

WOULD YOU RATHER BRAIN BREAK



WOULD YOU RATHER MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA BUNDLE



Videos + Printables

8 BRAIN BREAK & PERSUASIVE WRITING ACTIVITIES



INCLUDED IN THIS PRODUCT:

- Link to YouTube videos of each Would You Rather edition (10 questions each)
 - 100, Around the World, Back to School, Body, Fun, Gross, Scary, Sci Fi, Sports, Summer, and Winter.
- Student writing prompt worksheets
- Printable activity sheet (can be done without video)
- Writing Rubric and Peer Critique Forms (to assess and evaluate writing)
- Standards List and teacher tips



HOW IT WORKS...



**WISH YOU HAD A BRAIN BREAK THAT WAS ALSO EDUCATIONAL?
I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.**

DIRECTIONS

1. Play the video showcasing the themed Would You Rather questions. 10 Would You Rather Statements will appear on Screen for 15 seconds each.
2. Silently decide which option is more appealing to you, then physically respond with the action associated with your choice. (AGAIN SILENTLY!)
3. Look around the room to see your classmate's choices & get ready to respond to the question.
4. After all 10, discuss some of your Would You Rather Match Ups.
5. Then, it's time to write. Use your opinions to write a persuasive paragraph on one of the Would You Rather questions.



MUST TRY!

Word Nerd Daily

an app from Amanda Zieba



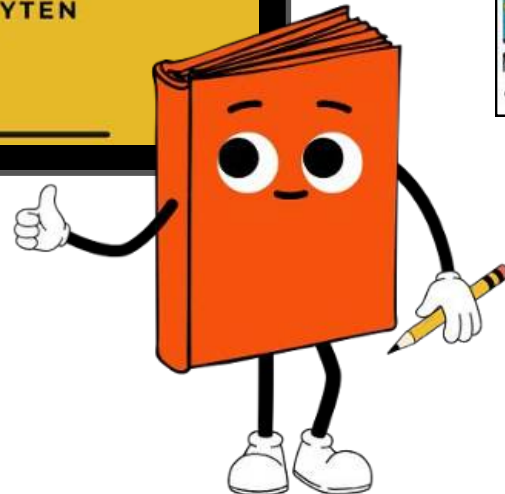
First Chapter
Friday Videos

ChatBot for
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Writing Prompt
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Brain Break Videos



AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES

STANDARDS IN ACTION

W.6.1 – Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

- Students should learn to:
 - Make a claim → choose one option in their “Would You Rather?”
 - Give reasons → explain why they chose it.
 - Use evidence/examples → support their reasoning with logic, facts, or even life experience.
 - Acknowledge the other side → briefly explain why someone might choose differently, and why their choice is stronger.

W.6.1a – Introduce claims clearly, organize reasons and evidence.

- Skill Focus: Write an introductory sentence that states their choice.
- Ex: “I would rather be a ballerina than a weightlifter because it fits my personality and challenges me in new ways.”

W.6.1b – Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

- Skill Focus: Develop 2–3 strong reasons with examples or explanations.
- Ex: “Dancing allows me to express myself creatively, and it’s also excellent exercise.”

W.6.1c – Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships among claims, reasons, and evidence.

- Skill Focus: Use transition words like for example, in addition, because, however, and therefore to guide readers.

W.6.1d – Establish and maintain a formal style.

- Skill Focus: Write in a clear, academic voice (not “texting language”), even if the topic is silly.
- Ex: “I’d choose...” instead of “Because it’s cool.”

W.6.1e – Provide a concluding statement or section.

- Skill Focus: Wrap up by restating the claim and leaving a final thought.
- Ex: “For these reasons, being a ballerina would be a better fit for me than being a weightlifter.”



GEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES



My Name:

Name of classmate I am reviewing:

Date:

Title of Piece/Date Written



GEMS

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Use this rubric to first communicate your writing expectations to students and then to evaluate the writing products they create. Students and/or peers can also use this rubric to self/peer score/evaluate the pieces of writing.

The rubric can be found at the bottom of each prompt for easy access for both you and your students. There is also a page with 3 rubrics to print and cut for use with this or other writing tasks.

I assign 2 points if the task was completed and done well, 1 if the task was attempted but not mastered, and 0 if the task was not attempted at all.

Task	0	1	2
Follows the prompt and stays on topic			
Uses correct grammar/capitalization/punctuation			
Thoughts are clearly presented and easy to follow			
Length is appropriate			
Format is correct (letter, fiction story, news article, diary entry, etc.)			

Total Points = ___/10

Again, the Writing CCSS routinely covered and practiced with these prompts include:

W 6-8.2, W 6-8.3, W 6-8.4, W 6-8.5, W 6-8.9, W 6-8.10

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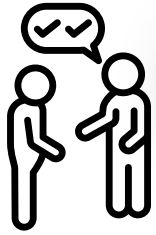
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BUILD YOUR CASE

You've made your choice... now it's time to convince someone else to agree with you! Use this organizer to help plan and write your persuasive paragraph. Strong persuasive writers make a claim, give clear reasons, support their ideas, and wrap it all up like a pro!

FOLLOW THESE STEPS!

✓ **Step 1: Make Your Claim**

Write a strong opening sentence that clearly states your answer to the Would You Rather question.

Example: I would rather live in a treehouse than on a boat because I love nature and dislike water.

✓ **Step 2: Give Your Reasons**

List 2–3 strong reasons why you chose your answer. Add examples or explanations for each one.

✓ **Step 3: Use Transitions**

Use words like because, for example, in addition, also, however, even though to connect your ideas and make your writing flow.

✓ **Step 4: Think About the Other Side**

Can you think of why someone might choose the other option? Briefly explain why your choice is still the better one.

Example: Some people might say... But I think...

✓ **Step 5: Wrap It Up**

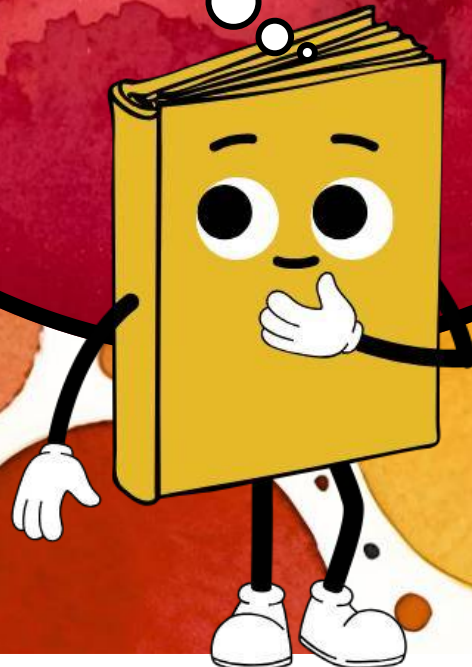
Write a conclusion sentence that restates your choice and leaves the reader convinced.

Example: That's why I would definitely rather live in a treehouse!

WOULD YOU RATHER

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

100
EDITION



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TAKEAWAYS

Even silly prompts (“Would you rather have pizza every day or ice cream every day?”) still help students practice the serious structure of argumentative writing—without the intimidation of “real” essay topics. This lowers the stakes while reinforcing core skills.

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**SPARK STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT -
START WITH THE VIDEO!**



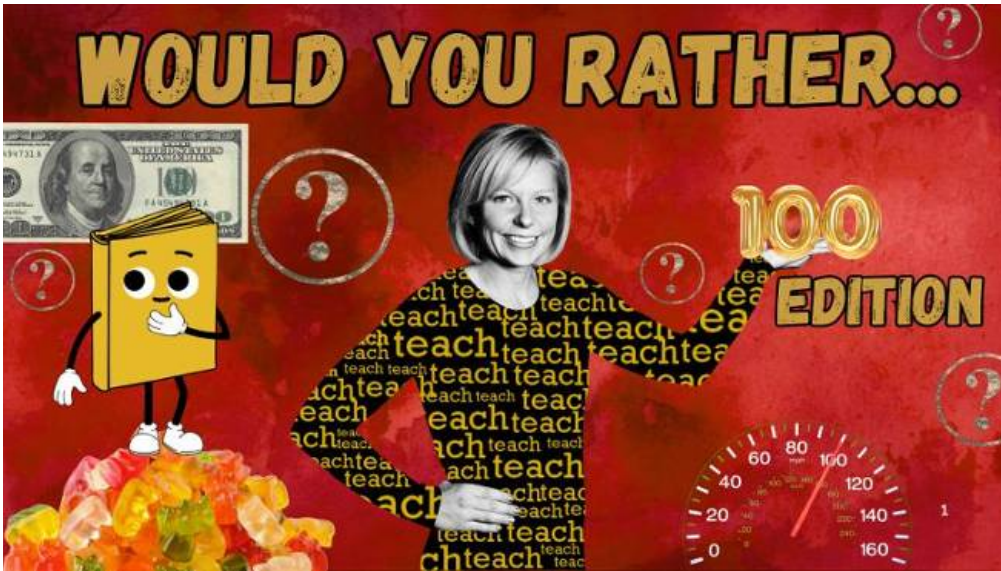
Video Link



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WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



Video Link

Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

1. Would you rather eat 100 gummy bears or potato chips?
2. Would you rather ride 100 miles in a golf cart or motorcycle side car?
3. Would you rather find 100 ants or flies in your house?
4. Would you rather see 100 movies in the theater or 100 concerts in person?
5. Would you rather get 100 voicemails or text messages?
6. Would you rather visit 100 cities or restaurants?
7. Would you rather spend 100 days in sweatpants or without sweatpants?
8. Would you rather travel 100 years in the future or 100 years in the past?
9. Would you rather have 100 pair of shoes or 100 hoodies?
10. Would you get 100 paper cuts or slivers?

Respond: Which would you rather match up do you have the strongest feelings about? Why?

Date: _____



or

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Use this space to brain-dump ideas, list reasons, or otherwise plan your response.

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Would You Rather...

Three gummy bears are shown side-by-side. The one on the left is green, the middle one is yellow, and the one on the right is red. They are all in the shape of a bear and have a glossy, slightly textured surface.[illegible]

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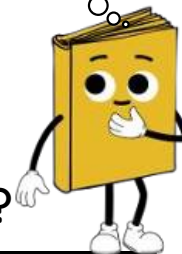


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100 miles in a golf cart or motorcycle side car?



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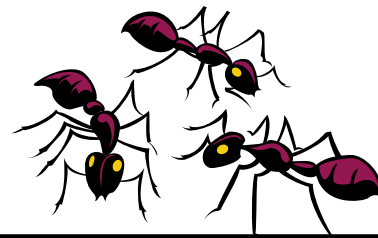
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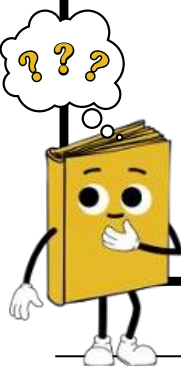
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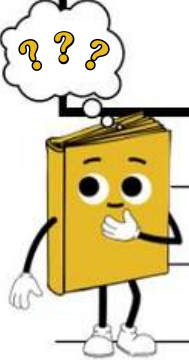
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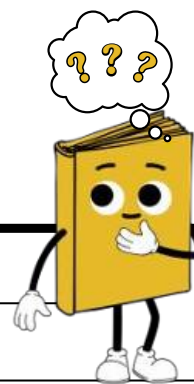
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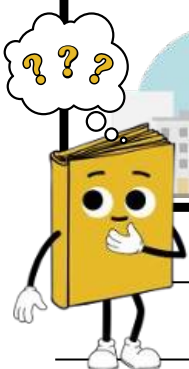
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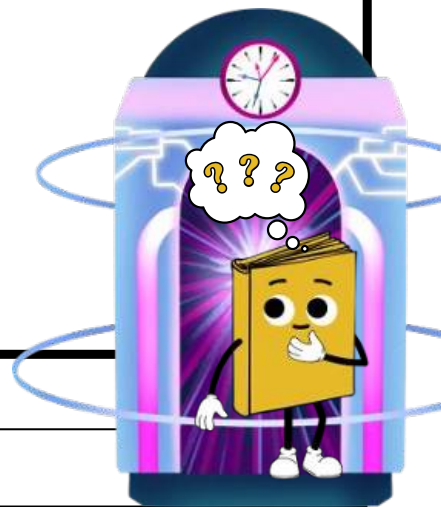
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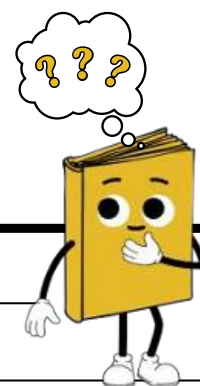
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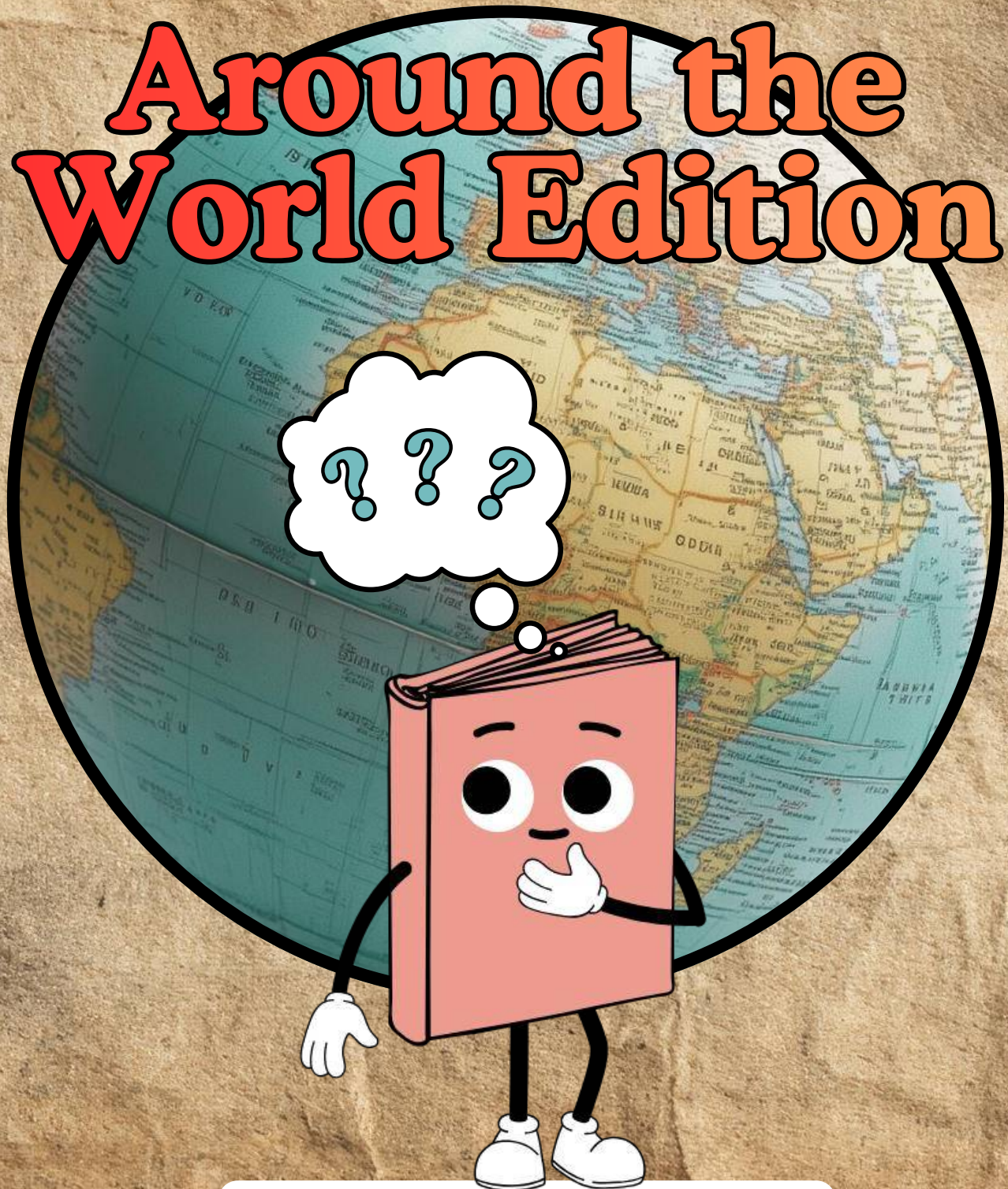
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PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

