

# WHAT IS THIS?

It's a low-prep room transformation!





Use the 10 reading stations, included decor, and more for a fun & easy room transformation!


### BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL


Baseball and softball share many similarities. Both are played on a diamond-shaped field with 4 bases. They have teams of 9 players trying to score runs while preventing the other team from doing so. Players hit a ball pitched to them, run the bases, and try to avoid getting out. The opposing team catches, tags, or throws the ball to get outs. Both sports require cleats, jerseys, mitts, and helmets. A grand slam happens when someone is on every base. If a player hits a home run when this happens, 4 points are scored.


There are differences too. Normally, boys play baseball, and girls play softball. Baseballs are smaller and heavier, while softballs are larger and lighter. Baseball pitchers throw overhand, while softball pitchers throw underhand. Baseball fields are larger with bases farther apart and a raised pitcher's mound 60 feet from home plate. Softball fields are smaller with bases closer and a flat mound 43 feet away. Baseball bats are longer and heavier. Baseball games usually last nine innings and softball games only last seven. Both sports emphasize teamwork, strategy, and excitement.


The pitcher is 43 ft away from Homeplate in baseball.  C.

Only baseball players can hit a grand slam.  F.

Both sports are played with the same-sized ball.  G.


Baseball pitchers throw overhand, while softball pitchers throw underhand.  H.


Both sports are exciting and enjoyable sports.  I.


Baseball games typically last nine innings, while softball games often last seven.  J.


 TRUE ✓

 FALSE ✗

Both baseball and softball are played on a diamond-shaped field.  B.

Baseball and softball games always last the same number of innings.  A.

The softball is larger than the baseball.  E.

Softball uses a raised pitcher's mound like baseball.  D.

This themed learning day has 10 stations that all review comparing & contrasting nonfiction texts.

You can use 1, 5, or all 10--it's flexible!

Room transformations can be stress-free and low-prep.

Keep scrolling to learn how!



# Let's start with the basics...

## What is a classroom transformation?

A classroom transformation changes your room into a certain setting or theme to engage students in their own learning with rigorous content.



Donut Shop Day

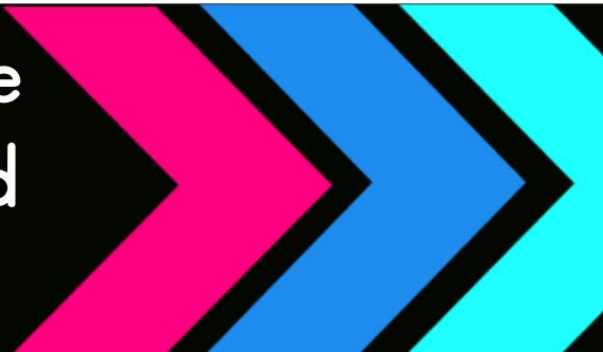


Rock Star Day



Camping Day

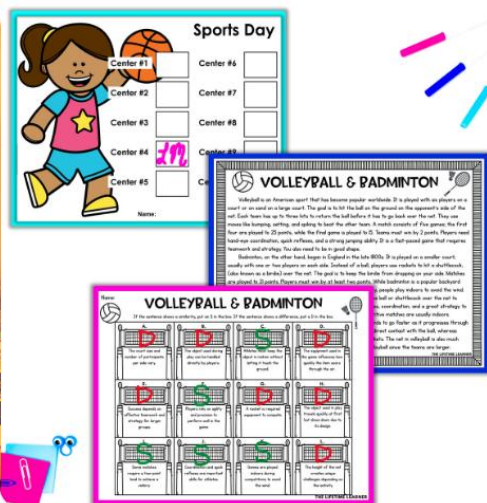
You don't have to spend hours of your time setting up a room transformation or spend lots of money to make it **SO MUCH FUN!**



# STEP 1:

Tell your class they are athletes today!

They will complete compare & contrast activities set up around the room. You can do this for a day, a few days, or over the course of a week!



Flexibility is key.

Need to modify? No problem!  
Choose how many centers students will need to complete and what time frame they have to meet YOUR needs.



Set-up is quick and easy.

Simply print the posters, 10 activities, and a recording sheet for each student. Place them around your room and you're ready to begin!



# STEP 2:

Let students move around the room and complete each station. They read a passage and then complete an activity to go with it. They can be completed in any order. All stations include a variety of compare & contrast activities. You can choose just a few for students to complete or use all 10. This is up to the teacher and the amount of time you'd like to fill.

## Optional Recording Sheet

When a student finishes a center, you sign that spot on their recording sheet to keep track of what they've completed.

## Freedom to choose.

Students can work in partners, rotations, groups, or independently. Your choice!

**Sports Day**

Center #1  Center #6

Center #2  Center #7

Center #3  Center #8

Center #4  Center #9

Center #5  Center #10

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**VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON**

Volleyball is an American sport that has become popular worldwide. It is played with six players on a court or on sand on a large court. The goal is to hit the ball on the ground on the opponent's side of the net. Each team has up to three hits to return the ball before it has to go back over the net. They use moves like bumping, setting, and spiking to beat the other team. A match consists of five games; the first four are played to 25 points, while the final game is played to 15. Teams must win by 2 points. Players need hand-eye coordination, quick reflexes, and a strong jumping ability. It is a fast-paced game that requires teamwork and strategy. You also need to be in good shape.

