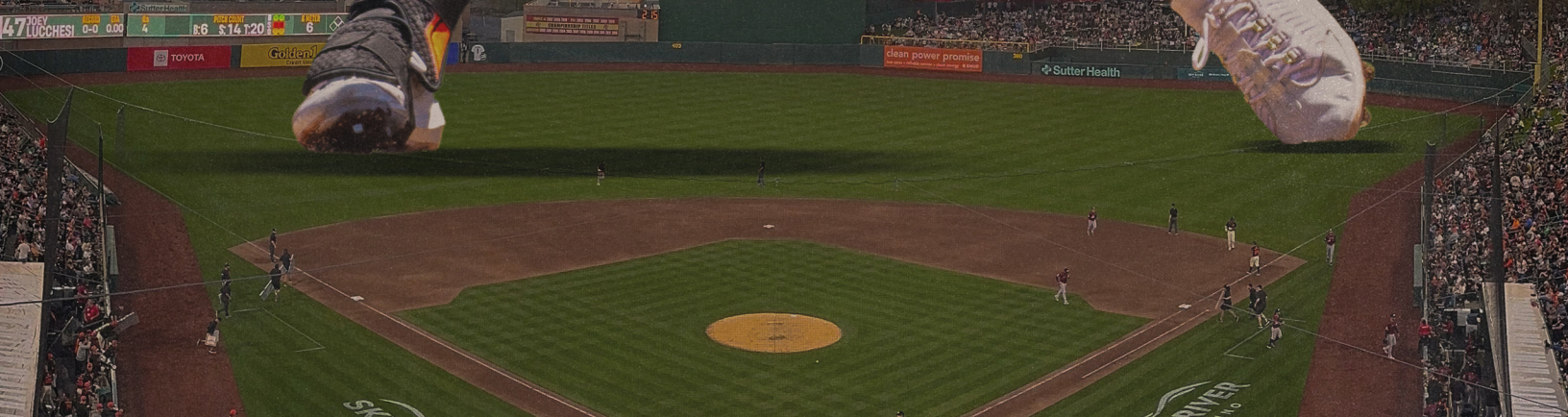




SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS ACTIVITY PACKET

GRADES 3 - 5



A DAY AT SUTTER HEALTH PARK

GRADE LEVEL: 4TH GRADE

Directions:

Read the passage below, then answer the questions that follow.

A Day at Sutter Health Park

Every spring, the Sacramento River Cats get ready for a new baseball season at Sutter Health Park. Fans from all over Northern California come to cheer on the team. The players work hard to improve their skills during practice, focusing on hitting, pitching, and teamwork.

The River Cats are known for their fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Before each game, Dinger the mascot walks through the stands, giving high-fives and making everyone laugh. During the game, fans enjoy watching home runs, cheering for great catches, and even dancing to music between innings.

Sutter Health Park is also a place where the community comes together. The team hosts charity nights, school field trips, and special events that support local families. Whether people come for the baseball, the entertainment, or to spend time with friends, there's something for everyone at a River Cats game.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?

- a) The River Cats are the best baseball team in the world.
- b) Sutter Health Park is a fun place where people enjoy baseball and community events.
- c) Baseball is difficult to learn.
- d) Dinger likes to dance.

2. What can you infer about the River Cats from this passage?

- a) They only play at night.
- b) They care about their fans and their community.
- c) They never win games.
- d) They are a brand-new team.

3. Summarize the passage in your own words.

Write 2–3 sentences explaining what the passage is mainly about and what details support that idea.



RIVER CATS GRAMMAR PLAYBOOK

GRADE LEVEL: 3RD GRADE

Part 1: Name That Play!

Read the sentence below. Then, underline the nouns, circle the verbs, and highlight the adjectives and adverbs.

Sentence: Dinger quickly grabbed his lucky glove and ran across the sunny field.

Nouns: _____

Verbs: _____

Adjectives: _____

Part 2: Plural Power

Write the plural form of each noun below. Then, use one in a sentence about a baseball game.

Singular noun	Plural noun
glove	
child	
baseball	

Part 3: Abstract Noun Dugout

Circle the abstract noun in each sentence.

1. The players showed great teamwork during the game.
- 2.. The coach talked about the importance of practice.

Part 4: Verb Tense Triple Play

Complete each sentence using the correct verb tense (past, present, or future).

