MARCH MADNESS

The NCAA® men’s basketball tournament starts each March. *

People call this big tournament March Madness.

Men’s college basketball teams play in the tournament.

Each team wants to win the March Madness tournament.

On March 12, the NCAA canceled the March Madness tournament due to the coronavirus.

* See Extension Activity to learn about the NCAA women’s basketball tournament too.
The men’s college basketball season starts each November.

The teams play each other in many basketball games.

The best teams win many games.

The NCAA invites these teams to be in the tournament.

The NCAA invites the best 68 college teams.
The best teams include the Baylor Bears, Gonzaga Bulldogs, Kansas Jayhawks, Louisville Cardinals, Villanova Wildcats, Seton Hall Pirates, and Oregon Ducks.

These college teams will be in the 2020 tournament. This tournament starts on March 17.
Teams play each other in the tournament.

Tournament games are in cities across the U.S.

The games are exciting to watch!

Teams who win games stay in the tournament.

Teams who lose games leave the tournament.
Soon only two teams will be left.

These two teams will play in a championship game.

The championship game will be on April 6.

The game will be in Atlanta, Georgia.

The winning team will be the NCAA men’s basketball champion!
Many people guess about the tournament.

People guess which team will win each game.

They guess which team will be the champion.

Each person can fill in a bracket.

A bracket is a list of teams in the tournament.
You can guess too!

Watch for a News-2-You March Madness Breaking News article.*

The article will be online March 30.

This article will include a March Madness bracket.

You can guess which team will be the champion.

* The article will be called March Madness Final Four.
People are excited for March Madness!

They cheer for their favorite men's college basketball teams.

Some people watch the games in stadiums.

Many people watch the games on TVs.

Will you watch March Madness games?
Many colleges have basketball teams.

College students play on these teams.

Colleges can have men’s basketball teams.

Colleges can have women’s basketball teams.

Men’s and women’s teams each have a big tournament.
WHO

The NCAA is a group that helps colleges with sports.

NCAA means National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The sports include basketball and football.

The NCAA writes rules, has tournaments, gives scholarships and more.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The championship game will be in Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta is in northern Georgia.

Atlanta is the capital city of Georgia.

The world’s busiest airport is in Atlanta.

One of the world’s biggest aquariums is in Atlanta.
BASKET-CHEESE-BALL

NOTE: Always consider student food allergies when preparing recipes.

1. Put cream cheese and cheddar cheese into bowl. Stir.

2. Put pepper and Worcestershire sauce into bowl. Stir.

3. Form mixture into a ball.
4. Put ball into bowl with chopped pecans.

5. Roll ball in pecans to coat ball.

6. Put ball onto plate.

7. Serve with pretzels.

8. Eat.
Knock, Knock.  
Who's there?  

Win.  
Win who?  

Win does the tournament start?  

When?
I have a joke!

Tell me!

Where do teams get uniforms?

I don’t know. Where?

New Jersey!
Choose the pictures about MARCH MADNESS.

- stage
- tournament
- win
- basketball
- basketball game
- fence
- March
- champion
- invite
- guess
- teams
- walk
- men
- college
- zipper
- bracket

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1. **WHAT** is the paper about?

2. **WHO** play in the March Madness tournament?

3. **WHERE** will the championship game be?

4. **WHEN** does March Madness start each year?

5. **WHAT** must teams do to stay in the tournament?

6. **WHAT** does a person fill in to make guesses about the tournament?
ACROSS

1. bracket
4. win
5. game
6. college
7. teams

DOWN

1. basketball
2. tournament
3. invites
5. guess
Fill in the grid using the pictures below so that every row, every column and every large box contains the following four items:
1. WHO is your favorite team? Why?

2. WHAT sport would you like to play? Why?

3. WHAT kind of games do you like? Why?
Cut out the items below to use as errorless choices for the review page.

March Madness  | college basketball teams  | Atlanta, Georgia
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March  | win  | bracket
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Cut out the items below and paste answers into the Sudoku page.

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