Badminton, on the other hand, began in England in the late 1800s. It is played on a smaller court, usually with one or two players on each side. Instead of a ball, players use rackets to hit a shuttlecock, (also known as a birdie) over the net. The goal is to keep the birdie from dropping on your side. Matches are played to 21 points. Players must win by at least two points. While badminton is a popular backyard activity, people play indoors to avoid the wind.

**VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON**

If the sentence shows a similarity, put an S in the box. If the sentence shows a difference, put a D in the box.

A. The court size and number of participants per side vary.	B. The object used during play can be handled directly by players.	C. Athletes must keep the object in motion without letting it touch the ground.	D. The equipment used in the game influences how quickly the item scores through the air.
E. Scores depend on effective teamwork and strategy for larger groups.	F. Players rely on agility and precision to perform well in the game.	G. A racket is required equipment to compete.	H. The object used in play travels quickly at first but slows down due to its design.
I. Some matches require a two-point victory.	J. Coordination and quick reflexes are important skills for athletes.	K. Games are played indoors during competitions to avoid the wind.	L. The height of the net creates unique challenges depending on the activity.

# STEP 3:

When students finish all activities you've assigned, they win! You can give them the included certificate, coloring page, or a small prize of your choice.

A shopping guide is also included to give you suggestions of optional "extras" you could add in.

## Remember:

Anything different from a "normal" day in the classroom is special to students! A reward at the end isn't required during a classroom transformation.



Certificate



Coloring Page



In Action Pic



Prize

# STEP 4:

Most of the time, there are early finishers. These kiddos get to go around the room and read fun facts about the topic! No one is ever bored.

## Choose from 3 versions!

### 1 Digital Scavenger Hunt

Let students "find" the facts on Google Slides

### 2 Printable Facts

Hang facts around room

### 3 QR Codes

Students scan to read fun facts



# 10 READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES/ACTIVITIES:

## SHORT & LONG TRACK EVENTS

Being a runner is a great way to compete against yourself and to be part of a team. Short track runners wear special shoes made for speed. They also wear short clothing that is wind resistant. These events require lightning-fast speed at the start. Two popular races are the 100 and 200 meter dashes. These races take only seconds to

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

## SHORT & LONG TRACK EVENTS

1. What do both short and long-distance runners	2. How far is the 400-meter race?	3. How far is a half marathon?	4. What are two popular short track races?
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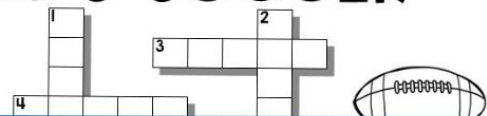
## FOOTBALL AND SOCCER

Soccer and football share several similarities, making them popular team sports worldwide. Both involve two teams competing on large rectangular fields. They aim to score points by getting the ball into the opponent's end zone or goal. Players in both sports have offensive and defensive roles. They are also alike because success depends

## FOOTBALL & SOCCER

Across

3. What shape is the ball used in soccer?  
4. What part of the body can only soccer goalkeepers use?



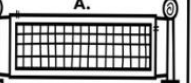
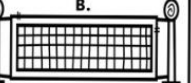
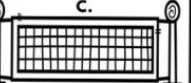
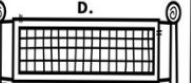
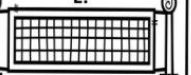
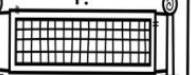
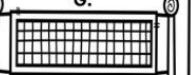
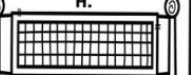
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 E.	 F.	 G.	 H.

## TWO TYPES OF TENNIS

Table tennis, often called ping-pong, is played on a small indoor table divided by a net. Players use small, flat rackets to hit a lightweight plastic ball back and forth. The game begins with a serve, where the ball must bounce on both sides of the table. Players aim to score points by landing the ball within the other player's side and make it difficult to return. Quick reflexes and hand-eye coordination are needed to hit the ball.

## TWO TYPES OF TENNIS

Tennis	Fill It In Below:	Table Tennis	Fill It In Below:
Equipment Needed		Equipment Needed	
Location Played		Location Played	

**focuses on:  
compare & contrast**

# 2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

## ROLLER SKATING & ICE SKATING

### Roller Skating Is Better!

Roller skating is a fun activity for anyone. Unlike ice skating, which is limited to frozen surfaces, roller skating can be done almost anywhere: parks, sidewalks, bike paths, or roller arenas. This flexibility makes it an "everyday activity." Roller skates have wheels and a built-in heel brake, allowing skaters to stop safely and confidently. It's so helpful for beginners! Balancing is also easier than on the thin blades of ice skates. Roller skating offers an excellent workout, strengthening your core and cardiovascular health while providing a fun way to stay active. Whether outdoors or in a lively roller rink, roller skating combines fitness and enjoyment in a way ice skating can't match.

