Newsy's News Journal

Activity Book

TEACHER GUIDE

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE ANSWER KEY FOR ACTIVITY BOOK

Who/what is Newsy?

Newsy is an elf in Santa's Department of the Lists. He visited the News Journal in 2021, and this year, Santa is sending him back to the area!

During his time at the News Journal, Newsy interacts with the community through the News Journal's print and online platforms as well as through in-person appearances at community events.

He partners with schools, local leaders and other organizations to ensure that the Tri-County area makes the Nice List.

Upon his arrival in 2026, Newsy declared that he wanted to teach children about journalism and the news gathering process. He set out to help students create their very own 'News Journal' each week by creating content directly tied to state educational standards.

Other ways Newsy interacts with the community is by publishing his voicemails from Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the News Journal's social media and website and opening his office at the News Journal's downtown Corbin location to the public.

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PURPOSE

Newsy's News Journal Activity Book was created for teachers and students. The goal is to incorporate both traditional education subjects (reading, math, social studies, and writing) and news-consumer/ journalism skills.

DURATION

Five pages are dedicated to each grade level (K-5) with an activity page at the beginning and end that are suitable for all age levels.

The lessons were created to take approximately 30 minutes each and can be completed over a span of five weeks (one lesson per week) or completed in one week (one lesson per day).

CONTENT

The content was created in alignment with Whitley County School District's pacing map. News Journal staff met with Whitley County's Curriculum team during the development process.

The content corresponds to a variety of Kentucky Academic Standards. The KAS reference codes are printed in the upper right corner of each page.

Activities include independent and group work opportunities. There are guided discussion questions (labeled "Group Chat") in various grade levels and activities throughout the workbook. Each group activity was crafted to not only serve as a group discussion, but they can also serve as independent writing assignments.

Additional engagement: Pop Tab Party

Newsy will host a 'Pop Tab Party' for the classroom that collects the most pop tabs. We ask that teachers email their classrooms number of pop tabs to jperkins@corbinnewsjournal.com no later than Dec. 18.

News Journal staff will collect the pop tabs from the schools on Jan. 13.

****News Journal staff will coordinate with the winning classroom's teacher to determine the time and date of the party .****

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Journalist's Job

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GROWN-UP READ-ALOUD

Journalists share information about things happening in your community. They take photos of events. Journalists talk to people to get information for stories. They are sometimes called reporters.

1 What's the headline?

Circle the headline that fits the story.

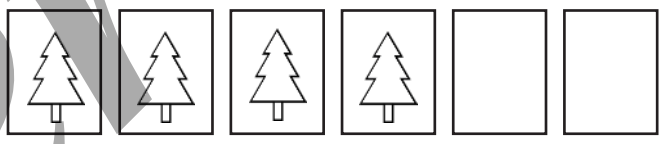
Journalist's job | **Santa's cookies**

Draw one job a journalist does.

Share information, take photos, talk to people

2 Take the photo

Newsy has 4 photos of Christmas trees. He needs 6 photos. How many more photos does he have to take?



6 - 4 = 2



Can you help me design this advertisement?

Color the background and decorate the Christmas trees.

YOU ARE BRIGHT!

What is an advertisement?

Advertisements are how businesses tell you how they can help you.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

GraceHealth

Answer Key

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Basketball

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Grown-up read-aloud

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Newsy's favorite team is the North Pole Elves. His best friend plays for that team.

Scoreboard

9	00:00	7
Home		Away

1 Newsy watches sports

Using both the story and the scoreboard, are the Elves the home team or the away team?

HOME TEAM **AWAY TEAM**

2

Did Newsy's favorite team win? Circle yes or no.

Yes **No**

How do you know? Underline a piece of text evidence in the story that justifies your answer.

3

Using the scoreboard above, draw basketballs to find how many more points the home team scored than the away team.

Home	Away

9 - 7 = 2

Can you help Newsy design this advertisement?
Draw four presents.

SAV-RITE
Family Pharmacy
1150 Master Street, Corbin
606.528.7770
OPEN ENROLLMENT MED D
IMMUNIZATIONS
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
•FLU
•HEPATITIS A
•MENINGITIS
•SHINGLES
•PNEUMONIA
•MANY MORE!

Answer Key

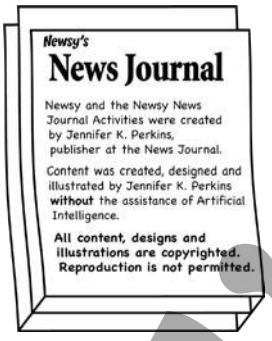
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RI.K.1

WHO CAN HELP?



YOU ARE BRIGHT!

What is a source?

A source provides information. It can be a person, organization or document. Having the right source is important to getting the correct information. Not all sources are trustworthy.

Different sources can tell us different things. The information falls into three categories:

1. What someone saw happen
2. What someone heard happened
3. An opinion about something

1 The right source

Newsy is writing a news story about a crime. Circle the name of which person he should call for information.

ASH **COPPER**

2 Trusting the source

Which source do you think is the most reliable?

SAW IT HAPPEN | HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED | SOMEONE'S OPINION

Start here

Ash is trying to get to the News Journal for an interview with Newsy. Can you help her find her way?

A+LOANS &TAXES
965 S. Hwy 25W, Suite 26, Williamsburg, KY | 606.549.4950

Answer Key

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Recipe Review

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RI.K.2 • KY.K.OA.2

Sandwich Cookie Ice Cream Cake

Ingredients

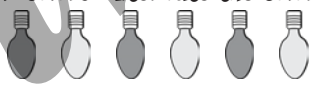
- 1/2 cup hot fudge ice cream topping, warmed
- 8 oz. whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 4 oz. chocolate instant pudding
- 8 chocolate sandwich cookies, chopped
- 12 vanilla ice cream sandwiches

Directions

1. Pour fudge topping into medium bowl. Whisk in 1 cup whipped topping.
2. Add dry pudding mix; stir 2 min.
3. Stir in chopped cookies.
4. Arrange 4 ice cream sandwiches, side-by-side, on 24-inch-long sheet of foil;
5. Top with half the whipped topping mixture.
6. Repeat layers. Top with remaining sandwiches.
7. Frost top and sides with remaining whipped topping.
8. Fold up foil sides; double fold top and ends to loosely seal packet.



While his cake is baking, Newsy decided to decorate! Can you help?
Pick 2 colors. Alternate the colors like this!



1 Piece of Cake

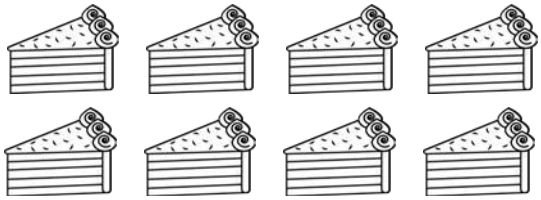
Newsy is putting together a grocery list for the ingredients in this recipe. Draw an X on ingredients he does not need.

WHIPPED TOPPING ~~BUTTER~~

~~MILK~~ PUDDING ~~EGGS~~

2 Every slice counts

Newsy cut his cake into 8 slices. He gave one slice to Ash and one slice to Copper. Color in the slices of cake to find how many he has left.



