

Alphabetizing

GRADES 3-8

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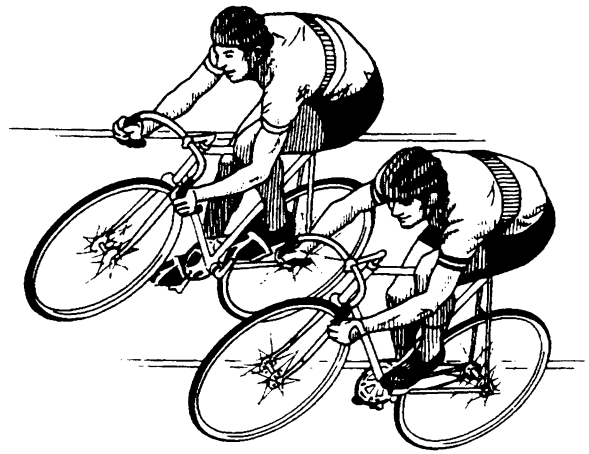
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WARM-UP

To look up words in a dictionary, you must know about alphabetical order.

Imagine that your dictionary is divided into three parts: The **FRONT** part has all the words from A thru G; the **MIDDLE** part has all the words from H thru Q; the **BACK** part has all the words from R thru Z.



A-G = Front H-Q = Middle R-Z = Back

Look at the words below. If you were going to look up each word, which part of the dictionary would you turn to — front, middle, or back?

Write the name of the part on the line next to each word.

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|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1. football | _____ | 10. grid | _____ |
| 2. mitt | _____ | 11. hockey | _____ |
| 3. race | _____ | 12. tennis | _____ |
| 4. sail | _____ | 13. anchor | _____ |
| 5. jockey | _____ | 14. victory | _____ |
| 6. basketball | _____ | 15. net | _____ |
| 7. prize | _____ | 16. dugout | _____ |
| 8. court | _____ | 17. wrestle | _____ |
| 9. umpire | _____ | 18. kite | _____ |

Use your dictionary to find four sport words from each part of the dictionary. Put the words in ABC order.

Front

Middle

Back

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Be A Winner!

Solve the message below by replacing each letter with the letter that comes after it in the alphabet. The A's have been put into the message for you.

____ H ____ E ____ X ____ N ____ T ____ J ____ M ____ N ____ V

____ X ____ N ____ T ____ Q A ____ K ____ O ____ G A ____ A ____ D ____ S ,

____ X ____ N ____ T ____ B A ____ M ____ R ____ N ____ K ____ U ____ D

____ S ____ G ____ H ____ R ____ L ____ D ____ R ____ R A ____ F ____ D

A ____ M ____ C ____ A ____ D A

____ V ____ H ____ M ____ M ____ D ____ Q !



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Now that you've warmed up, it's time to get started doing some alphabetizing. When you put words in alphabetical order, you look at the first letter of each word to see which word comes first.

Look at the different types of sports listed below. Put each group in correct alphabetical order.

- 1. Hockey _____
- Figure Skating _____
- Speed Skating _____

- 6. Horse Race _____
- Auto Race _____
- Foot Race _____

- 2. Basketball _____
- Football _____
- Volleyball _____

- 7. Baseball _____
- Softball _____
- Cricket _____

- 3. Tennis _____
- Badminton _____
- Racquetball _____

- 8. Golf _____
- Bowling _____
- Cycling _____

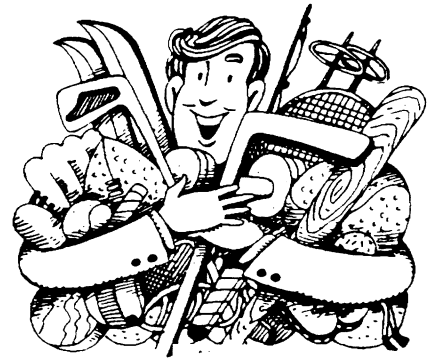
- 4. Rugby _____
- Soccer _____
- Lacrosse _____

- 9. Swimming _____
- Diving _____
- Rowing _____

- 5. Wrestling _____
- Boxing _____
- Karate _____

- 10. Pole Vault _____
- Broad Jump _____
- Shot Put _____

BONUS: Name three other types of sports and put them in alphabetical order.



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The Summer Olympics are held every four years. Each time, they are held in a different city and country. Listed below are some of the places where the Summer Olympics have been held. Put each list in alphabetical order.

CITIES

COUNTRIES

Rome _____
 Helsinki _____
 Athens _____
 Paris _____
 Seoul _____
 London _____
 Melbourne _____

South Korea _____
 England _____
 Denmark _____
 Australia _____
 France _____
 Germany _____
 Italy _____

Here is a list of some of the events held at the Summer Olympics. Put them in alphabetical order.