### No Way! Ice Skating is Better!

Ice skating is the better choice for those seeking excitement and skill development. The gliding motion on ice creates a grace that roller skating cannot replicate. Ice skates, with their thin blades, help improve balance and coordination. Stopping is as simple as shifting your weight! Ice skating also allows for more advanced tricks like jumps and



## ROLLER SKATING & ICE SKATING

### Roller Skating Is Better!

Roller skating is undeniably the better choice for those looking for a fun and practical activity that anybody can do. Unlike ice skating, which is limited to frozen surfaces or indoor rinks, roller skating can be done almost anywhere! You can do it in a park, on a sidewalk, a bike path, or even a dedicated roller arena. This flexibility makes it easy to integrate into daily life as an "everyday activity." Roller skates are equipped with wheels and a built-in heel brake. This allows skaters to stop safely and confidently. Do you know how helpful that is for beginners? Balancing on roller skates is also far easier than the dangerous blades of ice skates. This shows roller skating is a more approachable option for people of all skill levels. Beyond its accessibility, roller skating offers an incredible workout. It strengthens your core, improves cardiovascular health, and provides an effective way to stay active while having fun. Whether you're enjoying the outdoors or the lively atmosphere of an indoor roller rink, roller skating combines fitness and enjoyment in a way that ice skating simply can't match.

### No Way! Ice Skating is Better!

The first author doesn't know what they're talking about. Ice skating stands out as the better option for those seeking excitement and skill development. The gliding motion of skating on ice offers a sense of grace that roller skating cannot replicate. Ice skates, with their thin metal blades, challenge you to improve your balance and coordination. This helps you develop precision and poise. You can even stop by adjusting the weight on your foot! Ice skating also allows for a wider range of advanced tricks, such as jumps and spins. Yeah, you can do tricks while roller skating. But doing the tricks while ice skating is so much cooler! The artistic side of ice skating is another huge draw. Whether you're skating in a stunning costume during a routine or simply enjoying your time on a frozen lake, ice skating is beautiful to see. Compare that to roller skating. You also can't roller skate on the ice; a cool environment is very relaxing. While roller skating is limited by its wheels, ice skating offers more creativity. You need to be an athlete for both sports, but ice skating is undoubtedly the better choice.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

## SKATEBOARDING & GYMNASTICS

At first glance, skateboarding and gymnastics may seem completely different, but they share some similarities. Both sports require agility and core strength. Gymnasts and skateboarders take risks, perform flips, and do tricks that demand a lot of practice. Success in both relies on hard work and discipline. While coaches and teammates provide support, the responsibility for performance lies with the athlete. Both are also judged on a 10-point scale, with 1 as the lowest score and 10 as the highest. Although team scores are sometimes awarded, skateboarding and gymnastics are mostly individual sports. This means each competitor is accountable for their results.

Despite these similarities, the two sports differ greatly. Gymnasts compete in structured events such as the vault, bars, balance beam, and floor routines. These events are formal and serious. Gymnastics has been held at the Olympics since 1896. Many gymnasts train for years with the goal of competing in this event. Skateboarding, by contrast, started as part of street culture. It gained popularity for its casual and

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At first glance, skateboarding and gymnastics may seem completely different. But they actually have a few things in common, too. Both sports demand agility and core strength from their athletes. Gymnasts and skateboarders must be willing to take risks, perform flips, and perform tricks that require a ton of practice. Success in each sport depends on hard work, discipline, and self-motivation. While coaches and teammates offer guidance and support, the responsibility for performance falls on the individual athletes. Even though team scores may be awarded in some cases, skateboarding and gymnastics are primarily individual sports. This means each competitor's accountable for themselves. Both are also judged on a 10-point scale, requiring athletes to meet high standards: a 1 is the lowest score and a 10 is the highest.

Despite these similarities, skateboarding and gymnastics are very different. Gymnasts compete in multiple events: the vault, bars, balance beam, and floor routines. These events are highly structured, and gymnastics competitions are serious and formal. Many athletes training for gymnastics events like the

**Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!**

# THE CONTENT:

10 high-interest passages & activities in 2 formats: hands-on & no prep!

## Hands-On Centers

**VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON**

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Badminton, which began in England in the late 1800s, is played on a smaller court. One or two players are on each side. Players use rackets to hit a shuttlecock (birds) over the net. The goal is to keep the birds from landing on your side. Matches are played to 21 points, with a two-point lead required to win. Though often a backyard game, badminton is also played competitively indoors to avoid the wind (as well as volleyball).

Both sports are net-based. This requires players to send the item over the net to score. Quick reflexes, coordination, and strategy are needed in both. However, volleyballs are heavier and travel faster, while shuttlecocks slow down midair. Volleyball requires direct contact with the ball, whereas badminton players rely on rackets. The volleyball net is much higher, and teamwork is critical due to larger teams.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**Similarities**



**Differences**



**G.**



A racket is required equipment to compete.

**J.**



Coordination and quick reflexes are important skills for athletes.

**C.**




Athletes must keep the object in motion without letting it touch the ground.

**F.**



Players rely on agility and precision to perform well in the game.

**A.**



The court size and number of participants per side vary.

**B.**



The object used during play can be handled directly by players.