8 - 2 = 6

Cooperative Extension Service

WHITLEY COUNTY
4275 N HWY 25W
Williamsburg, KY 40769
606-549-1430



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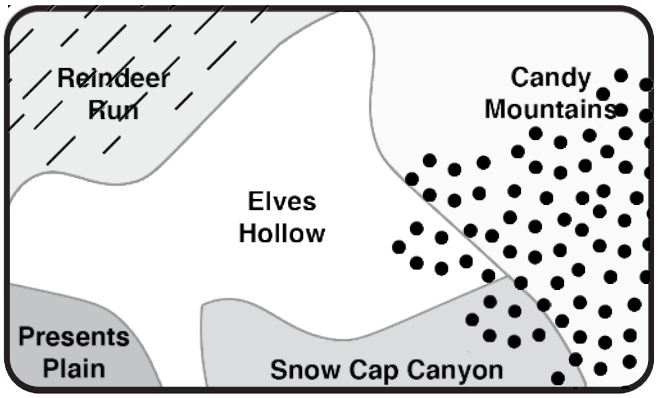
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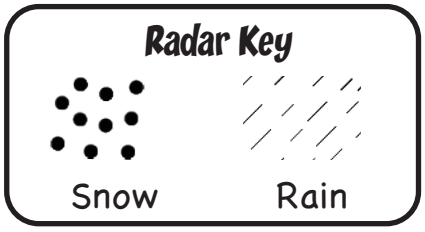
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KY.K.CC.2

North Pole Radar







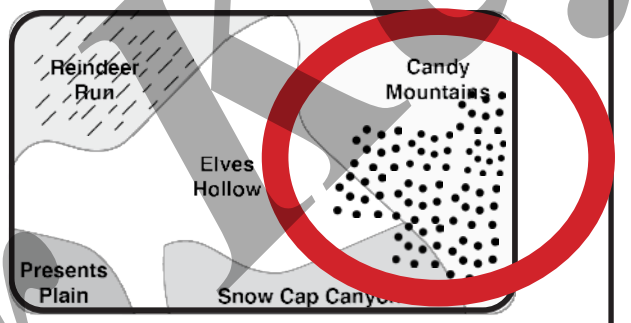
1 Newsy's Forecast

Using the North Pole Radar, circle which town will have rain?

Reindeer Run **Presents Plain**

Candy Mountains **Elves Hollow**

2 Circle the portion of the map that is expected to have snow?



3 North Pole meteorologists say the weather is supposed to increase each week. Complete the pattern to find what temperature it will be in 3 weeks.

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Circle the correct answer.

20 17 **18** 11

Can you help Newsy design this advertisement?
Draw a snowman.



Prewitt Farm Supply

34 Angel Road, Williamsburg, KY | 549-5342

Answer Key

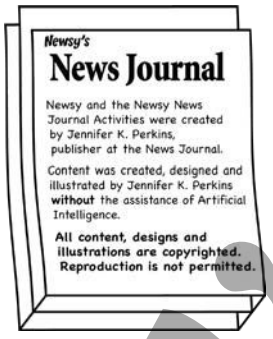
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Journalist's job

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GROUP READ-ALOUD

Journalists share information about things happening in your community. They take photos of events. Journalists talk to people to get information for stories. They are sometimes called reporters.

1 What's the headline?

Circle the headline that fits the story.

Journalist's job | **Santa's cookies**

2

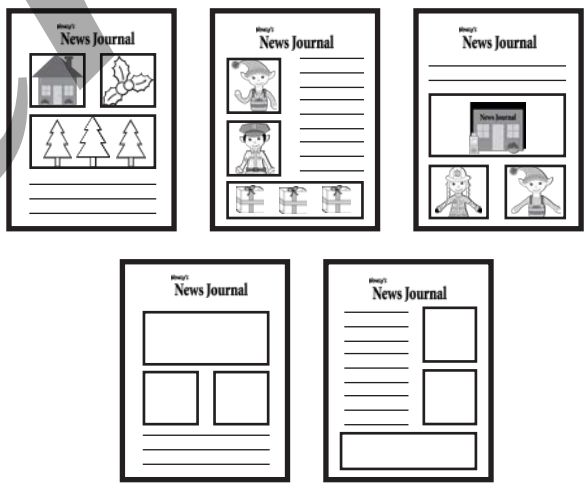
What are two ways a journalist shares information?

1. Takes photos

2. Talks to people

3 Picture perfect

Newsy's News Journal has 5 pages. Each page needs 3 photos. If Newsy already has 9 photos, how many more does he need to take?



Circle the correct answer.

9 7 **6** 10

Can you help Newsy design this advertisement?

Draw four presents and two Christmas trees.

Answer Key

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Basketball

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RL.1.1 • KY.1.OA.1

GROUP READ-ALOUD

Newsy watched a basketball game between the North Pole Elves and the Arctic Penguins. The Elves won the ballgame 15 points to 8 points.

Newsy's favorite team is the North Pole Elves. His best friend plays for that team.

SCOREBOARD

15	00:00	8
Home		Away

1 Newsy watches sports

Using both the story and the scoreboard, are the Elves the home team or the away team?

HOME TEAM | **AWAY TEAM**

2

Did Newsy's favorite team win? Circle yes or no.

Yes **No**

How do you know? Underline a piece of text evidence in the story that justifies your answer.

3

Using the scoreboard above, how many more points did the home team score than the away team. Draw basketballs to find the answer.

Home	Away

15 - 8 = 7



Newsy is working on an article. Use the word bank to help him find the missing words.

WORD BANK: basketball, elf, loss, Newsy, sports, win

B	A	S	K	E	T	B	A	L	L	D	P	M	D	R
T	J	K	D									W	I	N
B	A	L	D									L	O	N
M	T	P	V									E	L	F
K	V	N	A									G	O	R
J	J	K	M									N	D	I
L	O	S	S									M	U	B
S	S	P	O	R	T	S	F	Z	S	N	E	W	S	Y

LAUREL GARDENS
Pampered Plants · Garden Design · Inspiration
606.528.3186

Answer Key

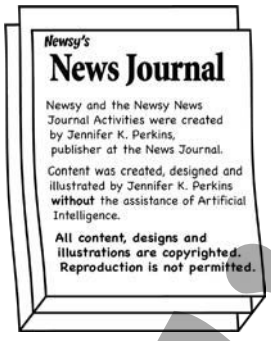
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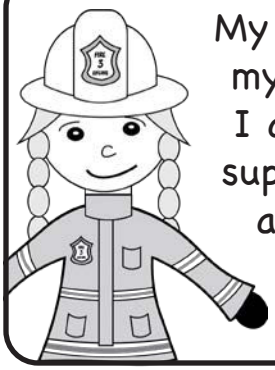
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RL.1.1

GROUP READ-ALOUD



My name is Ashton, but my friends call me Ash! I am a firefighter. I am supposed to meet Newsy at the News Journal, but several roads are blocked by stop signs.

YOU ARE BRIGHT!

What is a source?

