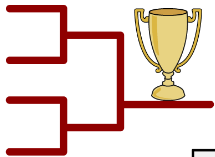




WHAT



MARCH MADNESS



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

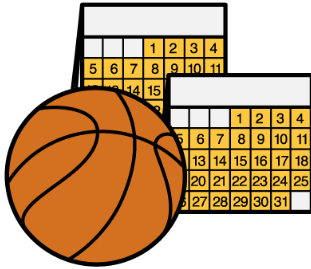
Men's college basketball teams play in the tournament. Each team wants to win the March Madness tournament.



On March 12, the NCAA canceled the March Madness tournament due to the coronavirus.

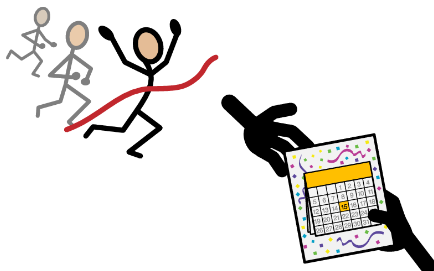
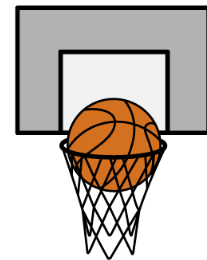
* See Extension Activity to learn about the NCAA women's basketball tournament too.





The men's college basketball season starts each November.

The teams play each other in many basketball games.

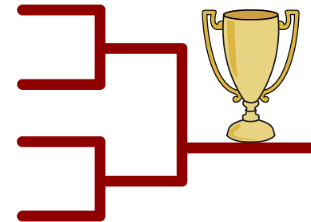


The best teams win many games. The NCAA invites these teams to be in the tournament. The NCAA invites the best 68 college teams.



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.



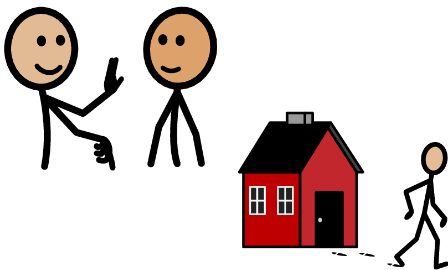
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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.



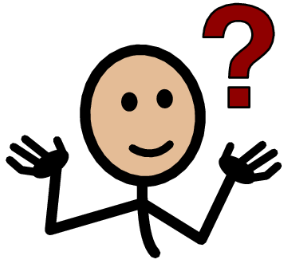
Soon only two teams will be left. These two teams will play in a championship game.

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

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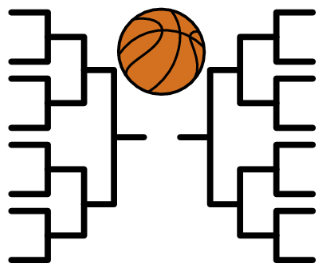


The winning team will be the NCAA men's basketball champion !

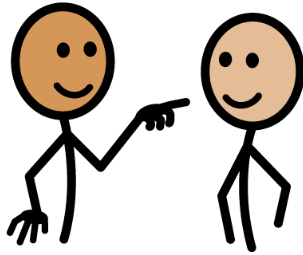


Many people guess about the tournament.

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

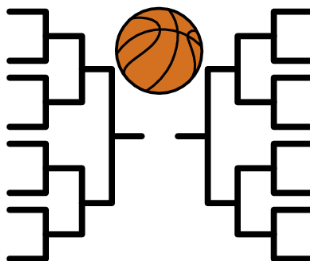


Each person can fill in a bracket. A bracket is a list of teams in the tournament.



You can guess too !

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



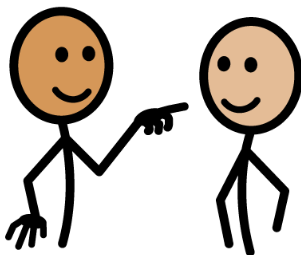
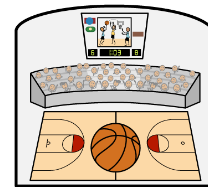
This article will include a March Madness bracket. You can guess which team will be the champion.