## No-Prep Printables

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**VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON**

If the sentence shows a similarity, put an S in the box. If the sentence shows a difference, put a D in the box.

<b>A.</b> The court size and number of participants per side vary. <b>D</b>	<b>B.</b> The object used during play can be handled directly by players. <b>D</b>	<b>C.</b> Athletes must keep the object in motion without letting it touch the ground. <b>S</b>	<b>D.</b> The equipment used in the game influences how quickly the item scores through the net. <b>D</b>
<b>E.</b> Success depends on effective teamwork and strategy for larger groups. <b>D</b>	<b>F.</b> Players rely on agility and precision to perform well in the game. <b>S</b>	<b>G.</b> A racket is required equipment to compete. <b>D</b>	<b>H.</b> The object used in play travels quickly at first but slows down due to its design. <b>D</b>
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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a HANDS-ON center you can laminate and re-use for years to come!

Or in this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete the activity in worksheet form. This version is NO PREP and PRINT & GO! Just as much fun as the hands-on centers!

# CENTER 1

## Multiple Choice

**BOWLING AND SWIMMING**

Bowling and swimming both combine individual achievements with team performance. In bowling, the goal is to knock down as many pins as possible, while swimmers focus on speed and technique. In swimming competitions, a bowler's points and a swimmer's race time factor into the team's overall score. This shows that teamwork is as important as individual effort.

Bowlers wear special shoes to avoid slipping and use weighted balls to knock down ten pins. A "strike" is knocking down all pins in one attempt, while a "spare" takes two. A

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

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. <b>B</b>	2. <b>D</b>	3. <b>B</b>	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

How are bowling and swimming similar?

A. Both are water sports.  
 B. Both combine individual achievements with team performance.  
 C. Both require special shoes.  
 D. Both are scored based on total pins knocked down.

1.

What is the main focus of swimming?

A. Knocking down pins.  
 B. Wearing proper shoes.  
 C. Throwing a weighted ball.  
 D. Reducing drag and improving speed.

2.

**Hands-On Center:**

Students choose A, B, C, or D on each card.

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

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

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  - Both are scored based on total pins knocked down.
- What is the main focus of swimming?
  - Knocking down pins.
  - Wearing proper shoes.
  - Throwing a weighted ball.
  - Reducing drag and improving speed.
- How do bowling and swimming both contribute to their teams?
  - By sharing equipment.
  - By wearing special shoes or shoes.
  - By competing in relay events.
  - By using the same lane at the same time.
- What is a difference between bowling and swimming?
  - Bowling requires special shoes.
  - Swimming requires special shoes.
  - Both require special shoes.
  - Both require special shoes, but they don't need a pool.
- How are swimming relay events different from bowling events?
  - Relay events require more than one participant on a team.
  - Relay events involve knocking down more pins.
  - Bowling doesn't allow multiple players in one competition.
  - Relay events do not exist in bowling.
- Which underline is highlighted in the passage?
  - Both sports require "throwing a weighted ball."
  - Both sports involve scoring points.
  - Both sports use water for competition.
  - Both sports allow multiple competitors in one lane.
- What does bowling require that swimming does not?
  - Special shoes.
  - Lanes for competition.
  - Relay-style events.
  - Personal goals for improvement.
- Which statement about bowling and swimming is false?
  - Both are used of the same time during competition.
  - Bowling lanes are shared of the same time by all competitors.
  - Bowling lanes are used to score at a time, while swimming lanes are used to score at a time.
  - Both are exactly the same in function.
- Which piece of gear is required in swimming but not bowling?
  - Clasps.
  - MHLs.
  - Swimming caps.
  - Weighted balls.
- Which statement about bowling and swimming is false?
  - Both sports involve individual achievements.
  - Both sports are played on solid surfaces.
  - Both sports contribute to a team's score.
  - Both sports have lanes for competitors.

Write A, B, C, or D in each box. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**No Prep Printable Worksheet!**

# CENTER 2

## Crossword Puzzle

**FOOTBALL AND SOCCER**

Football and soccer have several similarities, making them popular team sports. Both are played on large rectangular fields. They aim to get the ball into the opponent's end zone or goal. Players in both sports use teamwork and coordination to improve performance on the field. Soccer and football have some differences, too. Soccer is played in two 45-minute halves, while football has four 15-minute quarters. Soccer players wear helmets and pads, while football players wear helmets and pads. Football uses upright posts, while soccer uses a goal.

**FOOTBALL & SOCCER**

WORD BANK:

- round
- oval
- cleats
- two
- four
- helmet
- shin guards
- hands
- field
- endurance
- upright
- teamwork

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

- 10 1 DOWN** ↓
- What type of gear is worn by both soccer and football players?
- 10 3 ACROSS** →
- What shape is the ball used in soccer?
- 10 4 ACROSS** →
- What part of the body can only soccer goalkeepers use?

**Hands-On Center:**

Students use the clue cards to fill in the crossword puzzle.

**FOOTBALL & SOCCER**

Across

- What shape is the ball used in soccer?
- What part of the body can only soccer goalkeepers use?
- What protective gear is worn only by soccer players?
- What shape is the ball used in football?
- What is a key skill needed in both sports for success?
- What is the surface on which both sports are played?