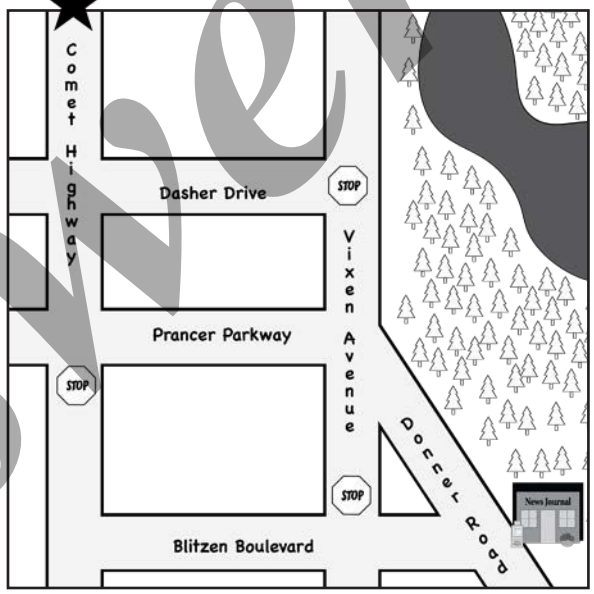
A source is someone who provides information to a reporter.
Sources can tell us different things.
The information falls into three categories:
1. What someone saw happen
2. What someone heard happened
3. An opinion about something

Map her route!

Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 beside the road names to tell Ash the route.

2	Prancer Parkway
4	Donner Road
1	Comet Highway
3	Vixen Avenue

Start here



GROUP CHAT

Name that source!

If Newsy is writing a story about a fire, which category of information can Ash tell him?

Help Newsy decorate the ornaments.

Tri-County
Insulated Metal Panels
606-523-9232
3 MILES NORTH OF CORBIN ON HWY 25
ACROSS THE ROAD FROM TRI-COUNTY HONDA SHOP
Monday to Friday 8-5; Closed Sunday
Owner Brian & Ron Helton
www.tricountypanels.com

Answer Key

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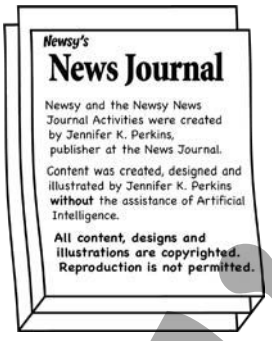
Food

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Recipe Rescue

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KY.1.NBT.1

Magic Cookie Bars

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 1/3 cups flaked coconut

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F (325 degrees for glass dish).
2. Coat 13x9-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray.
3. Combine graham cracker crumbs and butter.
4. Press into bottom of prepared pan.
5. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture.
6. Layer evenly with chocolate chips, butterscotch chips and coconut.
7. Press down firmly with a fork.
8. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

Missing ingredient

Oh no! Newsy is missing an ingredient! Fill in the missing numbers. Use the key to turn your answers into letters.

1. 82, 83, 84
2. 65, 66, 67
3. 96, 97, 98
4. 11, 12, 13
5. 33, 34, 35
6. 48, 49, 50

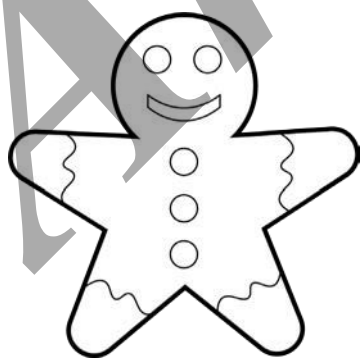
KEY:
97 = t
34 = e
83 = b
66 = u
49 = r
12 = t

Ingredient: butter



Do you want to help me decorate some holiday cookies?

Color the gingerbread cookies.



CUMBERLAND DENTURE CENTER, INC.

DR. JAMES E. OAKS, DMD
DR. JOHN ISAACS, DMD
(606) 528-6104 1-800-659-9135
MOONBOW PLAZA #3,
CUMBERLAND FALLS HWY., CORBIN, KY



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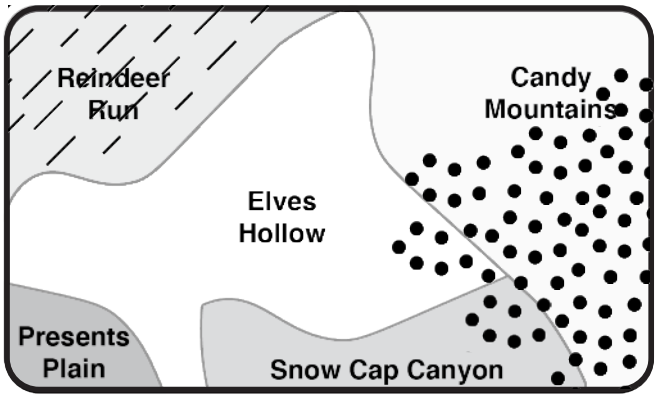
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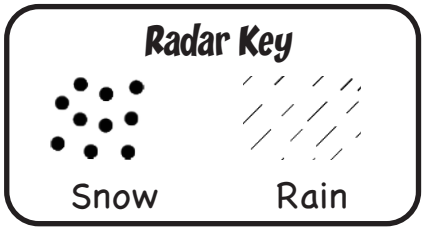
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North Pole Radar







1 Newsy's Forecast

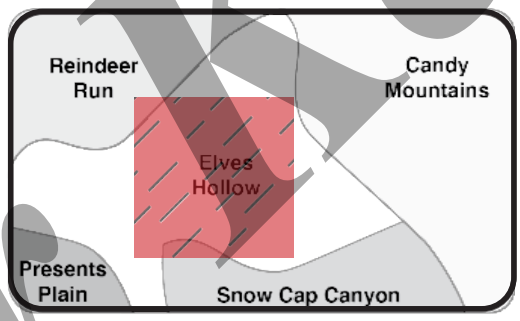
Using the North Pole Radar, circle which town or towns will have snow?

Snow Cap Canyon **Presents Plain**

Candy Mountains **Elves Hollow**

2

Elves Hollow is expected to have rain next week. Can you draw the symbol for rain on the map?



3

North Pole meteorologists say the weather is supposed to increase each week. Complete the pattern to find what temperature it will be in 2 weeks.

10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70

Circle the correct answer.

50 **90** **80** **0**

Can you help Newsy design this advertisement?
Draw a picture of snow falling.



Answer Key

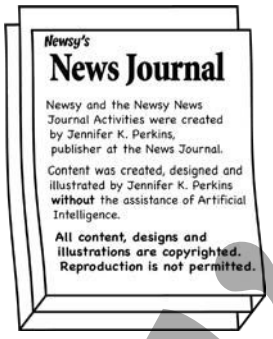
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Headline Hurry

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RI.2.5

NEW NAME NEWS

When Newsy was at the North Pole, he worked in Santa's Department of the Lists. Each day he helped Santa check names on the naughty list to determine whether that person could be added to the nice list. One day, he noticed a name on the naughty list that he had not seen before. He wondered why it had been added.

① Now what?

Newsy has discovered a North Pole news story! What should Newsy do next in his news gathering process?

Ask a question like who does this impact, why did it happen or how does it work.

② Headline hurry!

Breaking News: After talking with sources, Newsy was able to fact check and confirm the name was added by mistake! What is one possible headline for the story?