Around the World Edition



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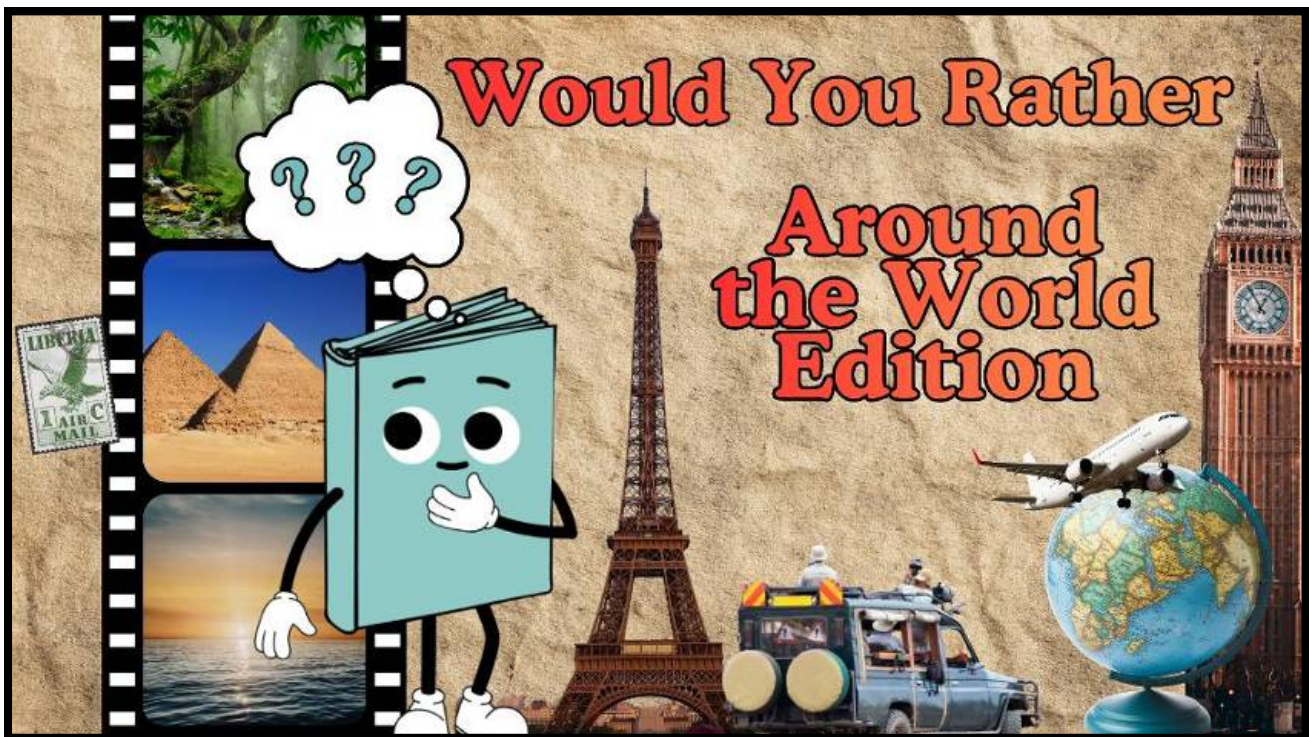
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**READ THE LOCATION
FACTS SHEETS AND THEN,
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WOULD YOU RATHER AROUND THE WORLD



← PLAY THE
YOUTUBE GAME
VERSION HERE!



Name: _____

Directions: Read about these amazing places all around the world. Then, think about which places you'd like travel to and see as you play Would You Rather. Finally, share your thoughts in writing. 😊



ITALY – GONDOLAS IN VENICE

Venice is a famous city in Italy built on many small islands. Instead of streets with cars, Venice has canals filled with water. People travel through the city by boat. One special boat is called a gondola. Gondolas are long, narrow boats that are pushed through the water by a gondolier using a long pole. Riding a gondola is a traditional way to see Venice and its beautiful bridges and buildings.

Learn more [here](#).



AMAZON RIVER – SOUTH AMERICA

Based on the amount of water it carries, the Amazon River is the largest river in the world. It is the second longest river, stretching over 4,000 miles. It flows through several countries in South America, including Brazil and Peru. The river runs through the Amazon Rainforest, one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Many animals live there, such as pink river dolphins, monkeys, and colorful birds. People often explore the river by boat.

Learn more [here](#).



GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The Great Wall of China is one of the most famous structures in the world. It stretches more than 13,000 miles across northern China. The wall was built over many years to help protect China from invading armies. Today, many people visit the wall and hike along its paths and towers. It is made of earth, wood, bricks, stones and lime. The wall is so large that it can be seen from space with special cameras.

Learn more [here](#).



PYRAMIDS OF GIZA – EGYPT



The Pyramids of Giza are ancient stone structures built more than 4,500 years ago in Egypt. They were built as tombs for powerful Egyptian rulers called pharaohs. The largest pyramid, the Great Pyramid, was once the tallest building in the world. Research shows it took more than 20,000 people to build these impressive structures. The pyramids are one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and still stand today in the desert near Cairo. While climbing the outside of a pyramid is illegal, you can buy tickets to tour the inside!

Learn more [here](#).



EIFFEL TOWER – PARIS, FRANCE



The Eiffel Tower is a tall iron tower in Paris, France. It was built in 1889 for a world's fair. The structure took 2 years, 2 months, and 5 days (1887–1889) to build. The tower, nicknamed “the iron lady” stands about 1,083 feet tall, making it one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Visitors can ride elevators or climb stairs to viewing platforms near the top. From there, people can see the city of Paris spread out below.

Learn more [here](#).



BIG BEN – LONDON, ENGLAND



Big Ben is the nickname for the large bell inside the famous clock tower in London, England. The tower itself is called Elizabeth Tower and stands next to the Houses of Parliament. The clock has four large faces that can be seen from far away. Big Ben has been ringing every hour since the 1800s and is one of the most well-known symbols of the United Kingdom. The clock tower even kept ticking during World War II bombings (though bells were silenced to avoid drawing attention from enemy aircraft), symbolizing British endurance,

Learn more [here](#).



CARIBBEAN CRUISE



The Caribbean Sea is a warm, blue body of water located near North and South America. Many tropical islands are found there, such as Jamaica, the Bahamas, and Barbados. People often explore this region by taking a Caribbean cruise, which is a vacation on a large ship that travels between islands. The Caribbean has over 7,000 islands, islets, and cays (sandy island formed on top of a coral reef). In the Caribbean there are 19 active volcanoes, pink sand beaches, and the world's shortest commercial runway!

Learn more [here](#).



AFRICAN SAFARI



An African safari is a trip where people travel through nature to see wild animals in their natural homes. Safaris often take place in national parks in countries like Kenya, Tanzania, or South Africa. Visitors may see animals such as lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, and rhinos. Many safaris are done in special vehicles that allow people to safely watch wildlife. Modern safaris fund anti-poaching units and habitat protection, as a way to help the give back to the animals and be sure they continue to survive and exist.

Learn more [here](#).



ICELAND GLACIERS



Iceland is a country known for its amazing natural landscapes, including glaciers, volcanoes, and waterfalls. A glacier is a huge mass of ice that slowly moves across land. In Iceland there are 269 named glaciers and they cover approximately 11% of the entire country. Some of Iceland's glaciers are thousands of years old. Visitors can hike across the ice with special guides and equipment to safely explore these frozen landscapes. Sadly, the glaciers are melting at a rate of 7% a year due to global warming.

Learn more [here](#).



GRAND CANYON - UNITED STATES



The Grand Canyon is a massive canyon in Arizona in the United States. It was formed over millions of years as the Colorado River slowly carved through rock. The canyon is about 277 miles long and more than a mile deep in some places. The Grand Canyon is so large that the entire state of Rhode Island could fit inside it! This National Park is home to over 70 mammal species, 250 bird species, and rare creatures like the pink rattlesnake and the endangered California condor. People visit the Grand Canyon to hike, take photos, and see the colorful rock layers.

Learn more [here](#).



GREAT BARRIER REEF - AUSTRALIA



The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world. It is located off the coast of Queensland, Australia. The reef stretches for more than 1,400 miles and is home to thousands of kinds of sea life, including fish, turtles, and sharks. It has been growing for over 8,000 years, since the end of the last ice age. Some threats to the reef are climate change, pollution and overfishing. Snorkeling and diving are popular ways to explore the reef in want to get in the water. You can also view the coral from a glass bottom boat!

Learn more [here](#).



MOUNT RUSHMORE – UNITED STATES



Mount Rushmore is a large monument carved into a mountain in South Dakota. The faces of four U.S. presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln—are carved into the rock. Each face is about 60 feet tall, representing 150 years of American history. It was carved between 1927 and 1941 by Gutzon Borglum with the help of 400 workers, and a lot of dynamite. The project cost almost one million dollars and saw no deaths. Today the monument is visited by millions of people each year.

Learn more [here](#).



COLOSSEUM – ROME, ITALY



The Colosseum is a large ancient stadium in Rome, Italy. It was built nearly 2,000 years ago during the Roman Empire. Long ago, people gathered there to watch events like gladiator fights and animal shows. This outdoor arena could hold 50,000 people! Tickets to all events held at the Colosseum were free! It had a retractable roof and two full levels below ground where they held the gladiators and animals until it was their time to fight. Today, only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the original building is still standing, the other $\frac{2}{3}$ lost to vandalism and earthquakes, but the Colosseum is one of the most famous historical sites in the world. **Learn more [here](#).**



MACHU PICCHU – PERU



Machu Picchu is an ancient city located in a cloud forest, high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. It was built by the Inca people around the 1400s as a royal estate for Emperor Pachacutec. The city was hidden in the mountains for many years until it was rediscovered in 1911. Today, visitors hike up the mountain to see the stone buildings and amazing views. This ancient wonder is amazing for many reasons including its earthquake proof construction and stone placement that mimics planets in the sky.

Learn more [here](#).



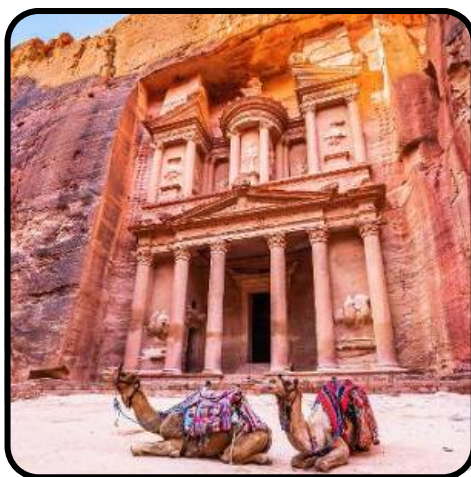
STONEHENGE – ENGLAND



Stonehenge is a mysterious circle of giant stones located in England. The stones were placed there more than 4,000 years ago. No one knows exactly why Stonehenge was built, but some scientists think it may have been used for ceremonies or to track the sun and seasons. Recent researchers think the arrangement of the stones may have been designed to amplify sound within the circle, like a sound chamber. Each stone in the circle weighs around 25 tons (50,000 pounds!) and was put in place before machinery existed!

Learn more [here](#).