1. Yesterday, the River Cats _____ (win) the game.
2. Today, Dinger _____ (cheer) for the team.



THE HISTORY OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS

GRADE LEVEL: 5TH GRADE

Baseball has been part of Sacramento for over a century. In the late 1800s, the city had its first professional team, and although many teams came and went, the community's love for baseball remained strong. In 2000, the Sacramento River Cats began playing at Raley Field—now Sutter Health Park—and quickly became a fan favorite. Known for their fun atmosphere, mascot Dinger, and strong performance, the River Cats have won several league and national championships. Many of their players have moved up to Major League Baseball.

The River Cats are the Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, meaning players who succeed in Sacramento can be called up to the Giants. Famous former River Cats include Barry Zito, Nick Swisher, and Chris Carter. Today, the team continues to bring excitement to Sacramento and keep its baseball history alive.

Comprehension Questions

1. What are the two main ideas of this passage?
2. Which details from the passage support those main ideas?
3. What is the relationship between the River Cats and the San Francisco Giants?
4. Summarize the passage in your own words.

RIVER CATS MATH CHALLENGE!

GRADE LEVEL: 4TH GRADE

1. Dinger's Home Run Derby

During batting practice, Dinger hits 4 baseballs into the stands. River Cat player Jackson hits 5 times as many baseballs as Dinger.

How many baseballs did Jackson hit?

Show your work:

$$4 \times \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} \text{ Answer: } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. Team T-Shirt Giveaway

The River Cats gave away 120 T-shirts on Friday night. On Saturday, they gave away 3 times as many T-shirts.

How many T-shirts did they give away on Saturday?

Show your work:

$$120 \times \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} \text{ Answer: } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

3. Concession Stand Challenge

One stand sold 8 hot dogs in the first inning. By the fifth inning, it had sold 6 times as many hot dogs as in the first inning.

How many hot dogs were sold by the fifth inning?

Show your work:

$$8 \times \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad} \text{ Answer: } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

4. Comparing Players

Player A hit 9 home runs this season. Player B hit 27 home runs.

How many times as many home runs did Player B hit compared to Player A?

Show your work:

$$27 \div 9 = \underline{\quad} \text{ Answer: } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



RIVER CATS GRAMMAR & SPELLING PLAYBOOK

GRADE LEVEL: 5TH GRADE

Part 1: Comma Coach Add commas where needed in each sentence.

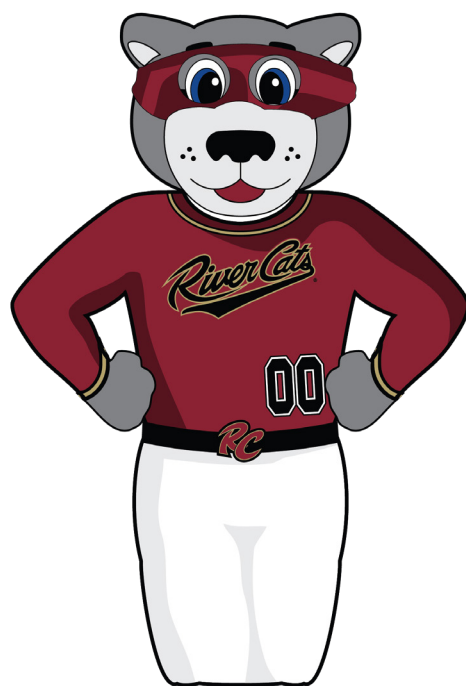
1. After the seventh inning stretch the crowd cheered loudly.
2. Yes I would love to go to the River Cats game.
3. It's a great day for baseball isn't it?

Part 2: Title Time Underline, italicize, or use quotation marks correctly to show the title in each sentence.

1. Have you seen the movie Angels in the Outfield?
2. My favorite article is called Baseball and Bravery.
3. The poem Take Me Out to the Ball Game is a classic.

Part 3: Spelling Lineup Choose the correctly spelled word to complete each sentence.