Down

- What type of gear is worn by both soccer and football players?
- What is the physical quality required by both sports?
- How many halves are in a soccer game?
- What protective gear is worn only by football players?
- What type of goalposts are used in football?
- How many quarters are in a football game?

WORD BANK:

- round
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Do not put spaces in your answers when you fill them in. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**No Prep Printable Worksheet!**

# CENTER 3

## Compare & Contrast

### FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Basketball is a popular sport for both boys and girls, with many similarities between them. Both have five players on the court. They work to score points by shooting the ball into the hoop, worth two points each. Players wear basketball shoes and jerseys, and the game is divided into four quarters. Free throws, worth one point, are awarded when a player is fouled. The rules for fouls, traveling, dribbling, and shooting are similar. However, there are differences. Girls' basketball uses a smaller ball, with a circumference of 28.5 inches, compared to the boys' 30-inch ball. This makes the game different in terms of hand sizes. Studies suggest that girls focus more on teamwork and passing, while boys emphasize competition and performance levels. Additionally, girls are more prone to injuries like knee ligament tears due to their physical characteristics, while boys are more likely to perform slam dunks due to their strength and height. In girls' basketball, timeouts reset each quarter, while in boys' basketball, they reset at halftime, requiring different strategies. Despite these differences, boys and girls share a love for the game. They enjoy playing and improving their skills. Basketball connects players of all types, creating a shared passion for the sport.

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### Hands-On Center:

Students sort the details where they belong by comparing and contrasting.

## No Prep Printable Worksheet!

# CENTER 4

## Fill in the Chart

### TWO TYPES OF TENNIS

Tennis is a popular sport, and there are two main types: regular tennis and table tennis. Regular tennis is played on a large outdoor or indoor court, while table tennis is played on a small indoor table. Both require coordination and reflexes. Regular tennis is played on a large indoor or outdoor court. Players use rackets to hit a felt-covered ball over a net. The goal is to score points by hitting the ball into the opponent's court. The game begins with a serve. Tennis is played as singles or doubles. The scoring system involves getting 40 points 6 times. Both table tennis and regular tennis share common features. Both involve object over a net and dividing the playing area into two sides. However, the playing area, equipment, ball type, and physical demands create differences. Table tennis offers a unique challenge and appeals to a wide range of athletes.

### TWO TYPES OF TENNIS

Tennis	Fill It In Below:	Table Tennis	Fill It In Below:
Equipment Needed	Ball, racket, net	Equipment Needed	Ball, racket, net
Location Played	Outdoors or Indoors	Location Played	Indoors
How to Score	Hit ball on other side	How to Score	Hit ball on other side
Activity Level	Great condition	Activity Level	Okay condition
Goal of Game	Get 40 pts 6 times	Goal of Game	Get 11 points, win by 2
How Play Begins	Begins with serve	How Play Begins	Begins with serve
Number of Players	1 or 2	Number of Players	1 or 2
Racket Size	Large with strings	Racket Size	Small and flat
Movement Required	Run whole court	Movement Required	Stand at table
# of Matches	6 matches	# of Matches	5 matches
Ball Used	Felt-covered ball	Ball Used	Light plastic ball
Skills Needed	Coordination & reflexes	Skills Needed	Coordination & reflexes

### Hands-On Center:

Students fill in the chart using the story to help them find the answers.

## No Prep Printable Worksheet!



# CENTER 7


## Write a Sentence

### SKATEBOARDING & GYMNASTICS

At first glance, skateboarding and gymnastics may seem completely different, but they share some similarities. Both sports require agility and core strength. Gymnasts and skateboarders take risks, perform flips, and practice. Success in both relies on hard work and teamwork. Both are also judged on a 10-point scale, with 1 as the lowest score and 10 as the highest. Although team scores are sometimes awarded, skateboarding is mostly an individual sport. This means each competitor is judged on their own performance. Many gymnasts train for years with the goal of competing in the Olympics. Park events focus on tricks performed on stairs and rails. Both sports demand a creative nature. It wasn't until the 2021 Tokyo Olympics that skateboarding became an official event. Olympic skateboarding includes two main categories: park events and street events. Park events focus on tricks performed on ramps and rails. Street events focus on performing tricks on stairs and rails. Both sports demand a creative nature.

**1. What is one similarity between skateboarding and gymnastics?**

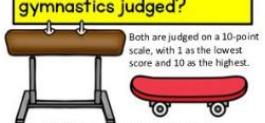
Both sports require agility, core strength, and involve performing tricks.



Write the answer on your recording sheet.

**2. How are the athletes in skateboarding and gymnastics judged?**


Both are judged on a 10-point scale, with 1 as the lowest score and 10 as the highest.



Write the answer on your recording sheet.

**3. What are the two main categories of Olympic skateboarding?**


The two main categories are park events and street events.



Write the answer on your recording sheet.

**4. Why might gymnastics be considered more formal than skateboarding?**

Gymnastics has structured events like the vault, bars, balance beam, and floor routines, and it has been an Olympic sport since 1896.



Write the answer on your recording sheet.