Name on naughty list added by mistake

YOU ARE BRIGHT!

What is the news gathering process?

The news gathering process is how journalists find news stories.

The process includes:
1. Asking a question like who does this impact, why did it happen, or how does it work.
2. Journalists talk to sources who might have information that can help answer the question.
3. Journalists fact check the information.

Newsy is going to print! Can you help him design this advertisement?

Draw a picture of Newsy checking the naughty list.



El Dorado

CALL: 606.539.0062
100 W. HWY 92, WILLIAMSBURG, KY.

Answer Key

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Point Problem

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KY.2.OA.1

North Pole Elves

Player	Points	Rebounds	Fouls
Mary Mistletoe	7	3	3
Ryan Reindeer	12	6	4
Sandy Snowball	15	9	2
Opal Opensleigh	3	7	4
Tony Tinsel	5	2	5

Arctic Penguins

Player	Points	Rebounds	Fouls
George Glitter	9	6	2
Hannah Holly	14	3	5
Martin Manger	3	11	1
Connie Carols	9	6	3
Brandon Bows	5	7	4



Newsy is writing an article for the basketball game.
Draw a picture of the basketball game for Newsy to use with the article.

Elves and Penguins face off in Candy Cane Classic

1 Points Problem

Oh no! The teams forgot to tally the points after the game. How many points did each team score? Circle the name of the team that won.

42 ELVES (circled)

40 PENGUINS

2 Ranking Rebounds

Write the names of the Elves players in order of who had the least rebounds (1) to who had the most (5).

1. Tony Tinsel
2. Mary Mistletoe
3. Ryan Reindeer
4. Opal Opensleigh
5. Sandy Snowball

Answer Key

StateFarm™

James E. Baker
Agent/Owner

125 Walmart Way, Suite 3
Williamsburg, KY 40769
Bus: 606-549-4328
jamesbakerinsurance.com



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Detective

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RI.2.2 • 2.I.UE.1

YOU ARE BRIGHT!

What is a source?

A source is someone who provides information to a reporter.
Sources can tell us different things.
The information falls into three categories:
1. What someone saw happen
2. What someone heard happened
3. An opinion about something



My name is Copper! I work on Santa's security team. I investigated the name that appeared on the Naughty List. Turns out, it was a mistake! It is a good thing that Santa checks that list twice.

GROUP CHAT

Name that source!

If Newsy is writing a story about the Naughty List investigation, which category of information can Copper tell him?

Let's talk

Newsy talked to Copper about the investigation. Who else could he talk to about what happened?

WELCOME DETECTIVE

Use the key below to decode the message from the Dept. of Lists.

Y	o	u		m	a	d	e
25	15	21		13	1	4	5

t	h	e		n	i	c	e
20	8	5		14	9	3	5

l	i	s	t
12	9	19	20

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

Decorate this police badge for the North Pole Police Department.



GraceHealth

Answer Key

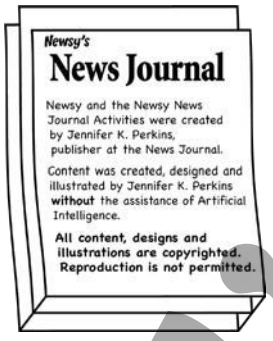
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Counting Costs

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KY.2.OA.1 • RI.2.2

Cherry Cream Cheese Cookies

Ingredients

- 18 ounces of refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 8 ounces of cream cheese, whipped
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 21 ounce can cherry pie filling
- 8 ounce container frozen topping, thawed

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Roll the cookie dough to 1/4 inch thickness
3. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes, or until the cookie is lightly brown on the edges.
4. In a large mixing bowl, mix cream cheese with confectioner's sugar.
5. Spread the mixture on cooled cookie dough.
6. Cover with cherry pie filling and whipped topping

Mistletoe Market

North Pole winter market

Item	Price
1 cookie	$2
3 cookies	$5
6 cookies	$9
12 cookies	$17

1 Cookie Craze

Using information from the recipe, write one sentence describing the cookie.

Example: The cookie is made with cherry pie filling.

2 Counting Costs

How much money will it cost Newsy to buy 8 cookies from the market?

Circle the correct answer.

$9 $11 **$13** $15

3

If Newsy pays with a $20 bill, how much change will he receive after buying 10 cookies?

Circle the correct answer.

$2 **$4** $6 $8

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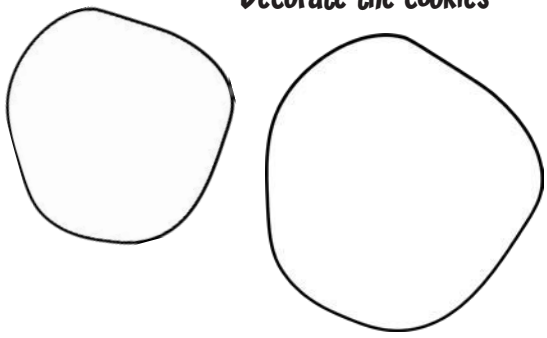
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Decorate the cookies



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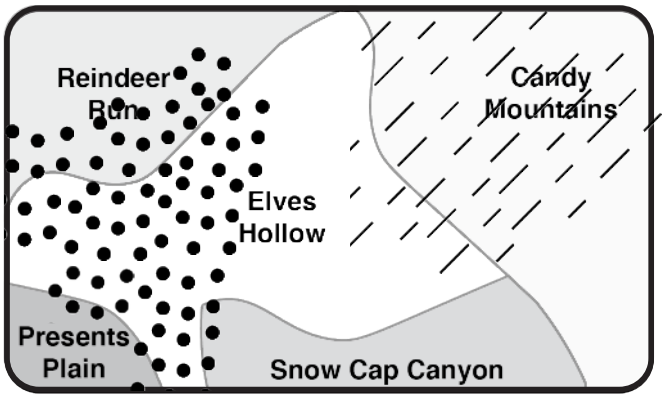
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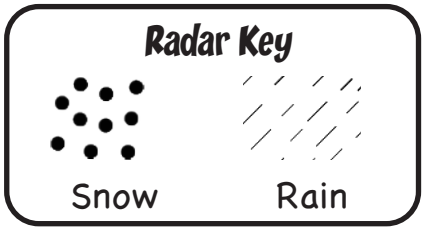
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North Pole Radar







1 Newsy's Forecast

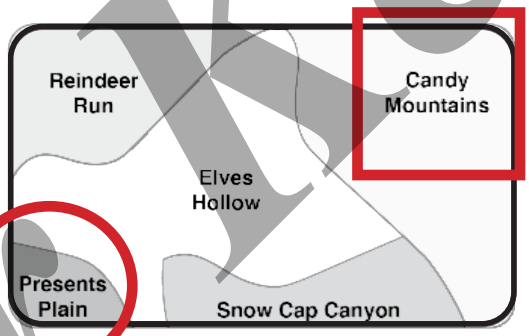
Using the North Pole Radar, circle which town will have both rain and snow.

Snow Cap Canyon Presents Plain

Candy Mountains **Elves Hollow**

2

Circle the town located in the south west. Draw a square around the town in the north east.