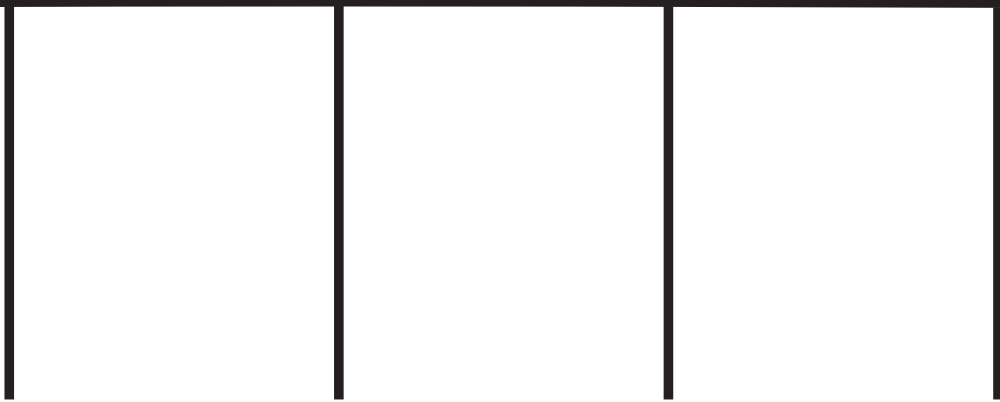
1. Dinger waved to the _____ in the stands.
a) audiense b) audience c) audianse
2. The coach gave a _____ speech before the game.
a) motivational b) motavational c) motivashunal
3. The team showed great _____ during the final inning.
a) courage b) corage c) courrage
4. We wrote a _____ about our favorite player.
a) paragraph b) paragragh c) paragruf



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SUTTER HEALTH PARK



ANSWER KEY

A DAY AT SUTTER HEALTH PARK

1. **B)** Sutter Health Park is a fun place where people enjoy baseball and community events. **Explanation:** The passage focuses on how Sutter Health Park brings people together for baseball, fun, and community events, not just the sport itself.

2. **B)** They care about their fans and their community. **Explanation:** The text mentions that the team hosts charity nights and school field trips, showing they value their community.

3. **Example Answer:** "The Sacramento River Cats play baseball at Sutter Health Park, where fans come to have fun and cheer for the team. The park is also used for community events and brings people together."

RIVER CATS GRAMMAR PLAYBOOK

Part 1. **Sentence:** Dinger quickly grabbed his lucky glove and ran across the sunny field. **Nouns:** Dinger, glove, field **Verbs:** grabbed, ran

Adjectives: lucky, sunny **Adverbs:** quickly

Part 2.

Singular noun	Plural noun
glove	gloves
child	children
baseball	baseballs

Sample Sentence: The players brought their gloves and balls to the field.

Part 3. **Bonus Sample Sentence:** Dinger's kindness made everyone smile.

Part 4: **1.** (past) **2.** (present) **3.** (future)

Challenge Sample Sentence: Yesterday I walked to the ballpark, today I walk with my class, and tomorrow I will walk with my family.

THE HISTORY OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS

1. Model Answers:

- 1) The Sacramento River Cats have a long and successful baseball history in Sacramento.
- 2) The team is closely connected to Major League Baseball through the San Francisco Giants.

2. Model Answers:

- 1) The River Cats began playing in 2000 and have won multiple championships,
- 2) They are the Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.
- 3) Many players have gone on to play in Major League Baseball.

3. **Model Answer:** The River Cats are the Triple-A team for the San Francisco Giants, meaning players can move up from Sacramento to the Giants when they are ready for the major leagues.

4. **Model Answer:** "The Sacramento River Cats are a successful Minor League Baseball team that began playing in 2000. They play at Sutter Health Park and are the Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants. The team has won many championships and continues to bring pride to Sacramento."

RIVER CATS MATH CHALLENGE!

1. $4 \times 5 = 20$ **Answer:** 20 Baseballs
2. $120 \times 3 = 360$ **Answer:** 360 T-Shirts
3. $8 \times 6 = 48$ **Answer:** 48 hot dogs
4. $27 \div 9 = 3$ **Answer:** 3
5. $2,000 \div 4 = 500$ **Answer:** 500

RIVER CATS GRAMMAR & SPELLING PLAYBOOK

Part 1:

1. After the seventh inning stretch, the crowd cheered loudly.
2. Yes, I would love to go to the River Cats game.
3. It's a great day for baseball, isn't it?
4. Is that you, Coach Ramirez?
5. Before the game started, Dinger danced on the dugout roof.

Part 2:

1. I just finished reading the book *Hatchet*.
2. Have you seen the movie *Angels in the Outfield*?
3. My favorite article is called "**Baseball and Bravery.**"
4. We watched the episode "**Dinger's Big Day**" in class.
5. The poem *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* is a classic.

Part 3:

1. The River Cats played an exciting game.
2. Dinger waved to the audience in the stands.
3. The coach gave a motivational speech before the game.
4. The team showed great courage during the final inning.
5. We wrote a paragraph about our favorite player.