**Hands-On Center:**

Students write the answer to each prompt on the lines.

### SKATEBOARDING & GYMNASTICS

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

- What is one similarity between skateboarding and gymnastics?  
*Answers Vary Both sports require agility, core strength, and involve performing tricks.*
- How are the athletes in skateboarding and gymnastics judged?  
*Both are judged on a 10-point scale, with 1 as the lowest score and 10 as the highest.*
- What are the two main categories of Olympic skateboarding?  
*The two main categories are park events and street events.*
- Why might gymnastics be considered more formal than skateboarding?  
*Gymnastics has structured events like the vault, bars, balance beam, and floor routines, and it has been an Olympic sport since 1896. Skateboarding started as part of street culture and focuses on creativity and casual competition.*
- How does the history of skateboarding and gymnastics influence the way people view these sports?  
*Gymnastics has been part of the Olympics for over a century, making it a traditional and respected sport. Skateboarding, which debuted in the Olympics in 2021, is newer and rooted in street culture, giving it a more modern and casual image.*
- In your opinion, which sport seems more challenging based on the text—gymnastics or skateboarding? Explain your reasoning with details from the passage.  
*Answers Vary Students might argue gymnastics is more challenging because of its structured routines and years of training or skateboarding due to its emphasis on creativity and risk-taking in street and park settings.*

Write the answers to the questions in each box in complete sentences.

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# CENTER 8

## Sorting Game

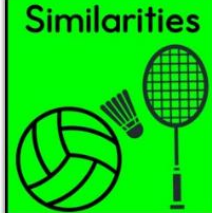
### VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON

Volleyball is an American sport played worldwide, typically with six players on a large court or sand. The goal is to make the ball hit the ground on the opponent's side of the net. Teams have 3 hits to return the ball using moves like bumping, setting, and spiking. Matches consist of five games; the first four are played to 25 points, and the last to 15. Teams need a two-point lead to win. It requires hand-eye coordination, quick reflexes, jumping ability, and teamwork.


Badminton, which began in England in the late 1800s, is played on a smaller court. One or two players are on each side. Players use rackets to hit a shuttlecock (birds) over the net. The goal is to keep the bird from landing on your side. Matches are played to 21 points, with a two-point lead required to win. Though often a backyard game, badminton is also played competitively indoors to avoid the wind (as well as volleyball).

Both sports are net-based. This requires players to send the item over the net to score. Quick reflexes, coordination, and strategy are needed in both. However, volleyball is heavier and travels faster, while shuttlecocks slow down midair. Volleyball requires direct contact with the ball, whereas badminton players rely on rackets. The volleyball net is much higher, and teamwork is critical due to larger teams.


**Similarities**



**Differences**




**C.**




Athletes must keep the object in motion without letting it touch the ground.

**A.**




The court size and number of participants per side vary.

**F.**




Players rely on agility and precision to perform well in the game.

**B.**




The object used during play can be handled directly by players.

**G.**



A racket is required equipment to compete.

**J.**



Coordination and quick reflexes are important skills for athletes.

**Hands-On Center:**

Students sort each card onto the correct mat.

### VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON

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

If the sentence shows a similarity, put an S in the box. If the sentence shows a difference, put a D in the box.

<b>A.</b> The court size and number of participants per side vary. <b>D</b>	<b>B.</b> The object used during play can be handled directly by players. <b>D</b>	<b>C.</b> Athletes must keep the object in motion without letting it touch the ground. <b>S</b>	<b>D.</b> The equipment used in the game influences how quickly the item scores through the air. <b>D</b>
<b>E.</b> Success depends on effective teamwork and strategy for larger groups. <b>D</b>	<b>F.</b> Players rely on agility and precision to perform well in the game. <b>S</b>	<b>G.</b> A racket is required equipment to compete. <b>D</b>	<b>H.</b> The height of the net reveals quality of first ball down due to its design. <b>D</b>
<b>I.</b> Some matches require a two-point lead to achieve a victory. <b>S</b>	<b>J.</b> Coordination and quick reflexes are important skills for athletes. <b>S</b>	<b>K.</b> Games are played indoors during competitions to avoid the wind. <b>S</b>	<b>L.</b> The height of the net creates unique challenges depending on the activity. <b>D</b>

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# CENTER 9

## 3 Choices

### STREET HOCKEY AND ICE HOCKEY

Street hockey and ice hockey share many similarities. In both sports, players use sticks to hit a ball or puck and try to score in the other team's goal. Scoring requires speed and strategy, as players must move quickly while avoiding the defense. You do not score many points in either game which shows the skill of the goalies. Each team plays with six players, including a goalie who protects the net. The fast pace, teamwork, and competition make both versions of hockey enjoyable to play and watch.

Despite their similarities, there are differences as well. Street hockey uses orange "no-bounce" balls, while ice hockey uses heavier, flat pucks. Because pucks can cause injuries, ice hockey sticks are larger and more durable. Players also wear helmets, pads, and other protective gear. In contrast, street hockey players wear jerseys and sneakers since there's less risk of injury. Ice hockey is much more physical, allowing body checks not permitted in street hockey. This "roughness" attracts fans who enjoy the action.

