rainfall and really strong wind speeds. This can cause flooding, roof damage, and even fallen trees. Most hurricanes stay out at sea. However, some storms have enough power and speed to make it to land.

How Do Hurricanes Form?

A hurricane starts in warm ocean water. A hurricane usually begins forming near the Equator. The Equator is an imaginary, or fake, line that is halfway between the North and South Poles. When the warm, moist air above the ocean surface rises, air from other areas gets pulled in. The new air becomes warm and moist, too. As a result, storm clouds begin to form. If there is enough warm water to strengthen the storm, a hurricane will form.

The center of a hurricane is called the calmest part of the hurricane. The eye of the eye wall. This part of the storm is the hurricane because it is where the winds

Storm Surge

What makes a hurricane so dangerous is what it brings. The winds of a hurricane spin. When water forms into a mound at the center reaches land, the mound causes flooding. The water doesn't have anywhere to go, so it builds up.

Hurricane Categories

Hurricanes are rated based on their wind speeds.

Category	Wind Speed	Storm Surge
1	74-95 MPH	1-3 feet
2	96-110 MPH	3-6 feet
3	111-130 MPH	6-8 feet
4	131-155 MPH	8-12 feet
5	more than 155 MPH	more than 12 feet

SHORT ANSWER:

1. What makes hurricanes dangerous?
 A hurricane can cause flooding, roof damage, and even fallen trees.

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2. What is one effect of a hurricane?
 One effect of a hurricane is that it can cause flooding.

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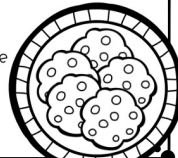
1. What is the central message or moral of the story?
 Be happy for your friends, even if you don't win.

2. Why was Bryant starting to sweat when his teacher reminded the class of the cookie contest?
 He still didn't know what his secret ingredient was going to be.

3. What is the effect of adding nutmeg to the cookies?
 Nutmeg makes cookies have more of a buttery taste.

TRUE/FALSE:

4. Bryant won the chocolate chip cookie contest.
 True False
5. Adding cocoa makes the cookies have a more chocolaty taste.
 True False



PROBLEM & SOLUTION

PROBLEM

Bryant didn't know what his secret ingredient was going to be for the cookie contest.

SOLUTION

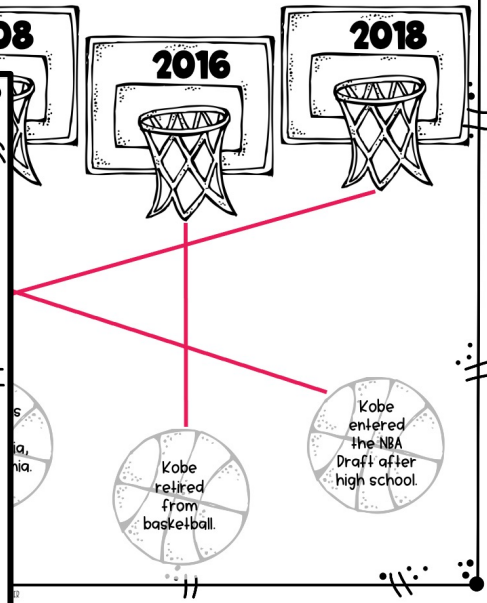
Jalon gave Bryant the idea to make the cookies softer.

PROBLEM

Bryant was out of brown sugar.

SOLUTION

Bryant's dad ran by the store to get the sugar.



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