3

Should people who live in Candy Mountains wear a rain jacket?

YES NO

Justify your answer:

The North Pole Radar shows rain on the map.

Can you help Newsy design this advertisement?
Draw a picture of an umbrella.



Answer Key

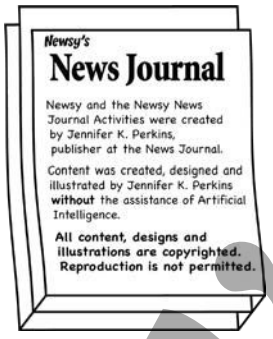
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Candy Cane Crisis

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NO CANDY CRISIS

The North Pole is counting down to Christmas. While Santa was checking his lists twice, Copper, Santa's head of security, rushed into the Claus Control Center to tell him that this year's candy has gone missing!

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Draw a picture of Santa checking his lists.

Answer Key



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Candy Canes

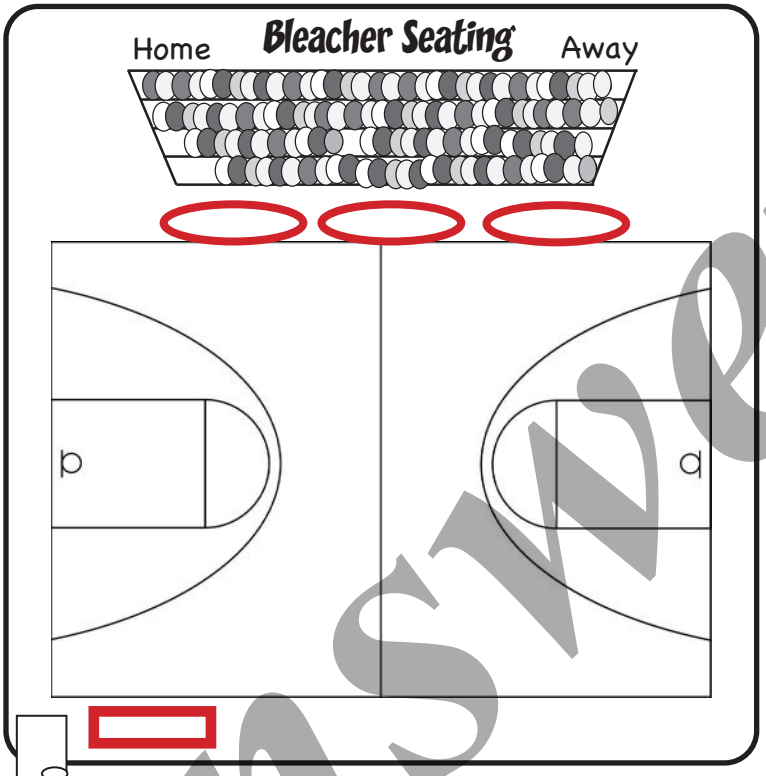
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CANDY CANE CHAOS

While the investigation is underway, Newsy decided to cover the Candy Cane Classic basketball tournament. While there, he noticed chocolate footprints on the sidelines and a chocolate bar wrapper near the door.



Keeping Records

Draw a set of footprints on the sidelines closest to the bleachers.

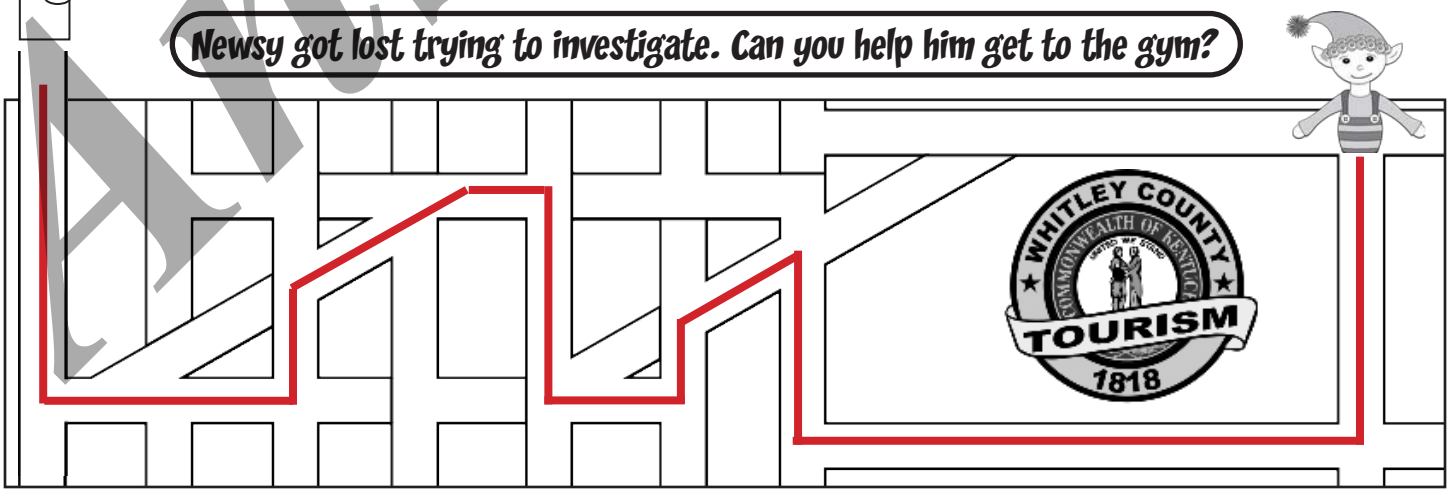
Draw a chocolate bar wrapper near the door.

1 Candy catch

98 people attended the basketball game. 63 people arrived after Newsy found the footprints. How many people could have left the footprints?

12 29 **35** 43

Newsy got lost trying to investigate. Can you help him get to the gym?



Answer Key

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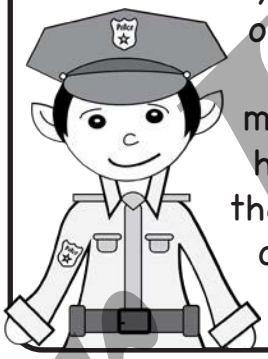
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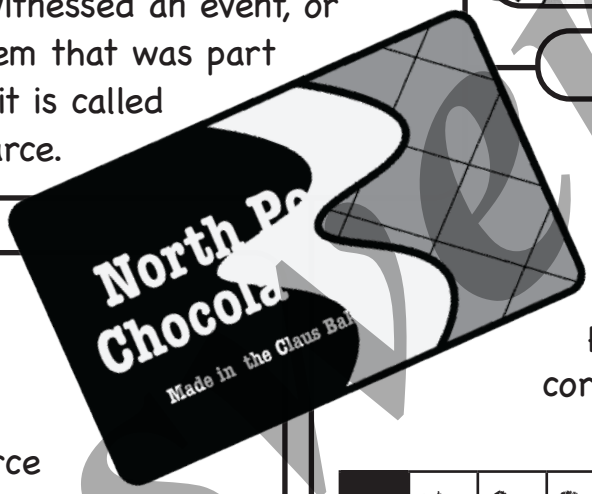
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My name is Copper! I work on Santa's security team. I am investigating the missing candy. Newsy said he found some evidence that might help crack the case. Let's take a closer look.