The surfaces and conditions differ, too. Street hockey is played on concrete or asphalt, making it easy for casual games. Ice hockey, on the other hand, requires an ice rink, which is less common and harder to access. These differences make each version of hockey unique. Whether you prefer street hockey or ice hockey, both share the same core values of teamwork and passion for the game. Which one would you choose?

1. What do players in both street hockey and ice hockey use to hit the ball or puck?

Gloves	Sticks	Feet
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2. What is the main goal in both street hockey and ice hockey?

To hit the most pucks or balls	To skate the fastest	To score in the opponent's goal
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3. How many players are on the court or rink at a time for each team?

Five	Seven	Six
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### Hands-On Center:

Students put a finger on the correct answer for each question.

# CENTER 10

## True or False

### BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Baseball and softball share many similarities. Both are exciting sports played on a diamond-shaped field with four bases. Each team has nine players on the field who work together to score as many runs as possible before the other team gets three outs. The opposing team catches, tags, or throws the ball to a base to get players out. Both sports require jerseys, cleats, and mitts. Also, batters and runners wear helmets for safety. A grand slam, the best offensive play, happens when the batter hits a home run with the bases loaded. When this happens, they score four runs and thrill the crowd.

Despite their similarities, there are differences between the sports. Traditionally, boys play baseball, and girls play softball. Baseballs are smaller and denser, while softballs are larger and lighter. Pitching styles differ, with baseball pitchers throwing overhand and softball pitchers throwing underhand. Baseball fields are larger, with bases farther apart and a raised pitcher's mound 60 feet from home plate. Softball fields are smaller, with bases closer together and a flat pitching surface 43 feet from the batter. Baseball bats are longer and heavier than softball bats. The length differs too. Baseball usually lasts nine innings, and softball often lasts seven. Despite these differences, both sports share a passion for teamwork, strategy, and the thrill of the game.

**TRUE** ✓ **FALSE** ✗

Both baseball and softball are played on a diamond-shaped field.  B.

Baseball and softball games always last the same number of innings.  A.

Baseball bats are shorter than softball bats.  C.

Softball uses a raised pitcher's mound like baseball.  D.

Only baseball players can hit a grand slam.  F.

Both sports are played with the same-sized ball.  G.

Baseball pitchers throw overhand, while softball pitchers throw underhand.  H.

Both sports are exciting and enjoyable sports.  I.

Baseball games typically last nine innings, while softball games often last seven.  J.

### Hands-On Center:

Students decide if each card is true or false.

**3 CHOICES: HOCKEY**  
Circle the correct letter to answer each question.

1. What do players in both street hockey and ice hockey use to hit the ball or puck?	A. Gloves	B. Sticks	C. Feet
2. What is the main goal in both street hockey and ice hockey?	A. To hit the most pucks or balls	B. To skate the fastest	C. To score in the opponent's goal
3. How many players are on the court or rink at a time for each team?	A. Five	B. Seven	C. Six
4. Why are both games usually low-scoring?	A. The defense is strong, and goalies are skilled.	B. Players don't try to score often.	C. Games have time limits.
5. What type of ball does street hockey use?	A. A regular soccer ball	B. A soft foam ball	C. An orange "no-bounce" ball
6. What does ice hockey use instead of a ball?	A. A flat puck	B. A large disc	C. A rubber cone

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**TRUE OR FALSE?**  
Put a T for true or an F for false in each box.

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# HOW TO USE THIS:

## Ideas for Implementation:

- pick and choose the centers you want to use: do what works best for your class!
- give less than 10 centers to students if you are short on time
- give students the whole day to complete all 10 centers/activities OR spread the room transformation out over a couple of days
- use the hands-on centers during your room transformation and the no-prep printables as a review during your reading block

**BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

Baseball and softball share many similarities. Both are played on a diamond-shaped field with 4 bases. They have teams of 9 players trying to score runs while preventing the other team from doing so. Players hit a ball pitched to them, run the bases, and try to avoid getting out. The opposing team catches, tags, or throws the ball to get outs. Both sports require cleats, jerseys, mitts, and helmets. A grand slam happens when someone is on every base. If a player hits a home run when this happens, 4 points are scored.

There are differences too. Normally, boys play baseball, and girls play softball. Baseballs are smaller and heavier, while softballs are larger and lighter. Baseball pitchers throw overhand, while softball pitchers throw underhand. Baseball fields are larger with bases farther apart and a raised pitcher's mound 60 feet from home plate. Softball fields are smaller with bases closer and a flat mound 43 feet away. Baseball bats are longer and heavier. Baseball games usually last nine innings and softball games only last seven. Both sports emphasize teamwork, strategy, and excitement.

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**TRUE** ✓

**FALSE** ✗

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The pitcher is 43 ft away from Homeplate in baseball. C.