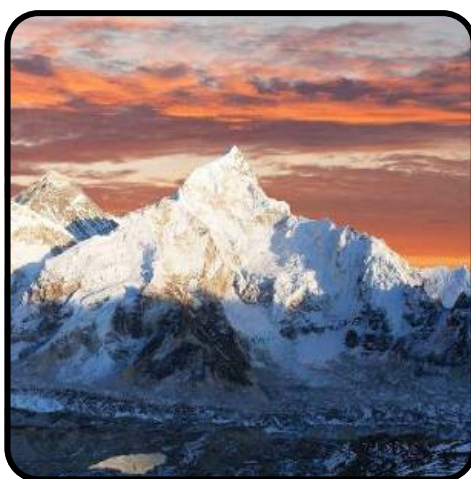




PETRA – JORDAN

The ancient city of Petra is located in the country of Jordan in the Middle East in the red sandstone desert. It was built by a nomadic Arab tribe. Petra is famous because many of its buildings were carved directly into red rock cliffs. The city was an important trading center over 2,000 years ago. Today, visitors walk through a narrow canyon called the Siq for almost a mile in order to reach the famous stone buildings. Only 15 % of the city has been excavated (explored)!

Learn more [here](#).



MOUNT EVEREST – NEPAL/TIBET

Mount Everest, Sagarmatha in Nepali and Chomolungma in Tibetan, is the tallest mountain on Earth. It stands about 29,032 feet above sea level and sits on the border between Nepal and Tibet. The mountain grows about 4mm yearly due to tectonic activity!! Climbing Everest is very difficult because of cold temperatures, strong winds, and thin air. Only experienced climbers attempt to reach the top.

Learn more [here](#).



VICTORIA FALLS – ZAMBIA/ZIMBABWE

Victoria Falls, discovered by David Livingstone in 1855, is one of the largest waterfalls in the world. It is located on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe in Africa. The waterfall is more than one mile wide and drops 350 feet into the Zambezi River below. When the water crashes down, it creates a huge mist that can be seen from far away. Known locally, as Mosi-oa-Tunya ("The Smoke That Thunders"), it is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Learn more [here](#).



WOULD YOU RATHER AROUND THE WORLD

Now that you know a bit about each of these incredible places, play this WOULD YOU RATHER GAME and pick which places you'd like to visit most!

Finally, pick one WYR question and explain your answer using personal opinion and true facts from these informational introductions!



WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



Video Link

Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

1. Would you rather ride a gondola through Italy or a boat on the Amazon River?
2. Would you rather climb the Great Wall of China or the Pyramids of Giza?
3. Would you rather stand atop the Eiffel Tower or Big Ben?
4. Would you rather go on a Caribbean Cruise or an African Safari?
5. Would you rather hike on a glacier in Iceland or through the Grand Canyon?
6. Would you rather travel by train or airplane?
7. Would you rather see the Great Barrier Reef or Mt. Rushmore?
8. Would you rather walk through the Colosseum or Machu Picchu?
9. Would you rather photograph Stone Henge or the Ancient City of Petra?
10. Would you rather stand atop Mt. Everest or Victoria Falls?

Respond: Which would you rather match up do you have the strongest feelings about? Why?

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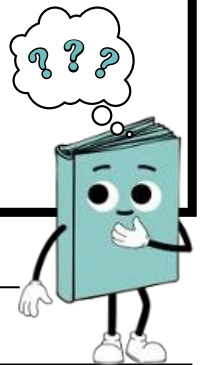
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ride a gondola in Italy or a River Boat on the Amazon River?



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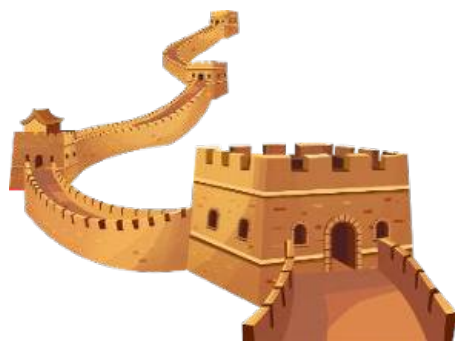
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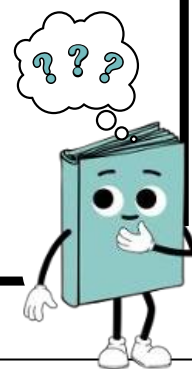
Around the World EDITION

Would You Rather...

climb the Great Wall of China
or the Pyramids of Giza?



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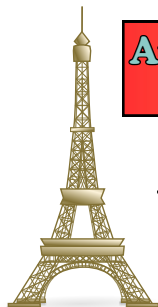
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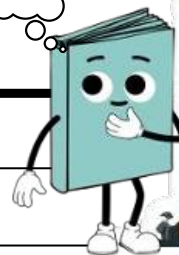


**Around the World
EDITION**

Would You Rather...

stand atop the Eiffel Tower or Big Ben?

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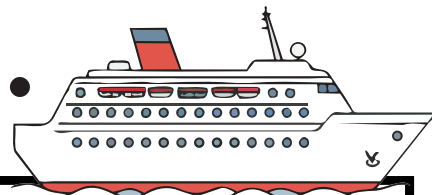
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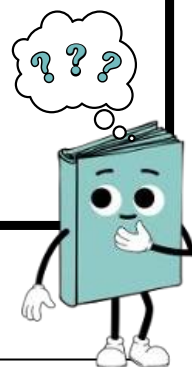
Around the World EDITION

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go on a Caribbean Cruise or an African Safari?



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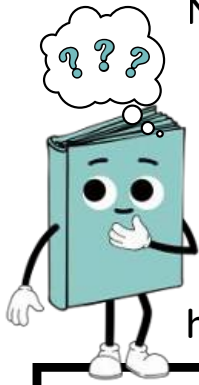
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Around the World EDITION

Would You Rather...

hike on a glacier in Iceland or through the Grand Canyon?



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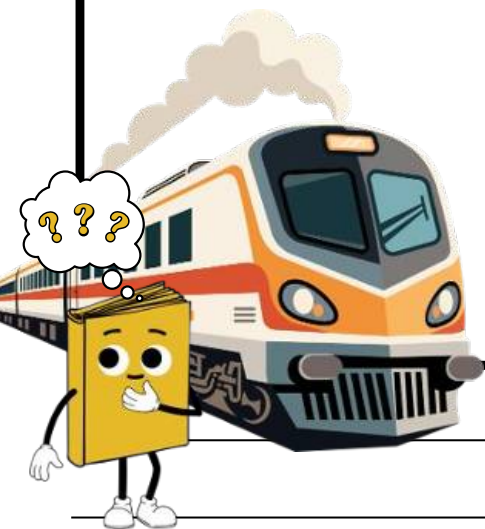
Around the World EDITION



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travel by train or airplane?

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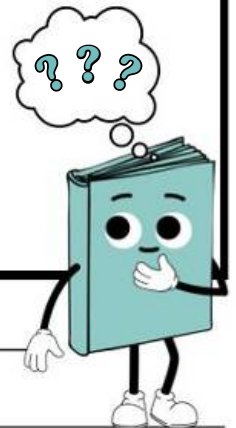
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Would You Rather...

see the Great Barrier Reef or Mt. Rushmore?



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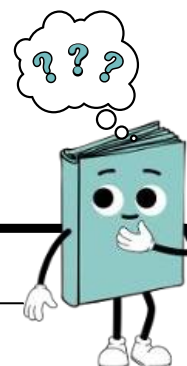
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Would You Rather...

walk through the Colosseum or Machu Picchu?



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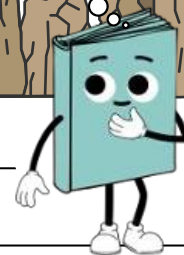
Around the World EDITION

Would You Rather...

photograph Stone Henge or the Ancient City of Petra?



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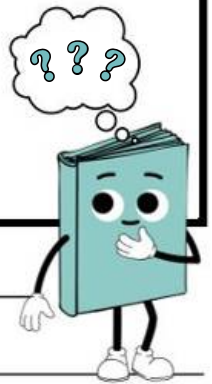
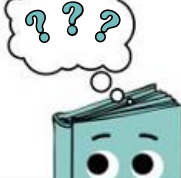
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Would You Rather...

stand atop Mt. Everest or Victoria Falls?



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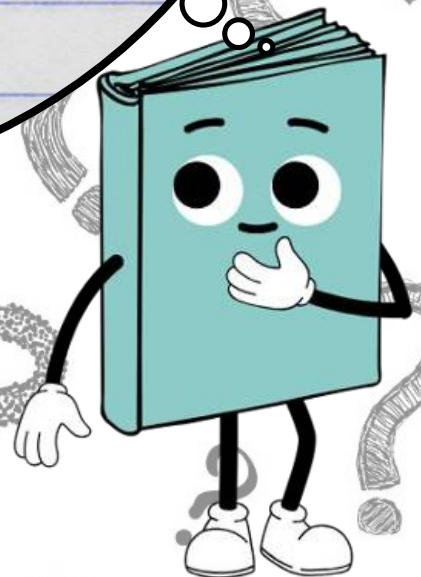
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Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**
EDITION



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TAKEAWAYS

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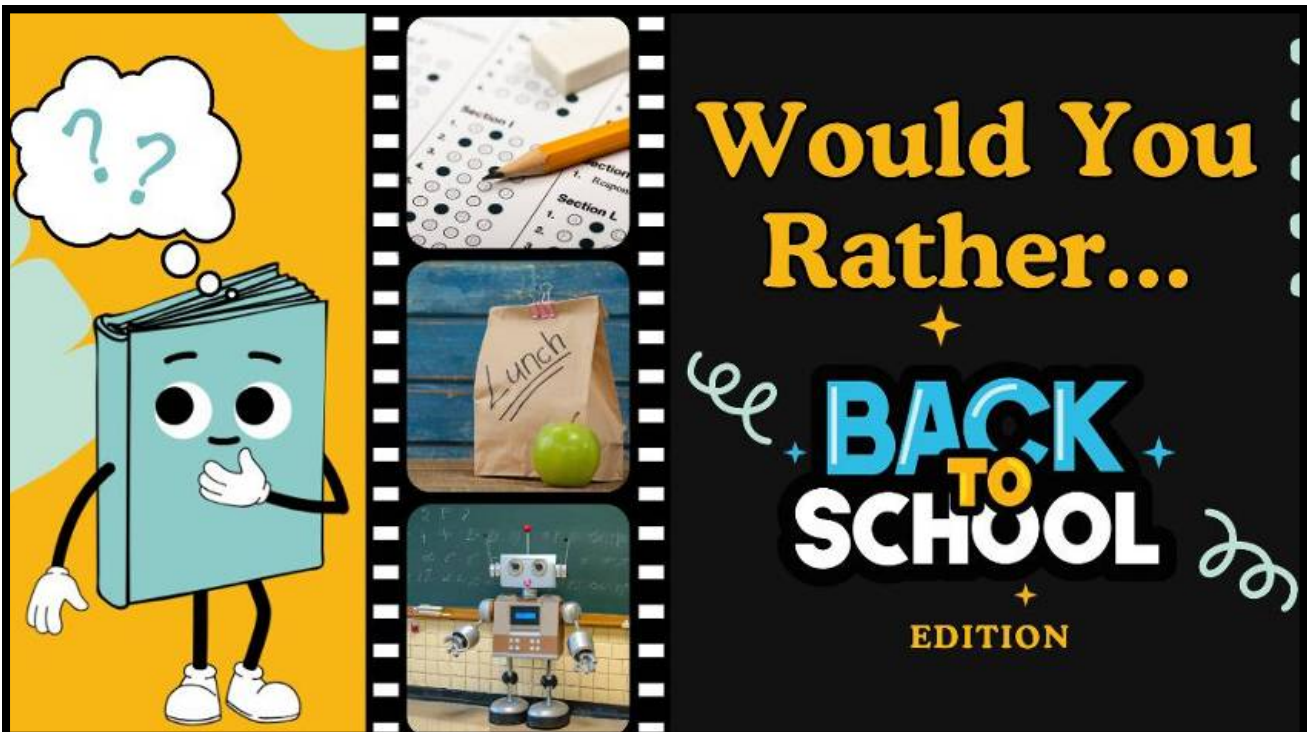
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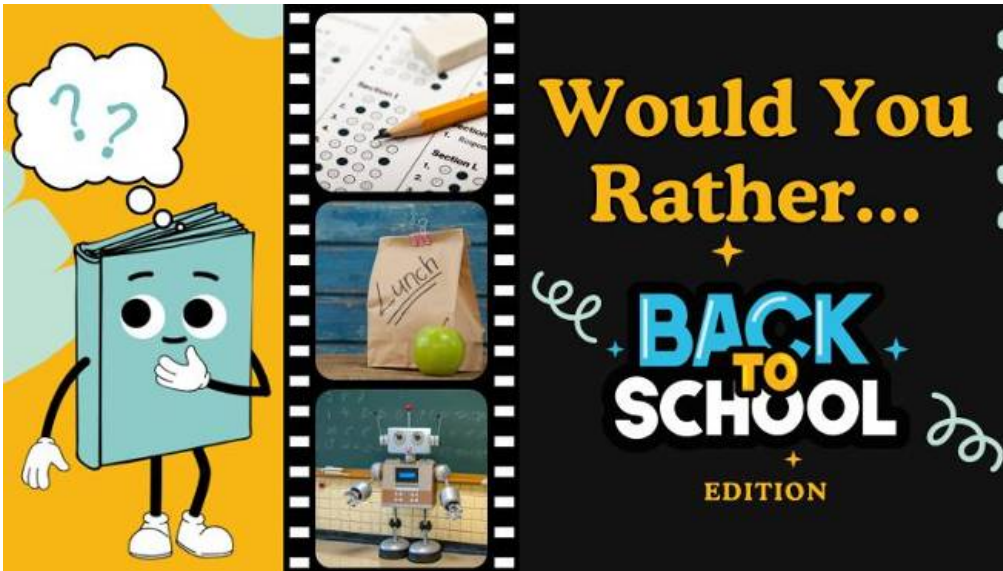


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WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



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1. Would you rather never have homework or never have tests?
2. Would you rather have hot lunch or cold lunch?
3. Would you rather have class on a cruise ship or class on a space ship?
4. Would you rather have indoor recess or outdoor recess?
5. Would you rather have a longer winter break or a longer summer break?
6. Would you rather have a robot teacher or alien teacher?
7. Would you rather have Food Court Lunch or Gourmet Cafe for Lunch
8. Would you rather have day school starting at 7am or night school starting at 7pm?
9. Would you rather have PE taught by pro athletes or PE taught by college athletes?
10. Would you rather have your mom for your principal or dad for your principal?