GROUP CHAT

1. Is Newsy considered a primary source in the case?
2. Is the chocolate bar wrapper considered a primary source?

WELCOME DETECTIVE

The chocolate bar wrapper that Newsy found has some words written on it. Can you help us decipher what it says?

Place the following letters in the correct squares to reveal the words.

E O R L T K E Y E

	N	O	R	T	H		P	O	L	E
		C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E
M	A	D	E		I	N		T	H	E
C	L	A	U	S		B	A	K	E	R	Y

Draw your own candy creation to decorate this advertisement.

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Answer Key

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Indoor S'mores Casserole

Ingredients

- 2 tubes refrigerated crescent rolls
- 16 oz. cream cheese; softened
- 1 cup sugar; divided
- 7 oz. marshmallow creme
- 8 graham crackers
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups milk chocolate bar
- 2 cups mini marshmallows

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Unroll one tube of crescent rolls on the bottom of a 9x13in. pan.
3. Cream the cream cheese and 3/4 cups sugar together. Add the marshmallow creme and mix until combined.
4. Pour cream cheese/ marshmallow mixture on top of crescent roll dough. Spread evenly.
5. Crush graham crackers
6. Add 2 tbsp sugar and 3 tbsp melted butter.
7. Shake till coated.
8. Layer graham cracker mixture on top.
9. Sprinkle crushed chocolate bar evenly over graham cracker crumbs, then sprinkle mini marshmallows over that.
10. Unroll the other tube of crescent rolls on top. Brush remaining melted butter over dough and sprinkle with remaining sugar.



Ooey gooey discovery

Newsy recognizes that candy bar as one of the ingredients in Mrs. Claus' Indoor S'mores Casserole. He knows for sure it is part of the missing candy!

1 Choco-lot!

If each chocolate bar equals 1/2 cup of chocolate, how many does Newsy need for 2 cups?

7 1 3 **4**

2 If Newsy doubles the recipe, how many ounces of cream cheese does he need?

24 **32** 8 16

Color the strand of ornaments.

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MINISTERING THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH HEALTH CARE

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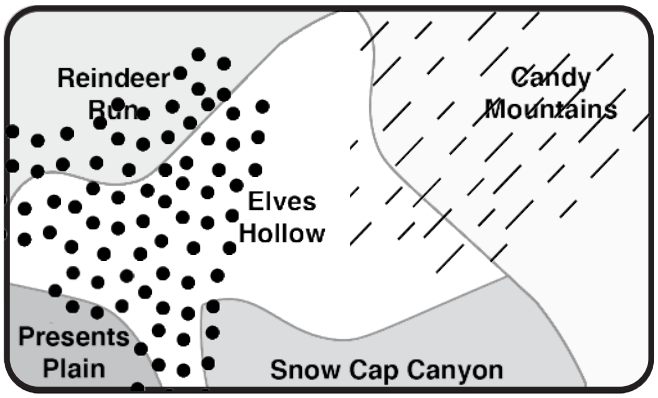
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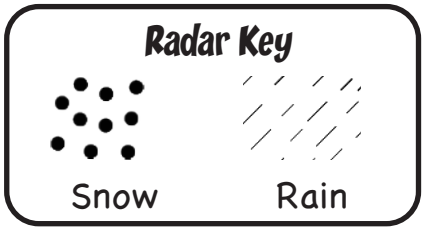


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North Pole Radar







Breaking news: We need a headline

What are two possible headlines Newsy could use for his news article about the missing candy?

1. Mrs. Claus donates chocolate
2. Missing chocolate located

CANDY CLAIMED

Friends, I have great news! We know what happened to the candy!



After interviewing several elves in the bakery, I learned Mrs. Claus took the candy! Turns out, she saw the forecast and noticed Candy Mountains was going to get rain!

Guess what doesn't mix? Chocolate and rain!

She moved the candy so that it was already in the sleigh ahead of Santa's big trip.

As for the chocolate bar wrapper at the game? She said she made a special batch to help support the Elves raise money for new jerseys!

The candy chaos has finally reached a conclusion.

Draw a picture of Mrs. Claus in the kitchen.

CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG Est. 1818 FEELS LIKE HOME KENTUCKY

Answer Key

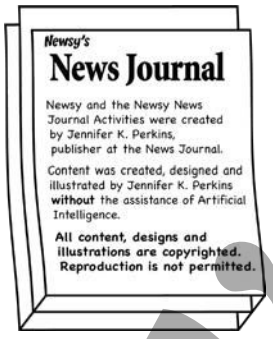
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Reindeer Run

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REINDEER RUN

Santa's reindeer are missing. Ahead of this year's big trip, Newsy went to check in with the team to see how Dasher and Dancer were feeling about leading the team on the big night. When he arrived at the stables, he found hay and a few carrots but no reindeer.

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Newsy is going to print! Can you help him design this advertisement?
Draw a picture of Santa's reindeer.

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Insulated Metal Panels
606-523-9232
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ACROSS THE ROAD FROM TRI-COUNTY HONDA SHOP
Monday to Friday 8-5; Closed Sunday
Owner Brian & Ron Helton
www.tricountypanels.com

Answer Key

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Buzzer Beater

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KY.4.NF.1

REINDEER RUMORS

When Newsy asked Santa where the reindeer might be, Santa said they might have gone to the North Pole Elves basketball game since they were playing the Arctic Penguins at home.

Arctic Penguins

Player	Points	Free throws
George Glitter	9	6
Hannah Holly	14	3
Martin Manger	3	2
Connie Carols	10	5
Brandon Bows	5	4

① State the stat

Based on the stats above, what are two facts that you can prove.

1. George scored more points than Martin.
2. Hannah scored the most points.

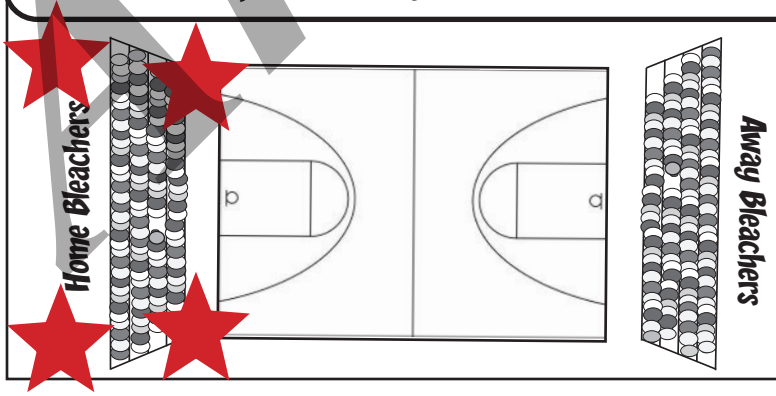
② Fraction action

Using the stat sheet, what is the fraction of free throws compared to points for each of the Arctic Penguins?

Player	Free throws/Points
George Glitter	2/3
Hannah Holly	3/14
Martin Manger	2/3
Connie Carols	1/2
Brandon Bows	4/5

③ On the stat sheet, circle the name of the Penguin who had the most free throws compared to points.

Draw a star in places Newsy should look for the reindeer.