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Racket Size		Racket Size	
Movement Required		Movement Required	
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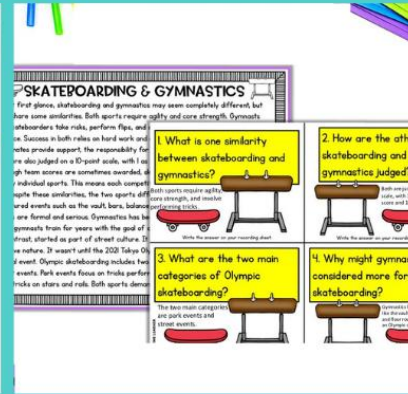
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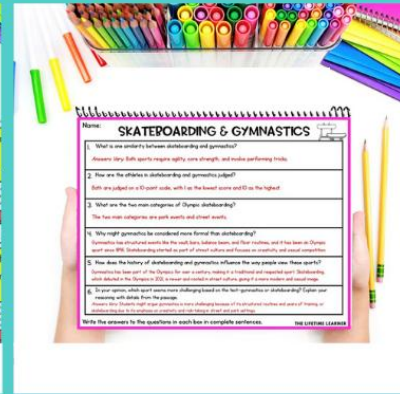
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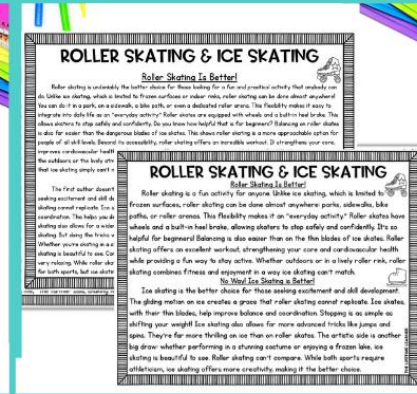
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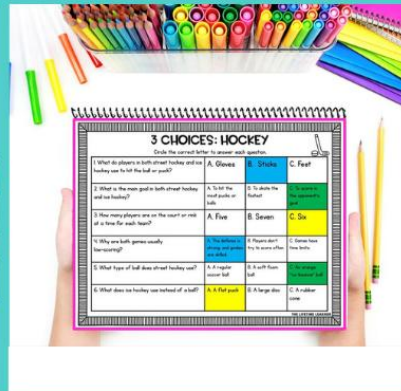
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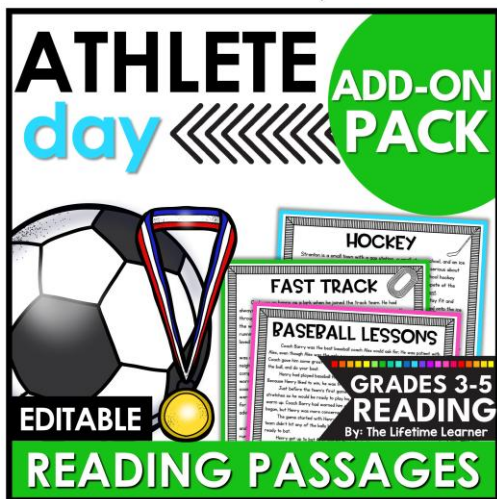
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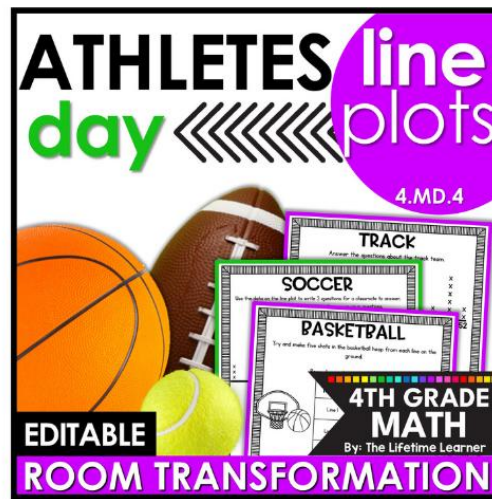
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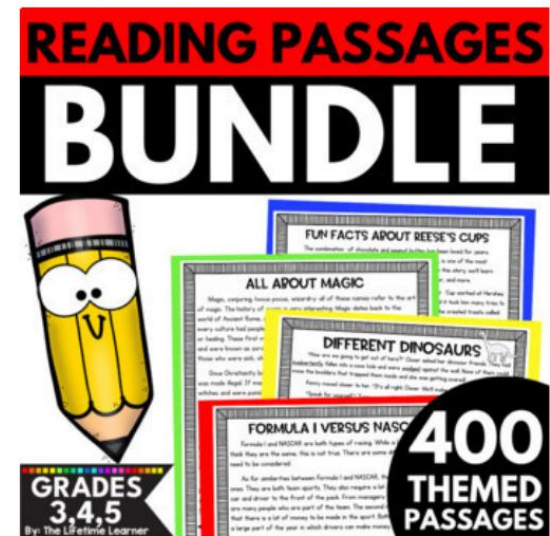
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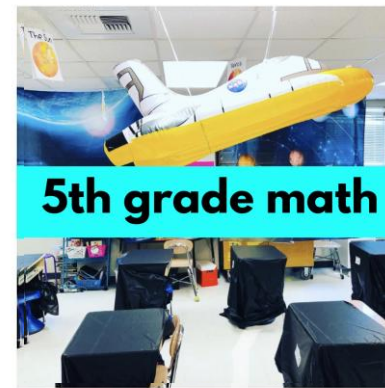
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