*** 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

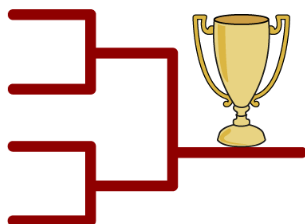
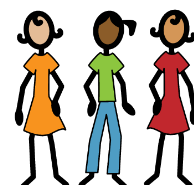
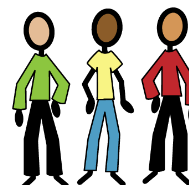


COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS



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.

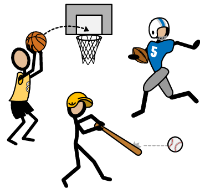


Men's and women's teams each have a big tournament.



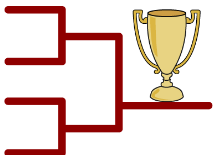
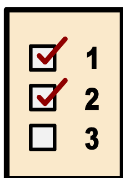


WHO



NCAA 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.

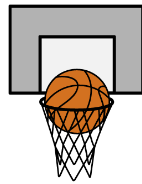




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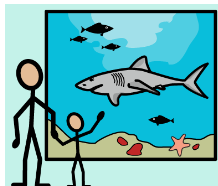
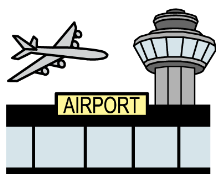


ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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.





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

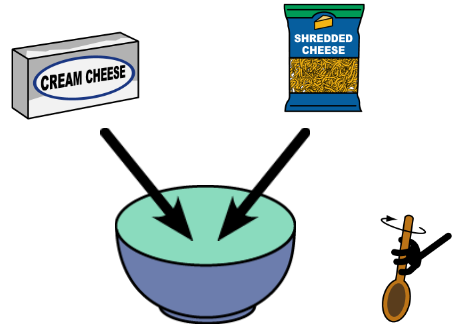


plate

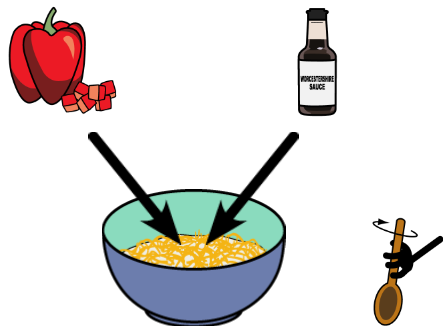


NOTE: Always consider student food allergies when preparing recipes.

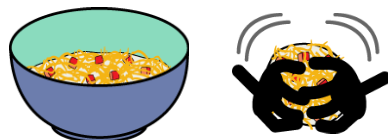
1. Put cream cheese and cheddar cheese into bowl. Stir.



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



3. Form mixture into a ball.





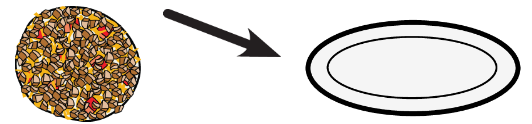
4. Put ball into bowl with chopped pecans.



5. Roll ball in pecans to coat ball.



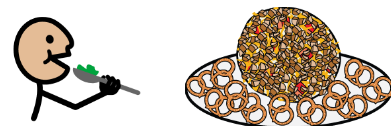
6. Put ball onto plate.



7. Serve with pretzels.



8. Eat.




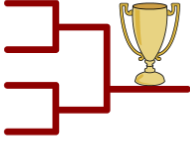



● Knock, Knock.  

Who's there ? 

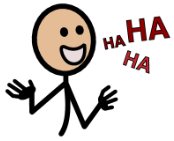
● Win. 

Win who ?  

● Win does the tournament start ?    ?

When



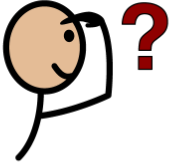





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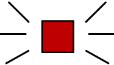

● I have a joke ! 