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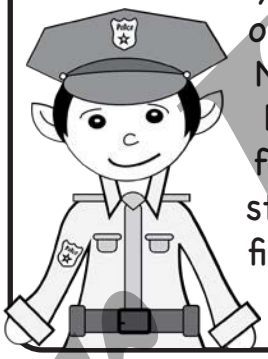
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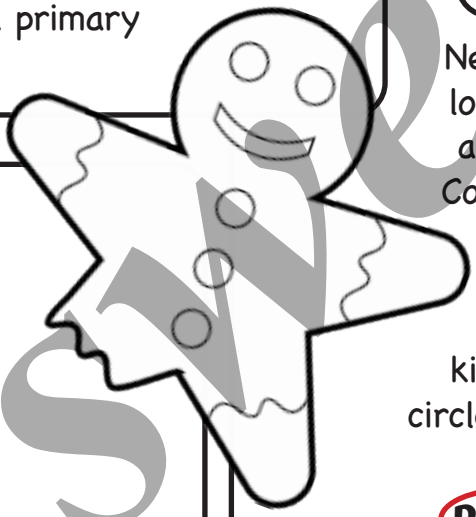


My name is Copper! I work on Santa's security team. Newsy asked me to help him find the reindeer. I found this cookie in the stables. Could it help us find out where they are?

GROUP CHAT

1. Is Copper considered a primary source in the case?

2. Is the cookie considered a primary source?



REINDEER SNACK?

Newsy knows that Dasher and Dancer love gingerbread cookies, but Prancer and Vixen prefer carrots. Newsy saw Comet and Cupid at the workshop this morning before all of the reindeer went missing. Donner and Blitzen told Comet they were going to the kitchen. Based on what Newsy knows, circle the names of four potential reindeer that could have taken the cookie.

DASHER DANCER PRANCER VIXEN
COMET CUPID DONNER BLITZEN

Draw the other half of the gingerbread man.



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IMMUNIZATIONS
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•SHINGLES
•PNEUMONIA
•MANY MORE!

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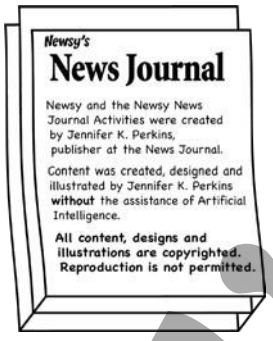
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Choco-lot

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Chocolate Candy Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 1 cup gingerbread cookie crumbs
- 1 egg white, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon light butter or margarine
- 16 oz. of cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 egg whites
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 light Milky Way bars, cut up
- 1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. In a small bowl, mix gingerbread cookie crumbs, 1 egg white, and melted margarine until well moistened.
3. Press crust evenly into prepared pie pan, set aside.
4. In a large mixing bowl, combine cream cheese and sugar.
5. Beat with a mixer until fluffy.
6. Beat in egg whites, cocoa, yogurt, and vanilla until smooth.
7. Fold in candy bar pieces and pour into prepared pie pan.
8. Bake at 350F for 60 minutes or until center is set.
9. Let stand at room temperature.
10. Top with caramel.



Cookie crumbles

Newsy went to ask Mrs. Claus if she gave Donner or Blitzen a gingerbread cookie this morning. She said she never saw them at the bakery this morning!

① Crumb trail

Did Donner or Blitzen get a cookie? Underline a piece of text evidence to support your answer.

YES **NO**

②

If Newsy doubles the recipe, how many ounces of cream cheese does he need?

24 **32** 8 16

Find the words in the word bank

WORD BANK: reindeer, cookie, elf, news, Claus, help

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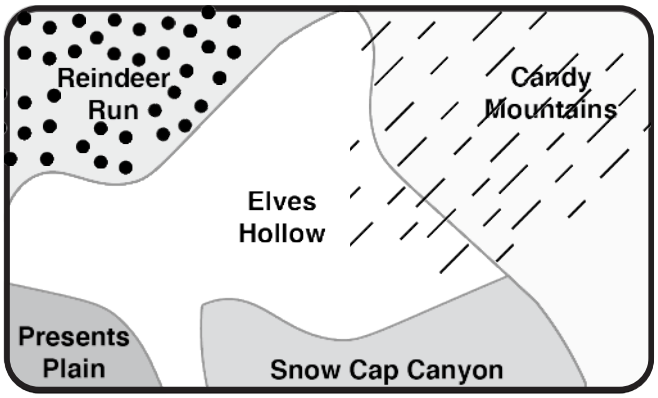
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North Pole Radar



Radar Key

Snow

Rain

N
W
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S

Breaking news: We need a headline

What are two possible headlines Newsy could use for his news article about the missing reindeer?

1. Reindeer go for flight in snow
2. Reindeer found using sleigh's GPS

REINDEER RETURN

Friends, I have great news! We know where the reindeer went!



When Santa went to load the sleigh, he noticed it too was missing. He used the Global Present Satellite to track the sleigh. It was moving!

Using the communication system onboard, he talked to Donner. Apparently, Dasher and Dancer wanted to see how fast the reindeer could fly in the snow. The reindeer and the sleigh returned back to the stables a few minutes ago.

Snow time

Using the North Pole Radar, circle which town the reindeer were most likely in.

Reindeer Run Candy Mountains

Newsy is going to interview the reindeer about their run. Draw a picture of the interview.

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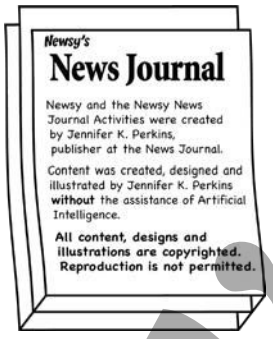
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Presents Plan

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RI.5.2 • 5.I.UE.2

PRESENTS PLAZA

The North Pole Presents Plaza is currently filled with thousands of gifts for Santa to deliver on Christmas Eve. As the elves continue to stack up the presents, they realize there is a problem. Somewhere in the stack is a toy making noise. They have to find it before the batteries run out ahead of delivery.

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Draw a picture of the North Pole Presents Plaza.

Answer Key

Whitley County Fiscal Court

Whitley Co.
Judge Executive
Pat White, Jr.
606-549-6000

www.whitleycountyfiscalcourt.com
Meetings every third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm

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Beep, Beep

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KY.5.NF.1

PENGUINS TAKE A SHOT

The North Pole Elves were supposed to play the Arctic Penguins in basketball. Now they need the Penguins help finding the noisy toy.

Arctic Penguins

Player	Toys	Minutes
George Glitter	9	6
Hannah Holly	7	3
Martin Manger	3	1
Connie Carols	10	5
Brandon Bows	5	4

① Toy tracker

Based on the information above, what are two facts that you can prove.

1. George searched 9 toys in 6 minutes.
2. Hannah searched 7 toys.

② Fraction in action

How many toys can each of the Penguin players check in 2 minutes?

Write your answer as a fraction

Player	Toys/Minutes
George Glitter	3/2
Hannah Holly	4.7/2
Martin Manger	6/2
Connie Carols	4/2
Brandon Bows	2.5/2

③ Circle the name on the stat sheet of the Penguin player who can check the most toys in four minutes.

