

### Action Verbs

Words that tell about action are called action verbs.  
Write the word that is the action verb on the line.

1. Amber jumped as far as she could.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The children laughed at the clown.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Tommy jogged all the way to school.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Scott rowed the boat down the river.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Barb ran to the picnic.



\_\_\_\_\_

6. Jerry cleaned his car after the storm.

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Thomas hikes the mountains often.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The children play in the ocean.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Bobby hid Cathy's juice.

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Diane threw the ball to her sister.

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Gary stuffed the money in his pocket.

\_\_\_\_\_

12. The boys flew their kites.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Skills

Circle the homophone that correctly completes each sentence below and write it on the line.

- Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ three World Cup titles. (one, won)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ and some goals are all you need to play a game of soccer. (ball, bawl)
- After playing for a long time, the soccer players need to take a \_\_\_\_\_. (brake, break)

Write a compound word using two words in each sentence.

- A ball that you kick with your foot is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wood that is used to make a fire is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A yard that is near a barn is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Work that you do at home is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A bell that you ring at someone's door is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Reading Skills

- Number the events below in the order in which they happened in the selection.
 

\_\_\_\_\_ More than a billion people watched the World Cup on television.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pelé was named Soccer Player of the Century.

\_\_\_\_\_ The first soccer clubs were formed in England.

\_\_\_\_\_ Games similar to soccer were played in China.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pelé joined the New York Cosmos.

- Check the reason the author probably wrote this story.

\_\_\_\_\_ to tell people about the history and popularity of soccer

\_\_\_\_\_ to explain how the game of soccer is played

\_\_\_\_\_ to show how soccer got its name

- Name two European countries where soccer is popular.

\_\_\_\_\_

- What do you need to play a game of soccer?

\_\_\_\_\_

- In what country was Pelé born?

\_\_\_\_\_

- It took longer for soccer to be accepted in the United States because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Study Skills

Use the chart below to answer the questions that follow.

World Cup Statistics			
Country	Number of 1st Place Wins	Number of Games Played	Total Games Won
Brazil	4	80	53
Italy	3	66	38
France	1	41	21

- Which country has the most first place wins? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which country has won a total of 21 games? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many World Cup games has Italy played? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many World Cup games has Brazil won? \_\_\_\_\_

# Play Ball!

*How did soccer become such a popular sport in the United States?*

<sup>1</sup> What if someone asked you to go to an association football game? Would you be interested? You might be more interested if you knew they were talking about soccer, the world's most widely played sport. Games similar to soccer were played as long as two thousand years ago in China! Modern soccer got its name from association football, a game played in England in the mid-1800s. The word *association* was shortened to *assoc*, which finally turned into *soccer*.

<sup>2</sup> The first soccer clubs were formed in England in the 1850s. The first professional players joined in the 1880s. Soccer quickly spread across Europe and became very popular in countries such as Spain, Italy, and Germany. Soccer even spread to countries in faraway South America. People seemed to like how simple the game is. All you need to play is a ball and two goals. Everything else comes from the players. Soccer still remains incredibly popular in both Europe and South America. Professional players there are often as popular as movie stars are in the United States.

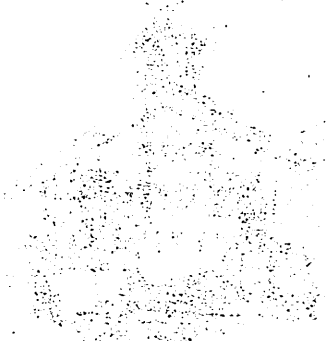
<sup>3</sup> One of the best and most famous of these professionals is Edson Arantes do Nascimento. He is better known by his nickname, Pelé. Pelé was born in Brazil, a country in South America. With Pelé's help, Brazil won three World Cup titles from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Today, he is still one of the

all-time leading scorers in World Cup history with 12 goals. The International Olympic Committee named Pelé Soccer Player of the Century in 1999.

<sup>4</sup> The World Cup is the worldwide soccer competition that is held every four years, once for women and once for men. More than 200 teams work hard to be chosen as one of the 32 best teams that get the honor of competing in the Men's World Cup. More than a billion people watched the 2002 match on television. The first Women's World Cup match was played in 1991 in China. Today, about 100 teams compete for just 16 spots.

<sup>5</sup> It took longer for soccer to be accepted in the United States than it did in other places around the world. A different kind of football was already being played in this country. People were not eager to try another form. After Pelé joined the New York Cosmos in 1975, soccer became more popular in the United States. It continues to grow in popularity. Today, soccer is the second favorite sport for kids in the United States!





STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

My Office is located at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

My Office is located at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Texas.



# **Road Branch Elementary & Middle School**

## **Weather / Snow Day Packet 3**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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