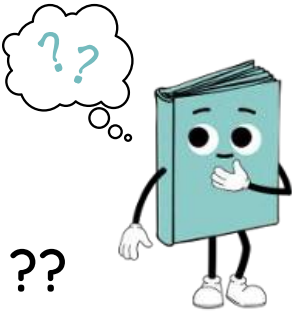
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Would You Rather...



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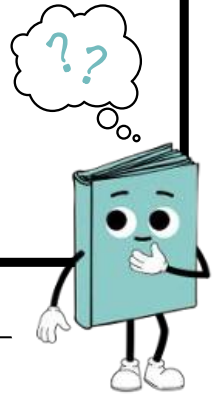
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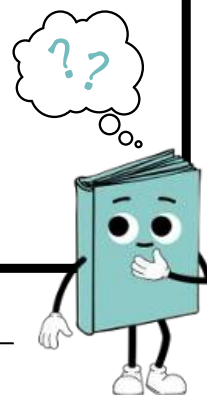
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Would You Rather...

eat cold lunch or eat hot lunch?



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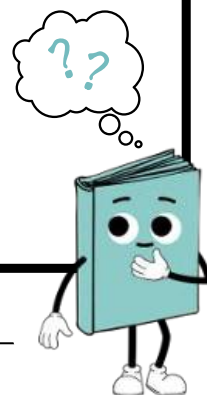
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Would You Rather...

have class on a cruise ship or class on a space ship?

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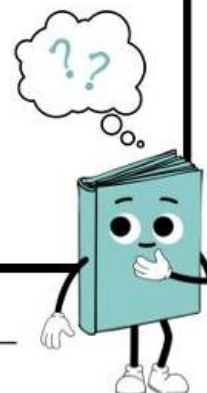
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Would You Rather...

have indoor recess or outdoor recess?



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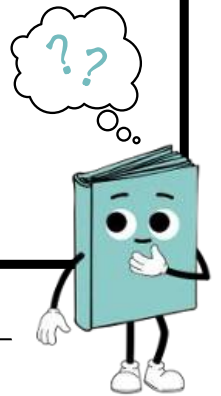
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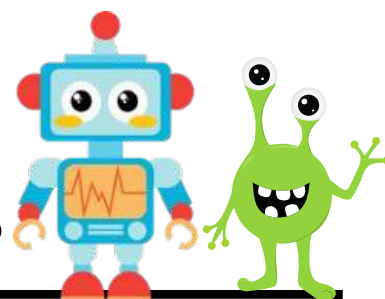
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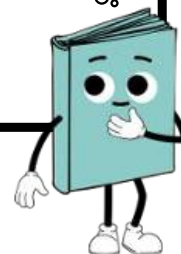
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Would You Rather...

have a robot teacher or an alien teacher?



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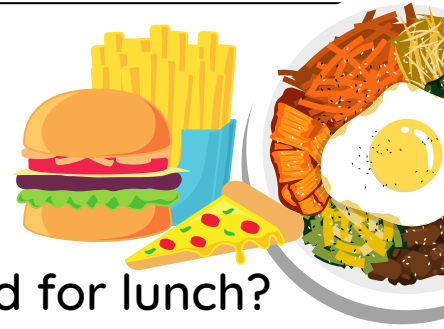
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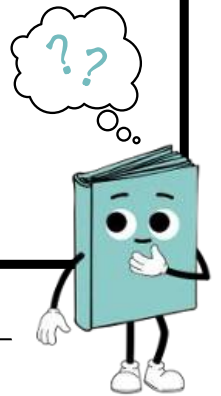
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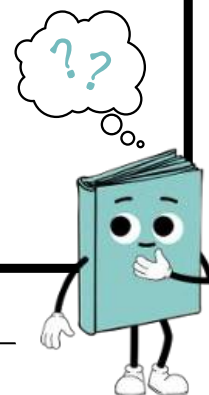
Back to School Edition



Would You Rather...

attend day school starting at 7 am or night school starting at 7 pm?

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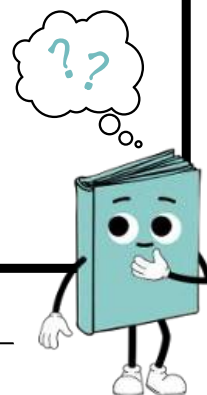
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have PE taught by pro athletes or PE taught by college athletes?

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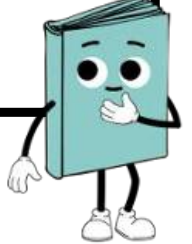
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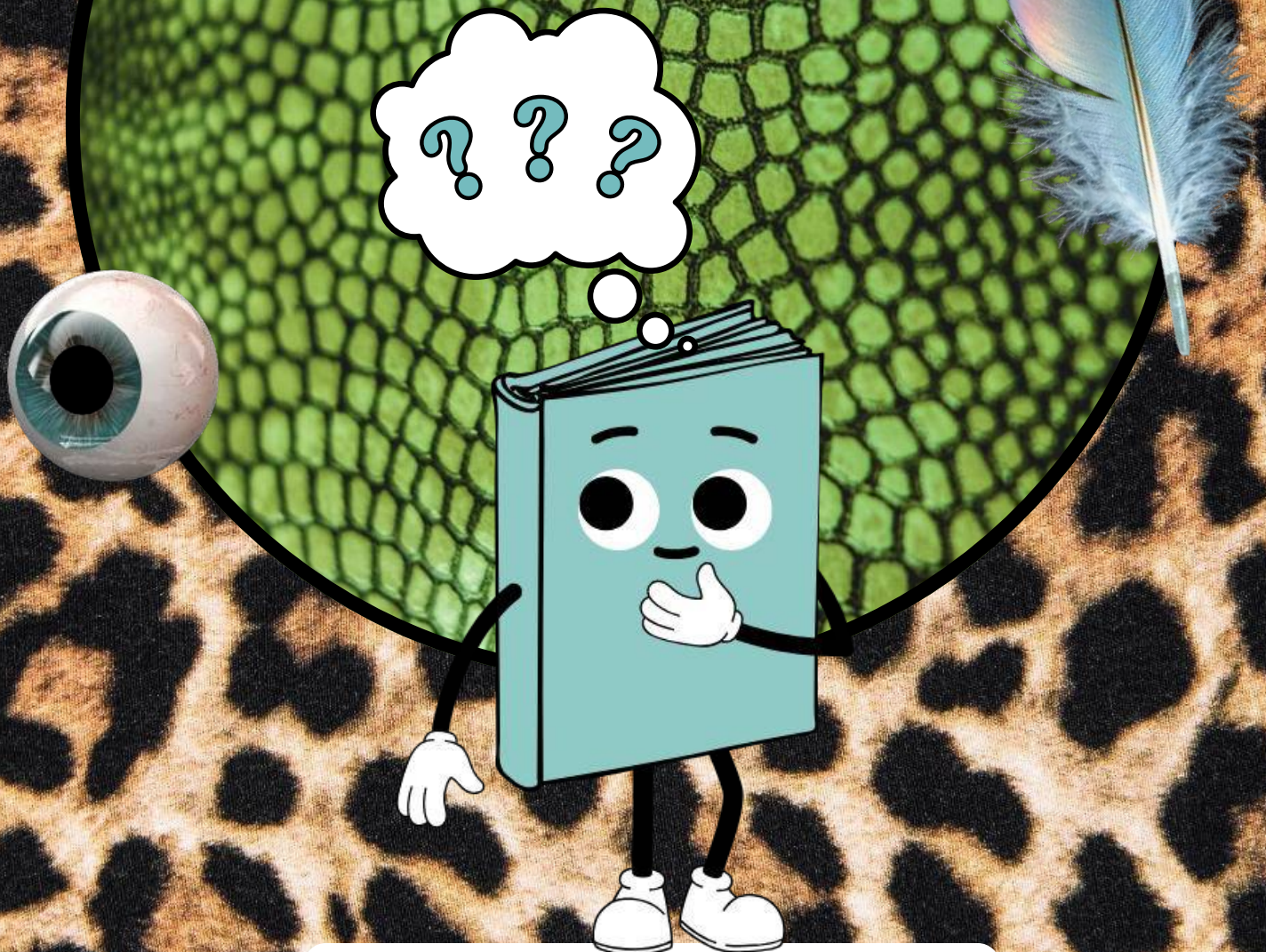
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Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

Body Edition



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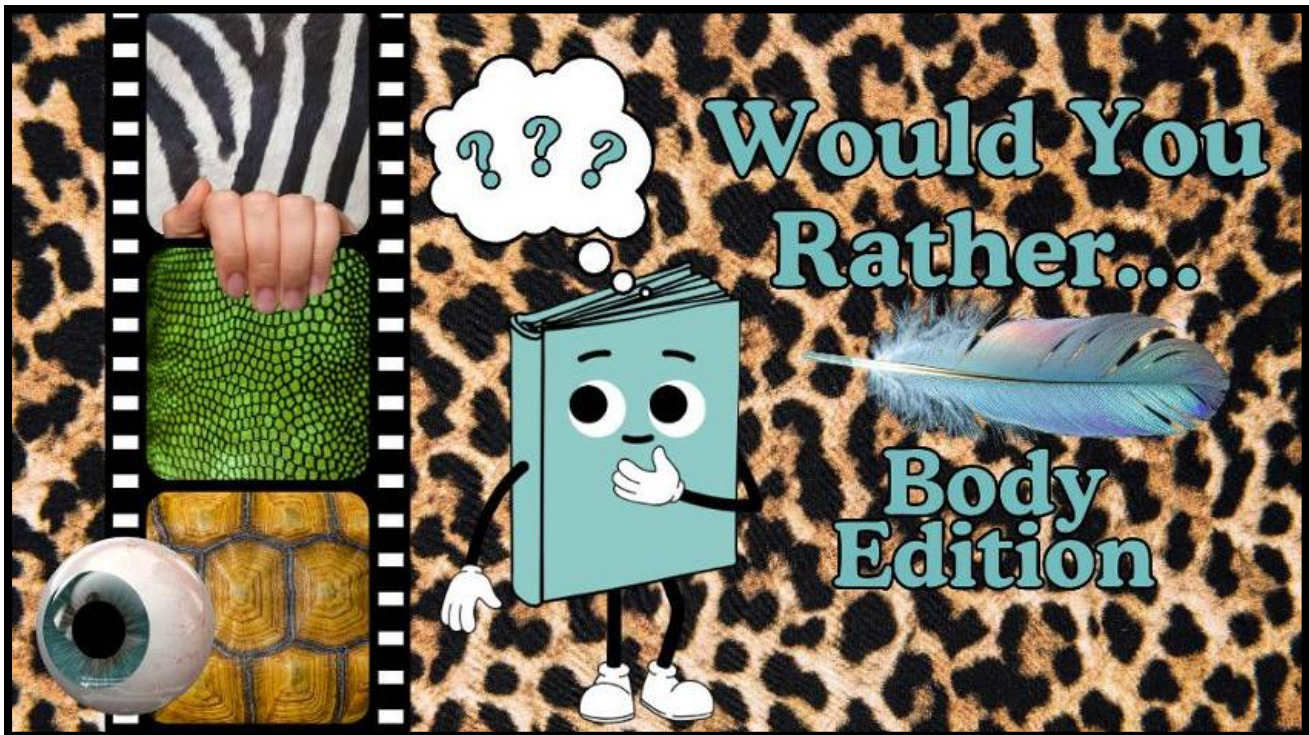
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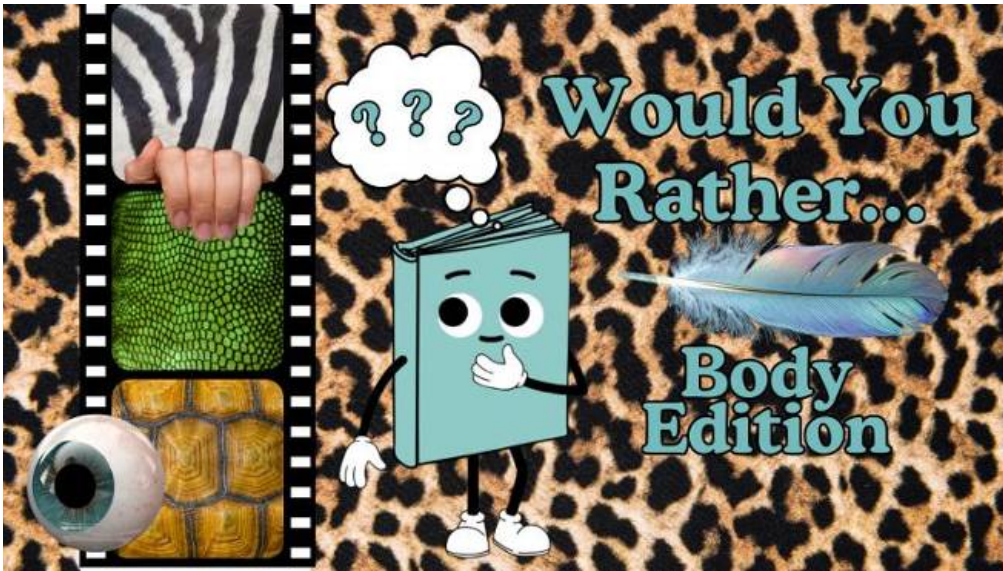


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WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



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Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

1. Would you rather cough bubbles or burp confetti?
2. Would you rather be covered in feathers or scales?
3. Would you rather be super strong or super fast?
4. Would you rather have a tail like a monkey or ears like a bunny?
5. Would you rather have eyes in the back of your head or taste food with your finger?
6. Would you rather have leopard print or zebra print skin?
7. Would you rather have wings or gills?
8. Would you rather have Go-Go Gadget Arms or wheels for feet?
9. Would you rather stub your toe or bite your tongue?
10. Would you rather be able to dunk a basketball or do the splits?

