

**Vocabulary**

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Choose a vocabulary word to complete the sentence. Then answer the question using the vocabulary word.

**accurate    division    onlookers    glory    elementary    congratulated**

1. When was the last time you \_\_\_\_\_ someone?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. For what games is it important to have \_\_\_\_\_ aim?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How is \_\_\_\_\_ school different from high school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do any sports teams in your school belong to a \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Should people play sports for fun or for \_\_\_\_\_? Explain.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who enjoys sports more—the players or the \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Steps in a Process

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A series of steps you follow in order are **steps in a process**. Think of the steps in a process you might have used to solve a problem.

Now consider the steps in a process that Lupe followed to make herself the marble champ. Write them down in order. The first step is done for you. You may wish to look back at the story.

1. Lupe decides she wants to win at a sport, and she decides that she might be able to win playing marbles.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## Summarize

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When you **summarize** a story, you briefly retell it in your own words. In the retelling, you focus on the main characters and the most important events.

Read the story below, and then summarize it.

The city council wanted a mural to go with the new swimming pool. Once the mural contest was announced, all the artists in the city wanted to win. Mela and Troy, two of the best artists in town, hoped to win. Knowing the competition would be tough, Mela and Troy spent two weeks painting and brainstorming in their studio.

Often they painted day and night, not stopping to eat or to sleep. They painted all of their ideas. When it was time to submit their design idea to the city council, they could not decide which one to send. Troy, who was very practical, suggested sending the one that combined most of their ideas.

Waiting for the decision, Mela and Troy panicked. What if their idea was too strange? But the city council chose their design. And so Mela and Troy painted the mural.

Their mural was a giant underwater scene. They wanted people to look at it and feel cool and refreshed and to laugh at it. When the mural was finished, Mela and Troy worried that no one would like it.

The mural was not a typical underwater scene. All sorts of creatures floated and swam in their scene: elephants and dolphins, monkeys in bright red jackets, a giant jellyfish, a giraffe with its neck breaking the surface high above the water—there was even someone in a tuxedo diving to the bottom of the pool to pick up a watch. Mela and Troy weren't sure what people's reaction to their mural would be. They crossed their fingers.

At the unveiling, there was silence. Then children started laughing, and people applauded. Everyone loved the mural. Mela and Troy were happy, too.

### Summary

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