Draw a picture of the Penguins searching for the noisy toy.

Answer Key

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Present Check

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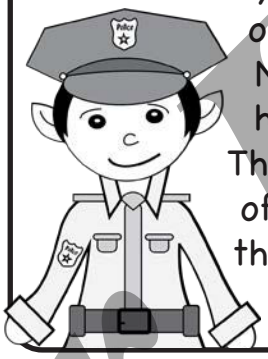


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What is a source?

A source provides information to a reporter. Sometimes sources are people, but sometimes they are things like documents or evidence. Primary sources are people who witnessed an event, or an item that was part of the event.



My name is Copper! I work on Santa's security team. Newsy asked me to help him locate the noisy toy. The Penguins searched 2/3 of the Present piles, but they did not find the noisy toy.

GROUP CHAT

1. Are the Penguins considered a primary source in the search?
2. Why?

PRESENT CHECK

Newsy and Copper interviewed several of the elves at the workshop. Based on the noise, the elves have narrowed down which toy it must be. Solve the puzzle to figure out which toy is making the noise.

YUMGM READ	OLOT TSE	ALBL	RCA
Gummy bear	Tool set	ball	car
8	3 5	1	9

GEAM SKLCOB	LELB	RINAT
Mega blocks	bell	train
7 2	10	4 6

a	c	t	i	o	n		F	i	g	u	r	e
1	2	3	4	5	6			4	7	8	9	10

Now that we know what kind of toy is it, let's find the piles they are in!

Find the number combinations in the puzzle. Combinations could be forwards, backwards, vertical or diagonal.

Number bank: 4013, 1546, 592, 8156, 7578

1	0	9	7	5	4	8	7	4	0	1	3	7	4	8
7	0	8										9	3	1
6	7	0										0	3	4
5	6	7										8	7	1
1	3	2										9	8	6
8	9	5										8	7	4
5	3	6										6	3	5
6	7	0	9	5	3	7	5	7	8	4	7	0	8	1

ACCESS HEALTH
MINISTERING THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH HEALTH CARE

Answer Key

Newsy's Food

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Cake bake

Newsy's News Journal

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Vanilla Wafer Cake

Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 6 eggs
- 12 oz. box vanilla wagers, crushed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 7 oz. shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Directions

1. Cream sugar and butter or margarine.
2. Add eggs, one at a time; beat well.
3. Stir in with spoon remaining ingredients, stirring in one ingredient at a time.
4. Bake until brown at 300 degrees for 1.5 to 2 hours in greased and floured tube pan. (Approx. 1.5 hours in greased and floured sheet cake pan.)
5. Cool.
6. Frost with favorite frosting. Cream cheese frosting is good.



Cake bake

After all that searching, Newsy figured the Elves and Penguins might be hungry. He went to see Mrs. Claus about getting them something to eat.

① Sugar rush

If the recipe make 8 servings and Newsy needs 32 servings, how many cups of sugar does he need?

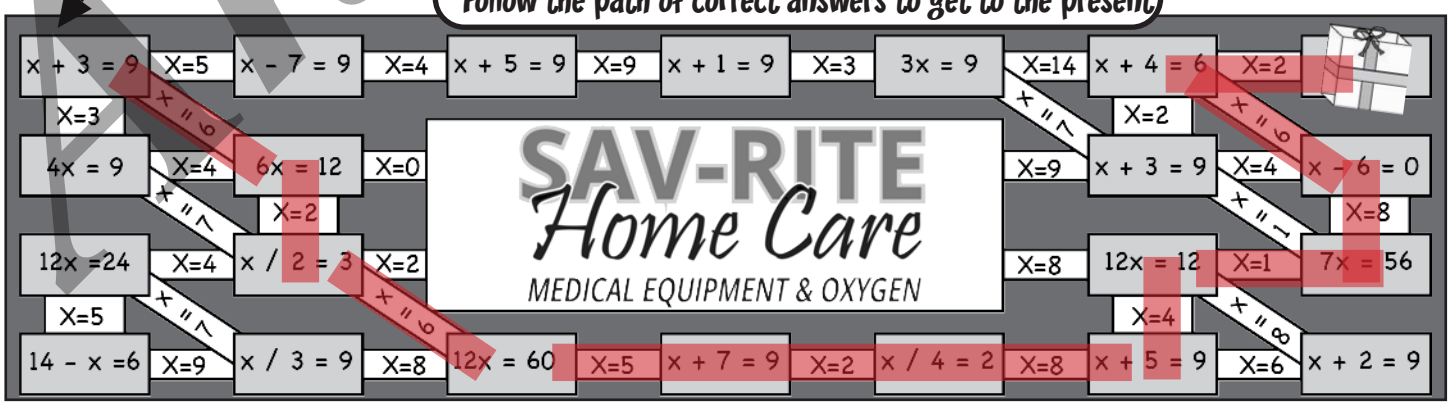
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② Recipe Writing

Create a three scene comic strip of the conversation between Newsy and Mrs. Claus. Be sure to include dialogue.

Start here

Follow the path of correct answers to get to the present



Answer Key

Newsy's

Weather

Fifth Grade

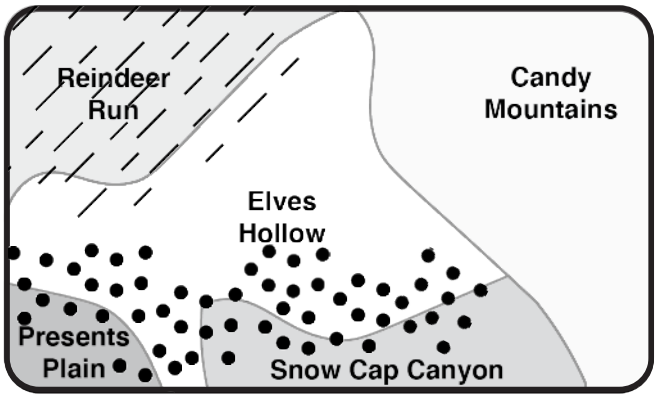
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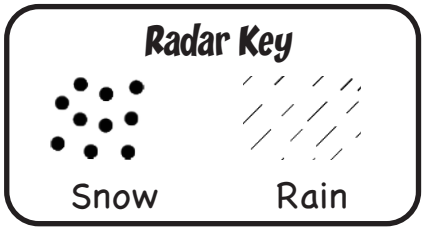
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North Pole Radar







Breaking news: We need a headline

What are two possible headlines Newsy could use for his news article about the noisy present?

1. Noisy present found
2. Penguins help Elves find present

REINDEER RETURN

Friends, I have great news! Thanks to your help, we found the noisy present.



The present was an action figure in pile 8156. That sure was a lot of piles to dig through. We can't thank the Penguins enough for their help.

What really helped was that Vanilla Wafer Cake from Mrs. Claus. It gave us the boost we needed.

Next, we have to return the now quiet present back to Presents Plain.

The present was re-wrapped in Candy Mountains. What direction do the elves need to travel to get to Presents Plain?

SW

What kind of weather will they encounter?

Snow

How do you know?

Dots represent snow according to the radar key.

Newsy is going to interview Copper about the present. Draw a picture of the interview.

Answer Key