Respond: Which would you rather match up do you have the strongest feelings about? Why?

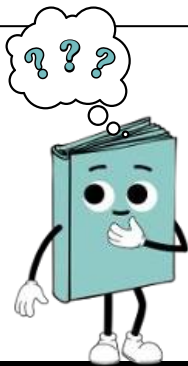
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BODY EDITION

Would You Rather...

_____ or _____ ??



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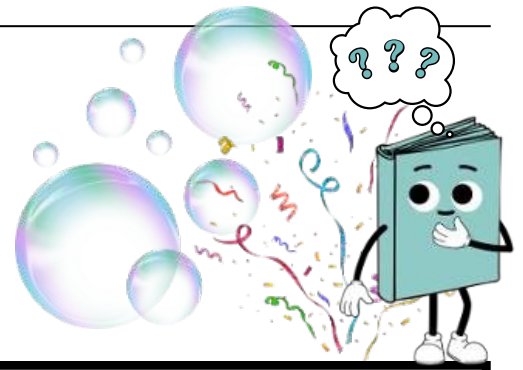
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cough bubbles or burp confetti?



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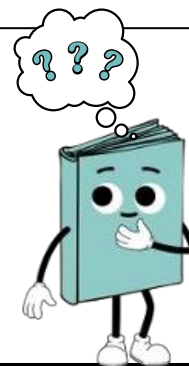
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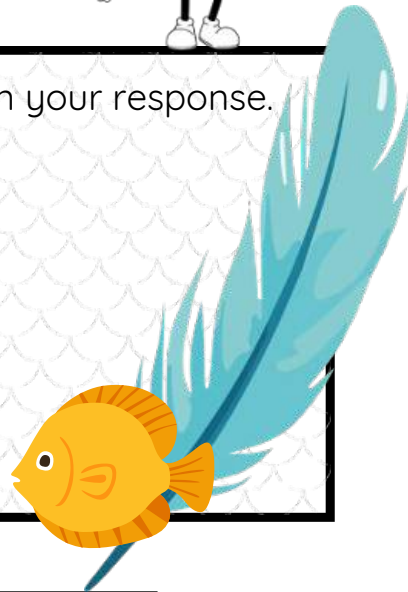
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Would You Rather... be covered in feathers or scales?



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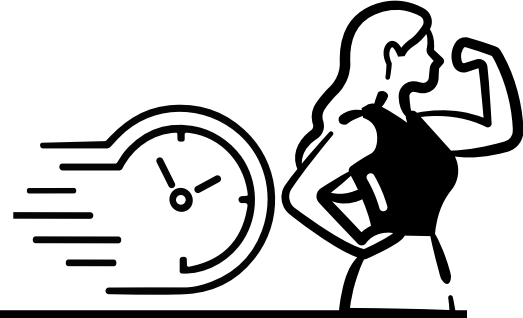
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Would You Rather...

be super strong or super fast?



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have a tail like a monkey or ears like a bunny?

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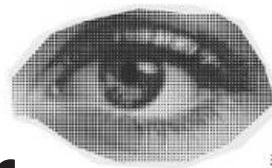
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BODY EDITION



Would You Rather...

have eyes in the back of your head or taste food with your finger?

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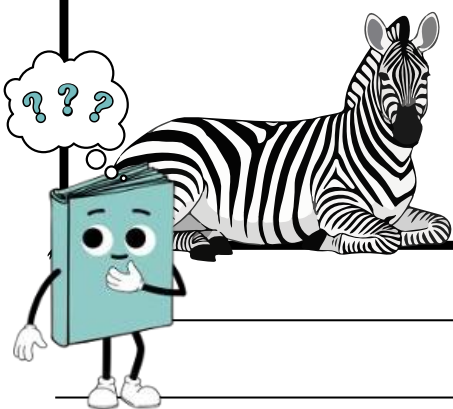
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Would You Rather...

have leopard print or zebra print skin?



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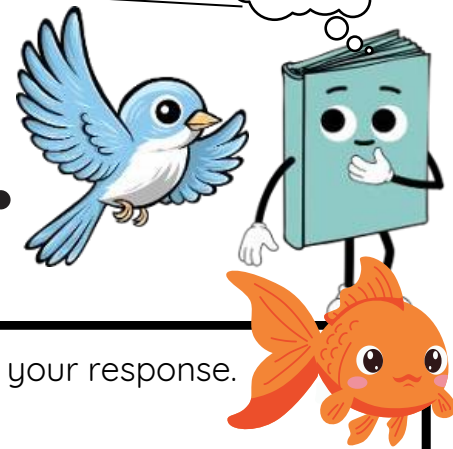
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Would You Rather... have wings or gills?



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Would You Rather...

Go-Go Gadget Arms or wheels for feet?



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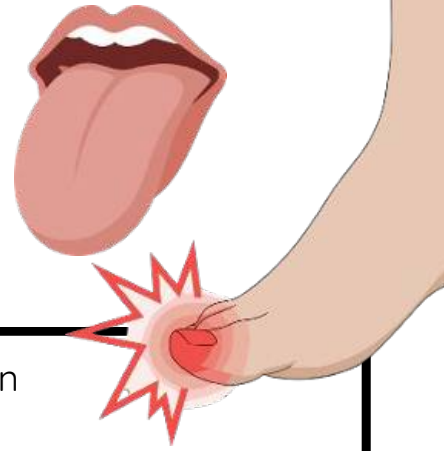
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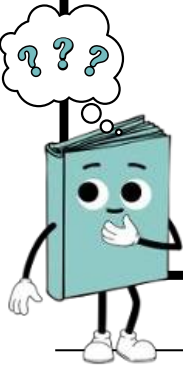
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Would You Rather...

stub your toe or bite your tongue?



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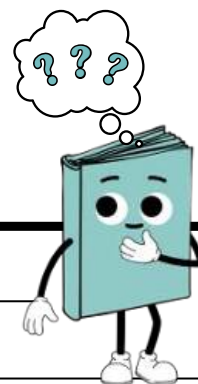
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Would You Rather...

be able to dunk a basketball or do the splits?



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Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS



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TAKEAWAYS

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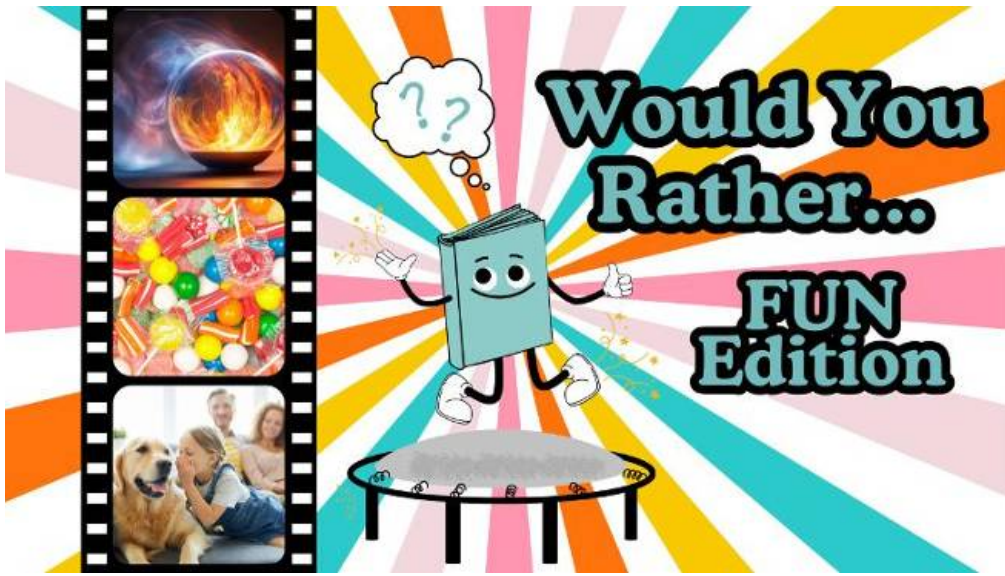


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WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



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Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

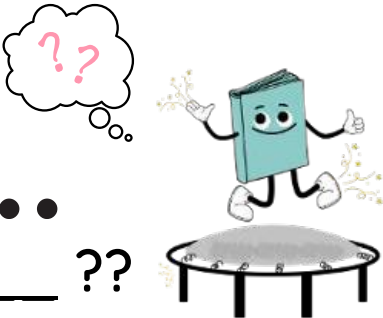
1. Would you rather be a professional video game tester or candy taste tester?
2. Would you rather be a famous musician, athlete or actor?
3. Would you rather own a crystal ball or magic carpet?
4. Would you rather travel everywhere for free or eat everywhere for free?
5. Would you rather be the star of a building/decorating show or cooking/baking show?
6. Would you rather live in a palace, tree house or cruise ship?
7. Would you rather be driven to school in a limo or RV?
8. Would you rather go to 1 place on a permanent vacation or travel to a new place every month?
9. Would you rather be able to communicate with animals or speak/understand every human language?
10. Would you rather have front row tickets to every concert or unlimited VIP access to an amusement park?

Respond: Which would you rather match up do you have the strongest feelings about? Why?

Name: _____

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FUN EDITION



Would You Rather...

_____ or _____ ??

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A blue video game controller with a black cord is positioned on the left. To its right is a large, colorful pile of various candies, including lollipops, hard candies, and chocolate bars.

be a professional video game tester or candy taste tester?

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Would You Rather...



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Would You Rather...

own a crystal ball or a magic carpet?

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Would You Rather...



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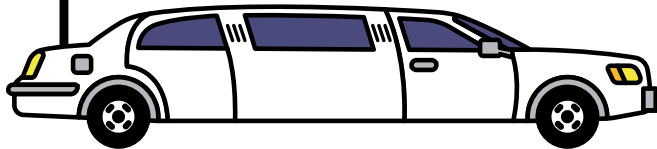
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Would You Rather...

be driven to school in a limo or RV?



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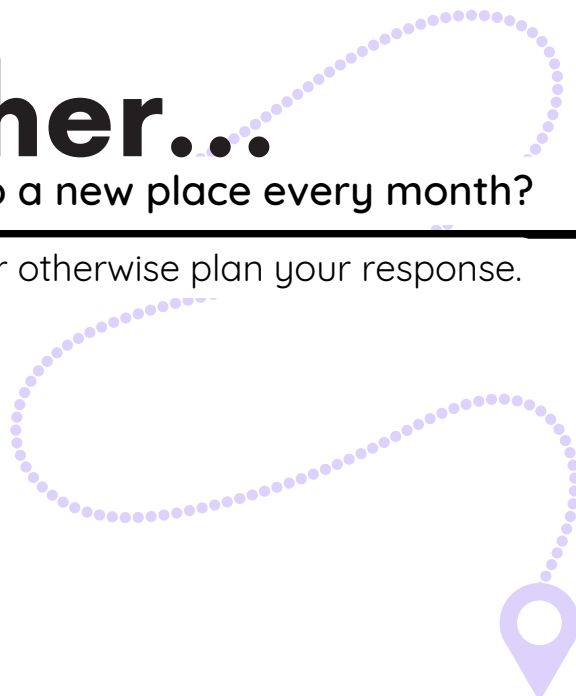
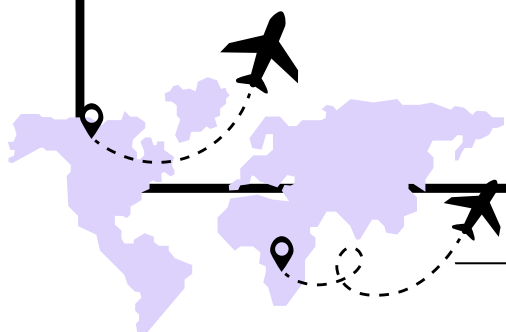
FUN EDITION



Would You Rather...

1 place on a permanent vacation or travel to a new place every month?

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able to communicate with animals or speak/understand every human language?

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Would You Rather...

A colorful illustration of a fairground. On the left is a Ferris wheel with orange and green cars. To its right is a roller coaster with a blue track and orange cars. Above the Ferris wheel is a hot air balloon with orange and green stripes. In the foreground, there is a yellow and orange striped tent. In the background, there is a castle-like building with two towers and red flags. The entire scene is set against a white background with a faint grid pattern.