Yachting Fencing Gymnastics Canoeing Rowing
 Wrestling Archery Judo Boxing

1. _____ 4. _____ 7. _____
 2. _____ 5. _____ 8. _____
 3. _____ 6. _____ 9. _____

BONUS: Here are some of the countries who have competed in the Summer Olympics. Put them in ABC order.

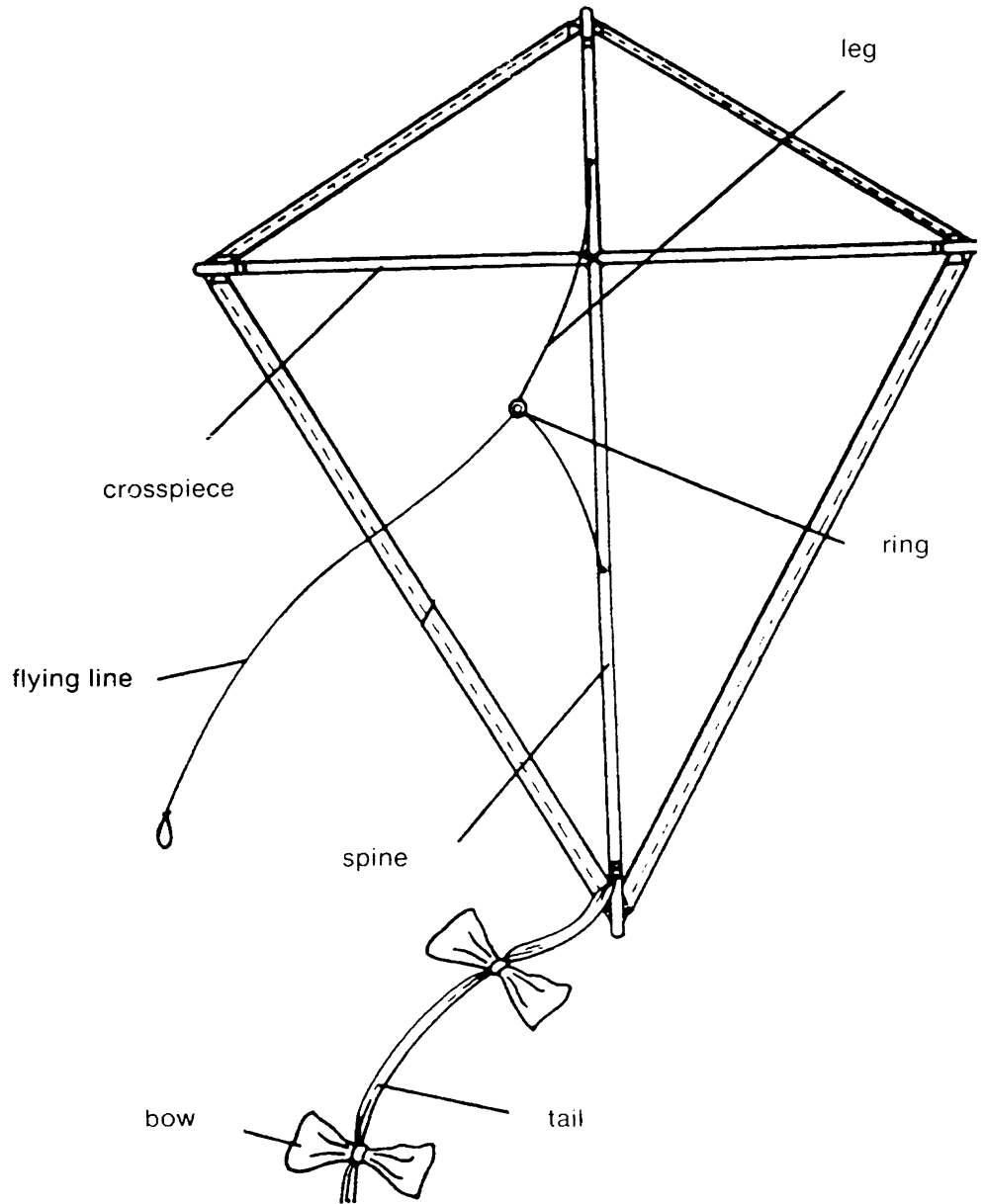
Great Britain United States Japan Cuba
 Trinidad Ethiopia Poland Hungary



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This diagram shows the different parts of a kite. Put the names of the parts in alphabetical order.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____



BONUS: On a separate sheet of paper, put the names of the parts of this skateboard in alphabetical order.

