



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE DAYTONA 500

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Would you want to race in the Daytona 500? Why or why not?
3. How many Daytona 500s did Richard Petty win?
 - A. two
 - B. three
 - C. seven
4. How does winning the duel race help drivers during the Daytona 500?
 - A. It means they start the race ahead of other cars.
 - B. It means they win the pole position.
 - C. It means they can also race in next year's Daytona 500.



5. What does **compete** mean in *The Daytona 500*?

*On the last lap, cars **compete** to finish first. But one car keeps the lead.*

- A. to fix a car
- B. to start a race
- C. to try to beat others

6. What does **popular** mean in *The Daytona 500*?

*The Daytona 500 also got more **popular**. Thousands of fans came to watch it each year.*

- A. not known to most people
- B. liked by many people
- C. hard to find



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE DAYTONA 500

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. B



5. What does **titles** mean in *The FIFA World Cup*?

*With five **titles**, Brazil also had the most World Cup wins.*

- A. names of books
- B. top finishes in events
- C. losses of games

6. What does **amateurs** mean in *The FIFA World Cup*?

*At first, many World Cup players were **amateurs**. They didn't get paid to play.*

- A. people who don't earn money for playing sports
- B. people paid for playing sports
- C. people who don't like playing sports



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE FIFA WORLD CUP

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE FINAL FOUR

1. Write a paragraph that explains the path teams must take to reach the Final Four.
2. Would you want to play in the Final Four? Why or why not?
3. In 2022, how many teams played in the NCAA tournament?
 - A. 8
 - B. 16
 - C. 68
4. In what year could women's teams first reach the Final Four?
 - A. 1939
 - B. 1982
 - C. 2022



5. What does **managed** mean in *The Final Four*?

*But in the second half, Kansas scored 47 points. North Carolina **managed** only 29.*

- A. scored
- B. shouted
- C. was in charge

6. What does **upset** mean in *The Final Four*?

*The win was an **upset**. Teams with low seeds often lose.*

- A. an event that often happens
- B. an event that is not real
- C. an event that is a surprise



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE FINAL FOUR

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE NBA FINALS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who is your favorite player in the NBA? Why?

3. Which team won the first NBA Finals?

- A. Chicago Stags
- B. Boston Celtics
- C. Philadelphia Warriors

4. Which team did Michael Jordan play for during the 1998 Finals?

- A. Utah Jazz
- B. Chicago Bulls
- C. Los Angeles Lakers



5. What does **turnover** mean in *The NBA Finals*?

*Then the Warriors force a **turnover**. Boston loses the ball to them. The Warriors score.*

- A. time when the ball leaves the court
- B. loss of the ball to the other team
- C. end of a game

6. What does **international** mean in *The NBA Finals*?

*It also has **international** fans. People from all around the world watch the NBA Finals.*

- A. from many states in the same country
- B. from just one country
- C. from many different countries



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE NBA FINALS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C



5. What does **series** mean in *The Stanley Cup Final*?

*A playoff round can be up to seven games long. It is known as a best-of-seven **series**.*

- A. a set of several games
- B. a team that loses
- C. a winning goal

6. What does **straight** mean in *The Stanley Cup Final*?

*They lost the first three games. But they won the next four **straight**.*

- A. not in real life
- B. over a long time
- C. in a row



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE STANLEY CUP FINAL

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE SUPER BOWL

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main idea of Chapter 3.
2. Do you usually watch the Super Bowl? Why or why not?
3. Which team won the first Super Bowl?
 - A. Green Bay Packers
 - B. Baltimore Colts
 - C. Miami Dolphins
4. Which player had won the Super Bowl seven times as of 2022?
 - A. Vince Lombardi
 - B. Tom Brady
 - C. Joe Namath



5. What does **valuable** mean in *The Super Bowl*?

*After the big game, the winners get Super Bowl rings. These **valuable** rings are covered in diamonds.*

- A. free
- B. very common
- C. worth a lot

6. What does **undefeated** mean in *The Super Bowl*?

*In 1972, the Miami Dolphins won every game. They won Super Bowl VII, too. As of 2022, no other Super Bowl winner had ever finished **undefeated**.*

- A. with only one win
- B. by winning the championship
- C. without losing a game



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE SUPER BOWL

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE WNBA FINALS

1. Write a sentence that explains the main idea of Chapter 2.
2. Would you rather watch the WNBA Finals or the Olympics? Why?
3. When did the Chicago Sky win their first championship?
 - A. 1997
 - B. 2014
 - C. 2021
4. The Seattle Storm won their fourth championship in 2020. Before that, how many teams had won four championships?
 - A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three



5. What does **drained** mean in *The WNBA Finals*?

*Then Diana Taurasi **drained** an off-balance shot. Her team, the Phoenix Mercury, won.*

- A. got rid of water
- B. made a basket
- C. got tired out

6. What does **battled** mean in *The WNBA Finals*?

*At first, eight teams competed. As of 2022, 12 teams **battled** for the title.*

- A. tried to beat one another
- B. tried to trick one another
- C. kicked and punched one another



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE WNBA FINALS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE WORLD SERIES

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Do you think the postseason should include wild-card teams? Why or why not?
3. The Chicago Cubs' 2016 World Series title was their first win in how many years?
 - A. 3
 - B. 49
 - C. 108
4. How can a team reach the postseason if the team does not win its division?
 - A. It can join a different league.
 - B. It can be a wild-card team.
 - C. It can lose most of its games.



5. What does **defeated** mean in *The World Series*?

*In 1903, the Boston Americans won the first World Series. They **defeated** the Pittsburgh Pirates.*

- A. tied
- B. beat
- C. lost to

6. What does **titles** mean in *The World Series*?

*No team has won the World Series more times than the New York Yankees. As of 2021, the Yankees had 27 World Series **titles**.*

- A. stories from long ago
- B. names of books
- C. championship wins



ANSWER KEY FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS: THE WORLD SERIES

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C