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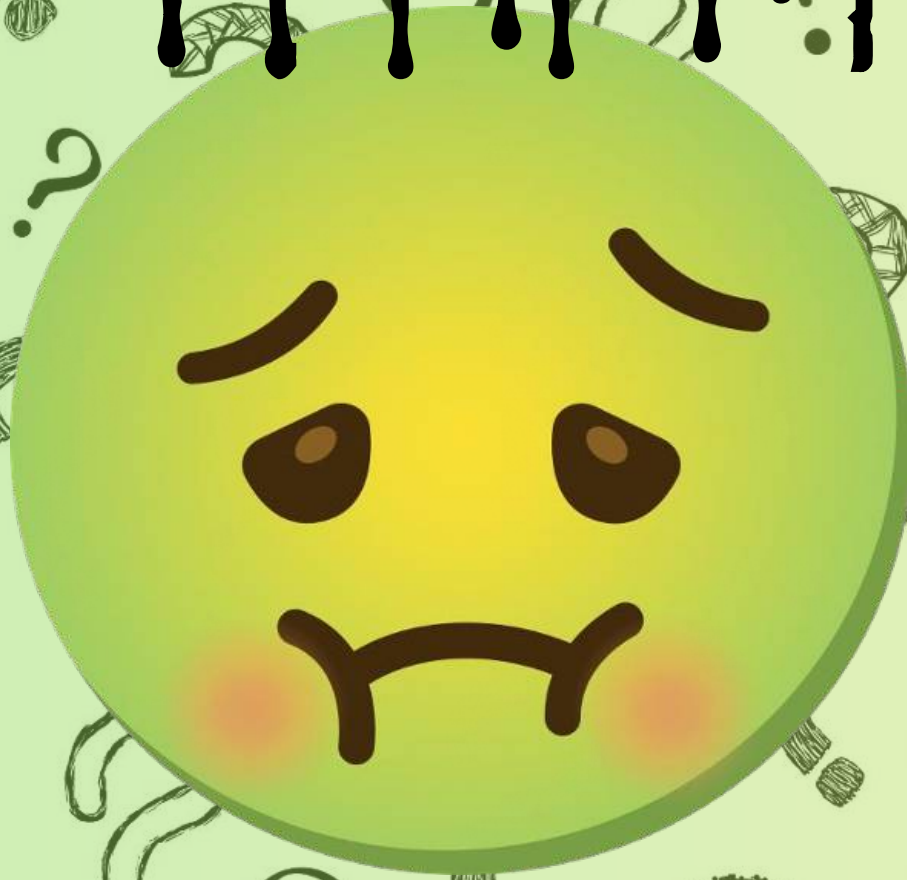
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Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

Gross Edition



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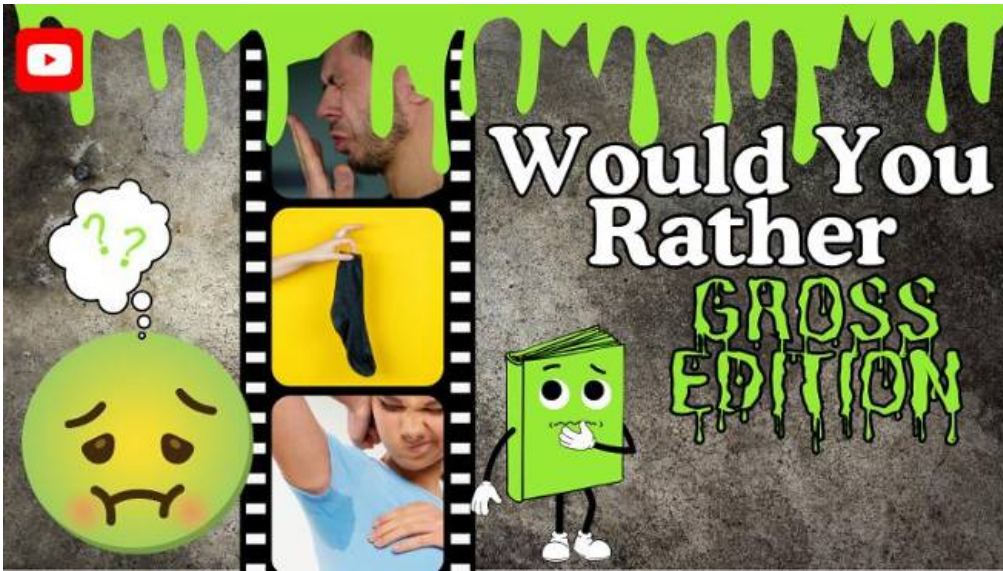


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WOULD YOU RATHER?

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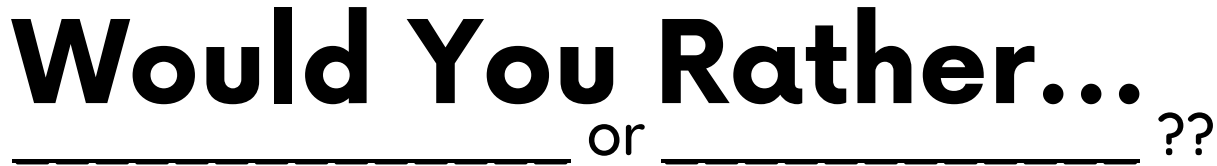
Video Link

Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

1. Would you rather jump in a pit of slime or mud?
2. Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or expired milk?
3. Would you rather wear the same socks for a month or same underwear for a week?
4. Would you rather rid the world of mosquito bites or bee stings?
5. Would you rather eat chewing gum flavored like ketchup or mustard?
6. Would you rather always be sweaty or have bad breath?
7. Would you rather walk through a car wash of ranch dressing or apple juice?
8. Would you rather dissect a frog or a cow eye?
9. Would you rather touch a booger or a scab?
10. Would you rather clean out a moldy refrigerator or an abandoned locker?

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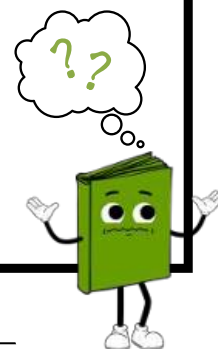
GROSS EDITION

Would You Rather...

jump in a pit of slime or mud?



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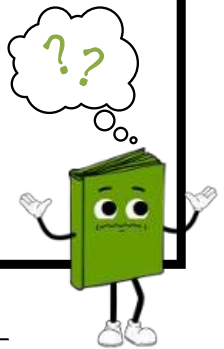
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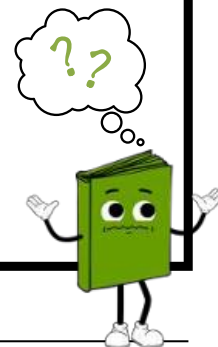
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rid the world of mosquito bites or bee stings?

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eat chewing gum flavored like ketchup or mustard?

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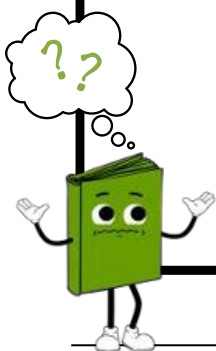
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always be sweaty or have bad breath?



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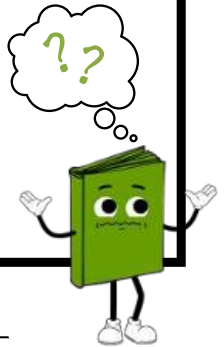
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Would You Rather...

walk through a car wash of ranch dressing
or apple juice?



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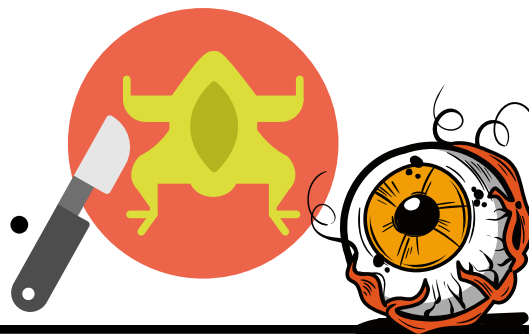
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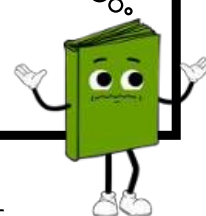
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Would You Rather...

dissect a frog or a cow eye?



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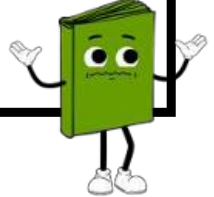
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touch a booger or a scab?



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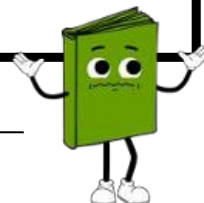
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Would You Rather...

clean out a moldy refrigerator or an abandoned locker?

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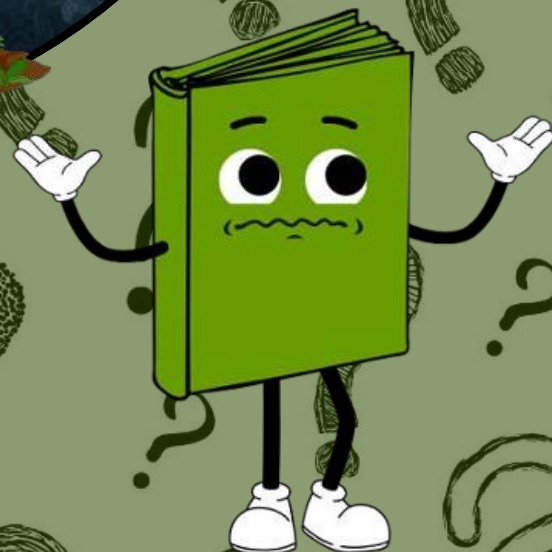
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Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

SCARY EDITION



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START WITH THE VIDEO!**



Video Link



WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



Video Link

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1. Would you rather be lost in a cave or a forest?
2. Would you rather face a vampire or a werewolf?
3. Would you rather give a speech in front of your whole school or a room full of strangers?
4. Would you rather be locked in a room full of mice or snakes?
5. Would you rather be at the top of a cliff or the bottom of the ocean?
6. Would you rather experience a hurricane or a tornado?
7. Would you rather face a grizzly bear or a shark?
8. Would you rather face mom or dad when you are in trouble?
9. Would you rather sleep overnight in a haunted house or a graveyard?
10. Would you rather watch a horror movie or go on a scary roller coaster?

Respond: Which would you rather match up do you have the strongest feelings about? Why?

Date: _____

Would You Rather...

_____ or _____ ??



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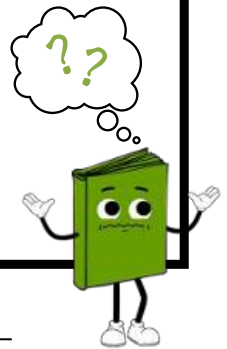
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Would You Rather...

A stylized illustration of a cave entrance. The cave is a simple dark grey archway set into a light brown, textured rock formation. To the left of the cave, there are two small, spiky green bushes. To the right, there is a dense cluster of tall, dark green evergreen trees. The entire scene is set against a plain white background.

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A cartoon green book character with a face, arms, and legs, looking confused with a thought bubble containing '??' above its head.[illegible]

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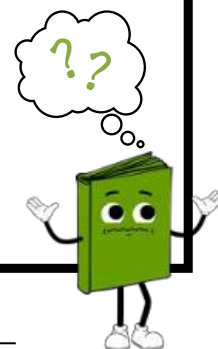
SCARY EDITION

Would You Rather...

face a vampire or a werewolf?



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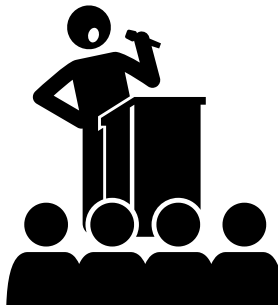
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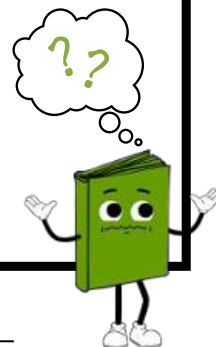
SCARY EDITION

Would You Rather...

give a speech in front of your whole school
or a room full of strangers?



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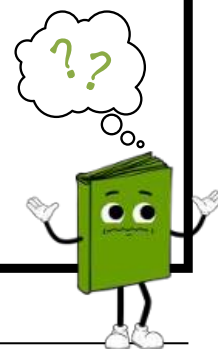
SCARY EDITION

Would You Rather...

be locked in a room full of mice or snakes?



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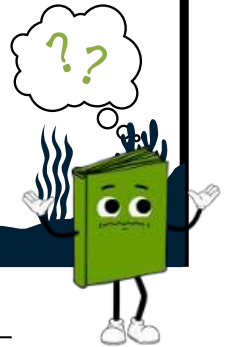
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at the top of a cliff or the bottom of the ocean?

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A cartoon illustration of a green box with a face and a thought bubble containing two question marks. The box has a simple face with two large eyes and a small mouth. Above the box is a thought bubble with two green question marks inside. The box is sitting on a dark blue, wavy line representing the ocean floor, with various sea anemones and coral-like shapes scattered along the bottom.

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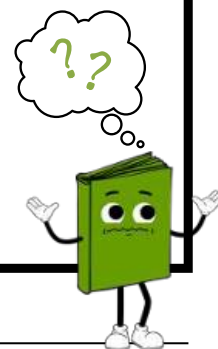
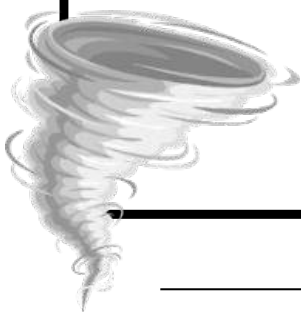
SCARY EDITION

Would You Rather...

experience a hurricane or a tornado?



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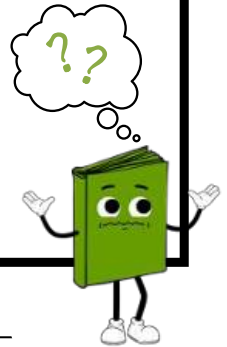
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A black and white line drawing of a bear's head, facing forward. The bear has a very angry or aggressive expression, with its mouth wide open in a roar. Its eyes are small and slanted, and its ears are pointed. The fur is depicted with many sharp, jagged lines radiating from the center of the face. The tongue is visible at the bottom of the mouth, and several sharp teeth are shown on the upper and lower jaws. The overall style is graphic and intense.