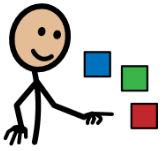
Tell me !  

● Where do teams get uniforms ?
    ?

I don't know. Where ? 

● New Jersey !
 !

new jersey
 



Choose the pictures NOT about MARCH MADNESS.

basketball



men



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win



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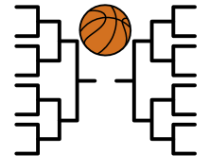
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March



lifeguard



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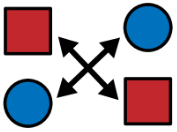


play



March Madness



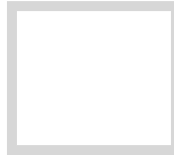


matching page



Choose the picture that matches the word.

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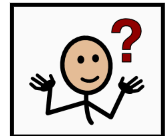
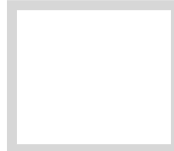
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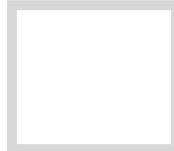
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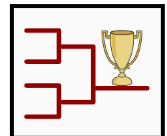
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guess →



invite →

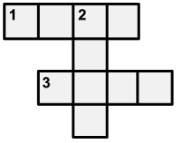


college →





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

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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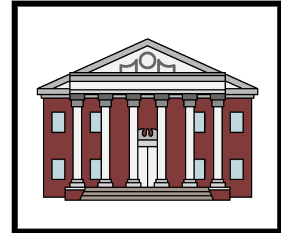
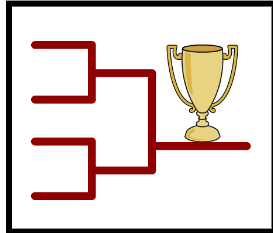
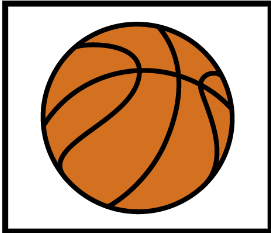
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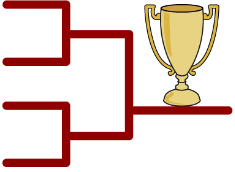

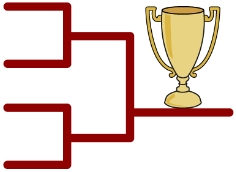

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sudoku page



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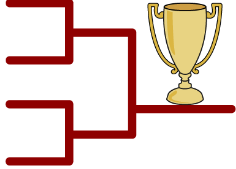



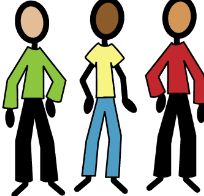


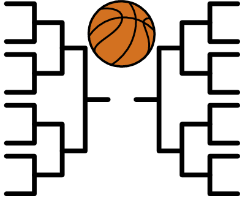
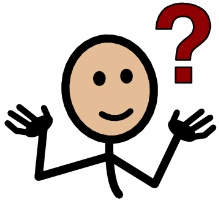




1. WHO is your favorite team ? Why ?

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 ?

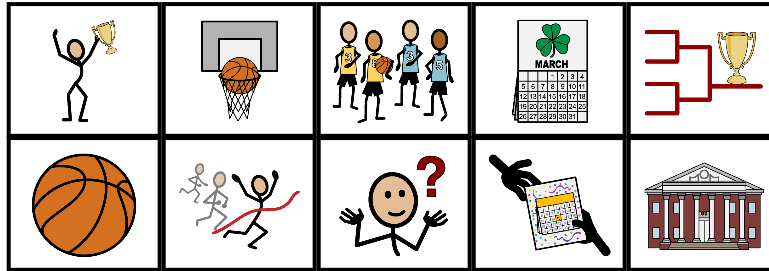
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printing page



Cut out the items below and paste answers into the matching page.



Cut out the items below to use as errorless choices for the review page.

March Madness	college basketball teams	Atlanta, Georgia	March
win	bracket	spring	66

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