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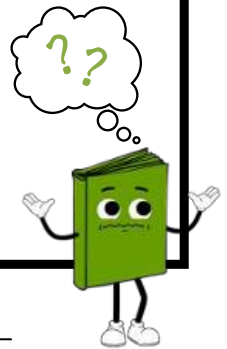
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An illustration featuring two speech bubbles. The top bubble is light purple and contains the word 'DAD' in grey capital letters, with a small icon of a person with orange hair and a green shirt to its left. The bottom bubble is light pink and contains the word 'MOM' in grey capital letters, with a small icon of a person with orange hair and a yellow shirt to its right.

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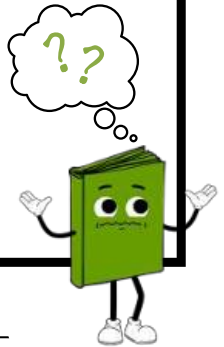


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watch a horror movie or go
on a scary roller coaster?

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PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS



SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY EDITION

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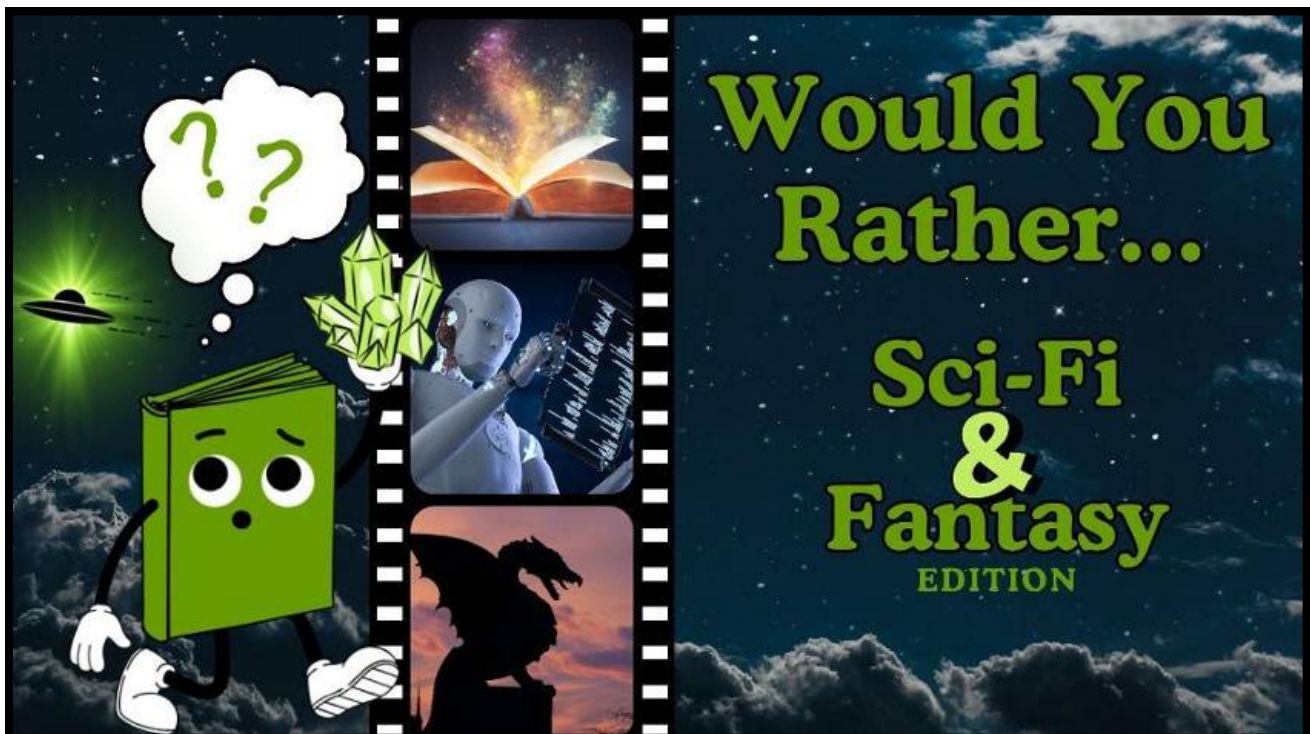
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**SPARK STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT -
START WITH THE VIDEO!**



Video Link



WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



Video Link

Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

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2. Would you rather travel 10 minutes or 150 years into the future?
3. Would you rather face a zombie apocalypse or a robot apocalypse?
4. Would you rather be able to read minds or move objects with your mind?
5. Would you rather have a pet Pegasus or pet dragon?
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Would You Rather...

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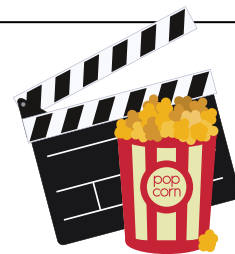
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zombie apocalypse or a robot apocalypse?



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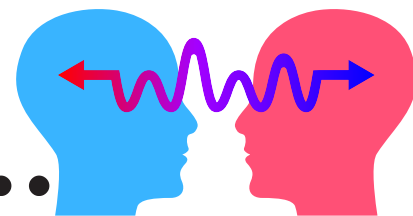
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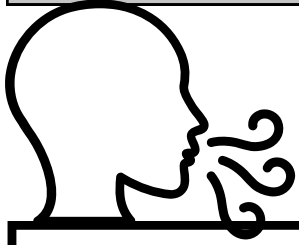
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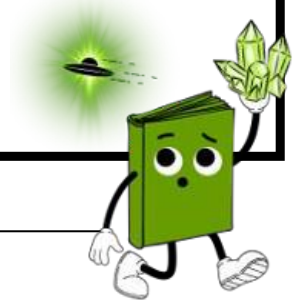
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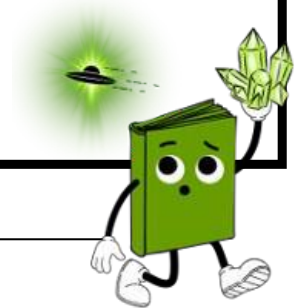


Would You Rather...

have a pause button or rewind button for life?

REWIND

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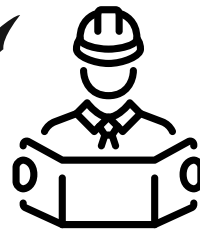
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PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS

Sports Edition



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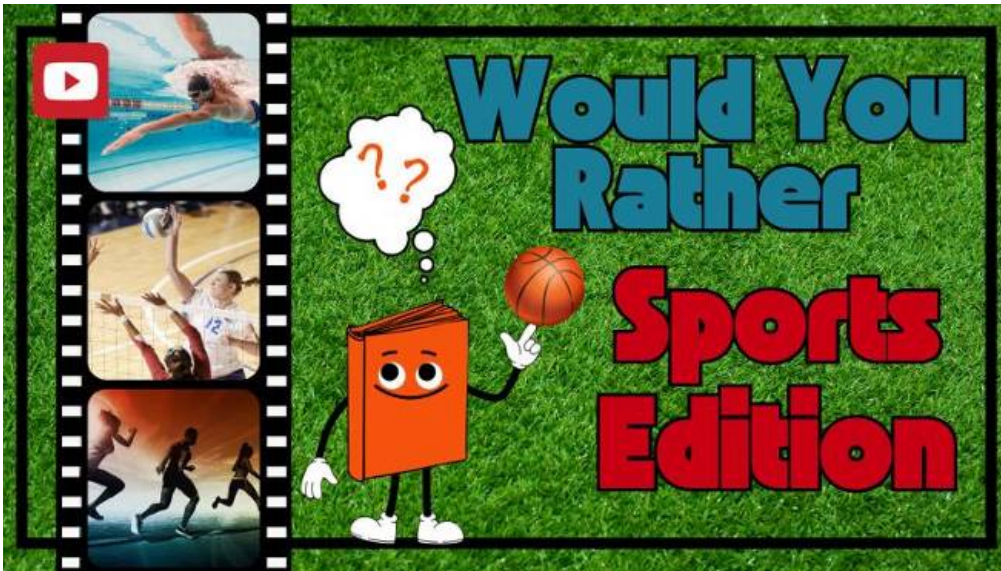


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4. Would you rather be the referee/umpire or the announcer/commentator?
5. Would you rather watch sports in person or on TV?
6. As an athlete would you rather get a brand deal for shoes or a sports drink?
7. Would you rather be the #1 Draft Pick or Rookie of the Year?
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SPORTS EDITION

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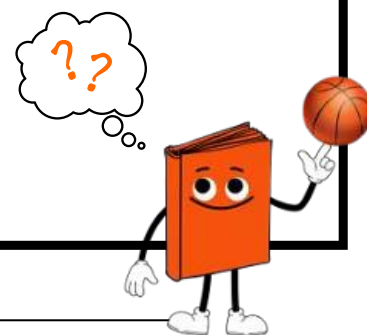
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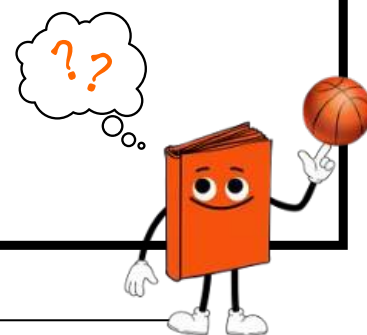
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Would You Rather...

A cartoon illustration of a computer monitor. The screen shows a basketball game in progress. A basketball is in the air, moving towards the right. A basketball hoop and backboard are visible on the left side of the screen. There are orange starburst graphics above and below the monitor, and a small red rectangular object is on the right side of the screen.

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be the #1 Draft Pick or Rookie of the Year?



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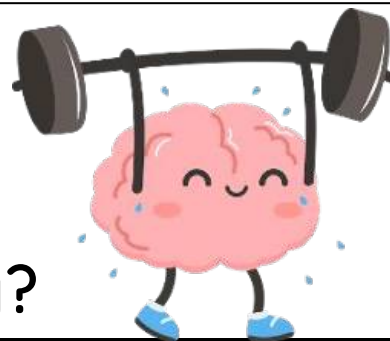
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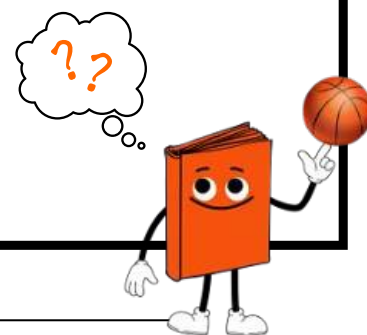
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SPORTS EDITION



Would You Rather... stronger physically or mentally?

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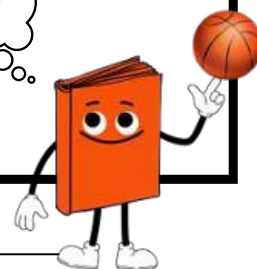
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Would You Rather...

compete in an individual sport or team sport?



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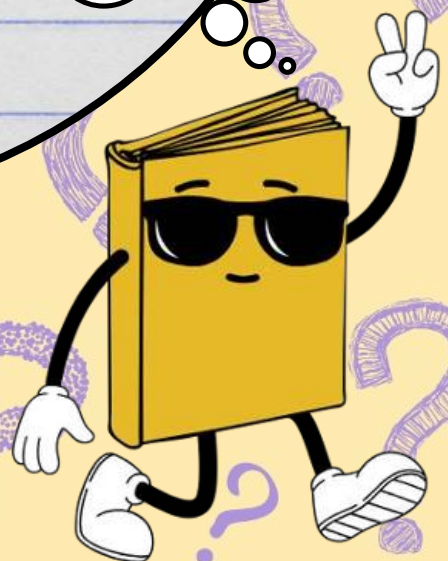
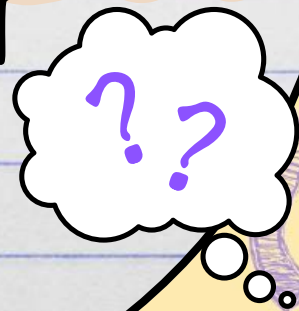
Would You Rather...

PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHEETS



SUMMER

EDITION



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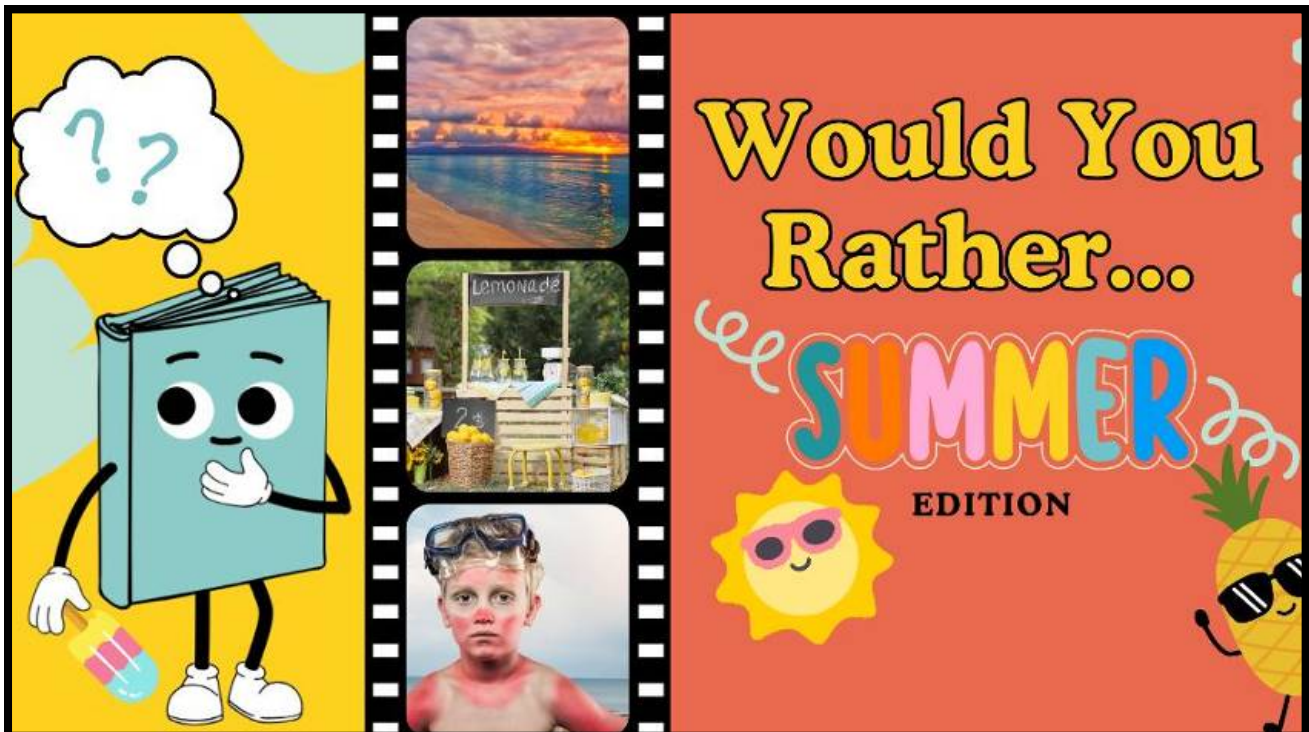
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START WITH THE VIDEO!**



Video Link



WOULD YOU RATHER?

Name: _____



VIDEO



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Directions: As you watch the video, circle your preferred choice and then follow the physical cue on screen!

1. Would you rather be permanently sunburned or permanently thirsty?
2. Would you rather live somewhere that was always summer or never summer?
3. Would you rather work at a lemonade stand or an ice cream shop?
4. Would you rather go to the pool or the beach?
5. Would you rather go on a camping vacation or a hotel vacation?
6. Would you rather go to summer camp in the swamp or in the desert?
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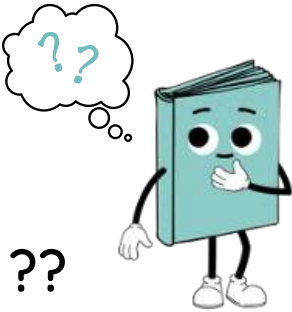
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Would You Rather...



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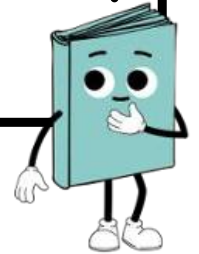
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live somewhere that was always summer or never summer?



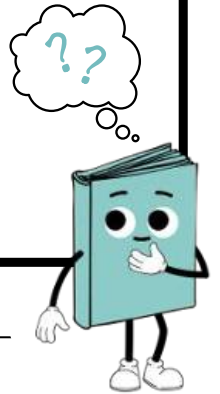
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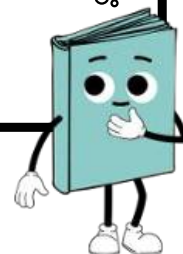
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go to the pool or the beach?



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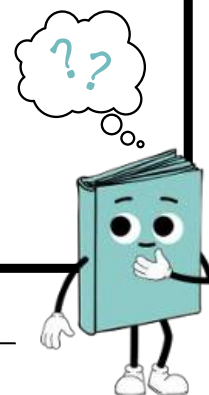
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go on a camping vacation or a hotel vacation?



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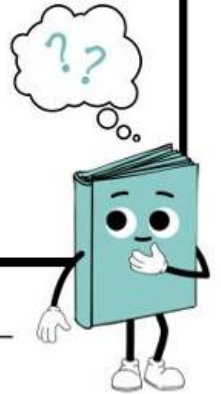
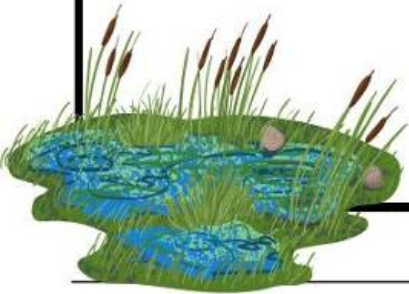
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go to summer camp in the swamp or in the desert?



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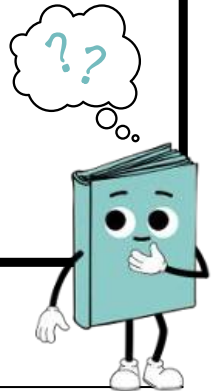
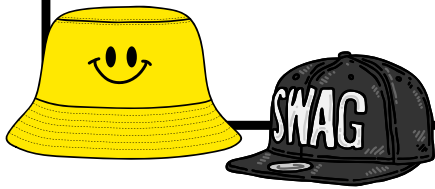
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Would You Rather...

be a swim suit designer or a hat designer?

An illustration of two items of clothing. On the left is a pair of blue shorts with a light blue waistband and two yellow drawstrings. On the right is a one-piece swimsuit with a pinkish-red top and a bottom section with horizontal yellow and purple stripes. The swimsuit has a halter-style neck with a small pink bow at the back.



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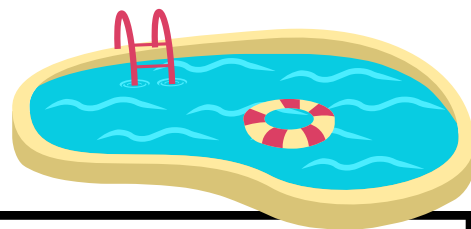
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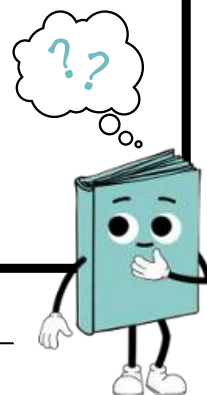
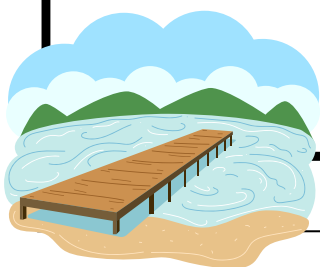
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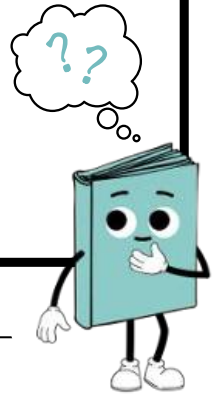
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A stylized illustration of a movie theatre. The building is yellow with red horizontal stripes. It has a large blue screen in the center. Above the screen is a brown roof. Below the screen are three signs: 'TONIGHT'S SPECIAL', 'MOVIE THEATRE', and 'TONIGHT'S SPECIAL'. The entrance has two large circular windows and a central door. There are green bushes in front of the entrance. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds and a city skyline.

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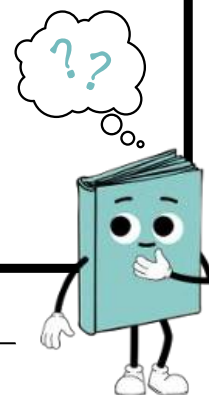
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have PE taught by pro athletes or PE taught by college athletes?

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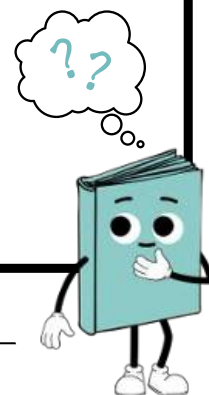
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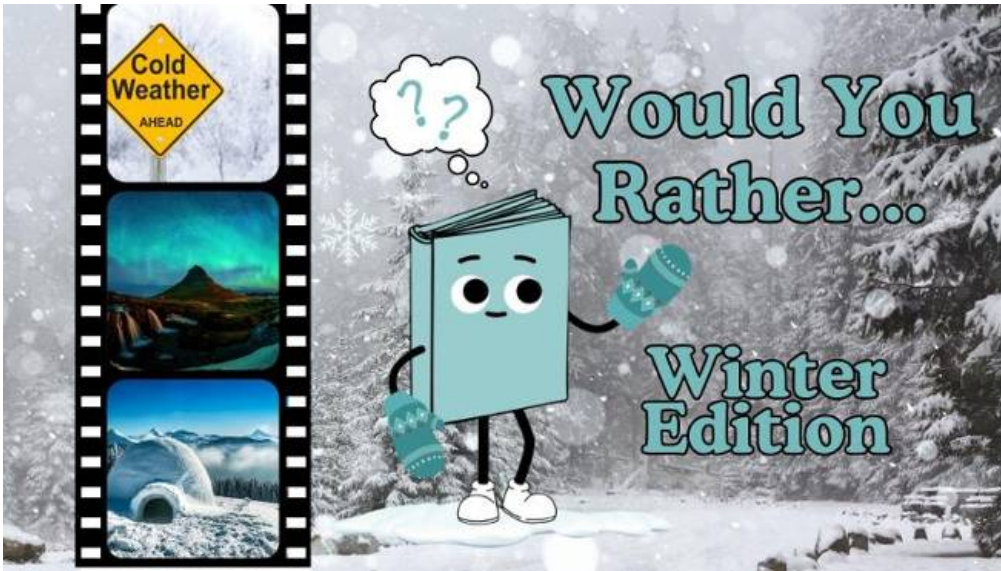


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2. Would you rather have hot cocoa with marshmallows or whip cream?
3. Would you rather have a pet penguin or reindeer?
4. Would you rather compete in the Olympic event of bobsled or luge?
5. Would you rather sleep in an igloo or an ice castle?
6. Would you rather face an abominable snowman or a polar bear?
7. Would you rather have frozen fingers or frozen toes?
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WINTER EDITION

Would You Rather...

face an abominable snowman or a polar bear?



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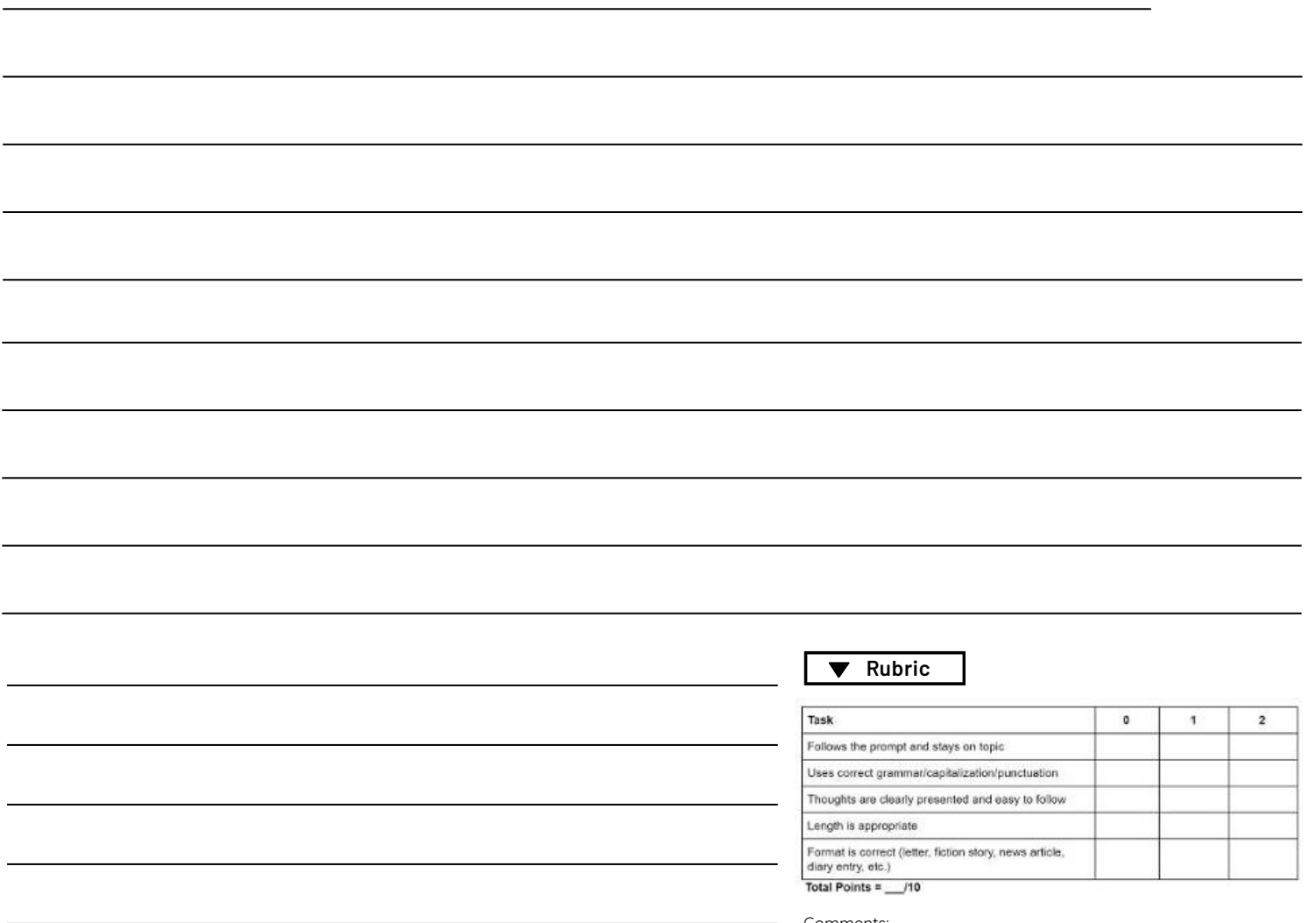
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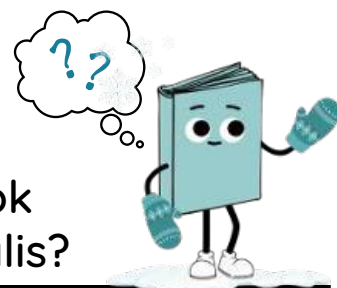
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WINTER EDITION

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spend a winter night by the fireplace with a good book
or outside under the stars watching the aurora borealis?



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