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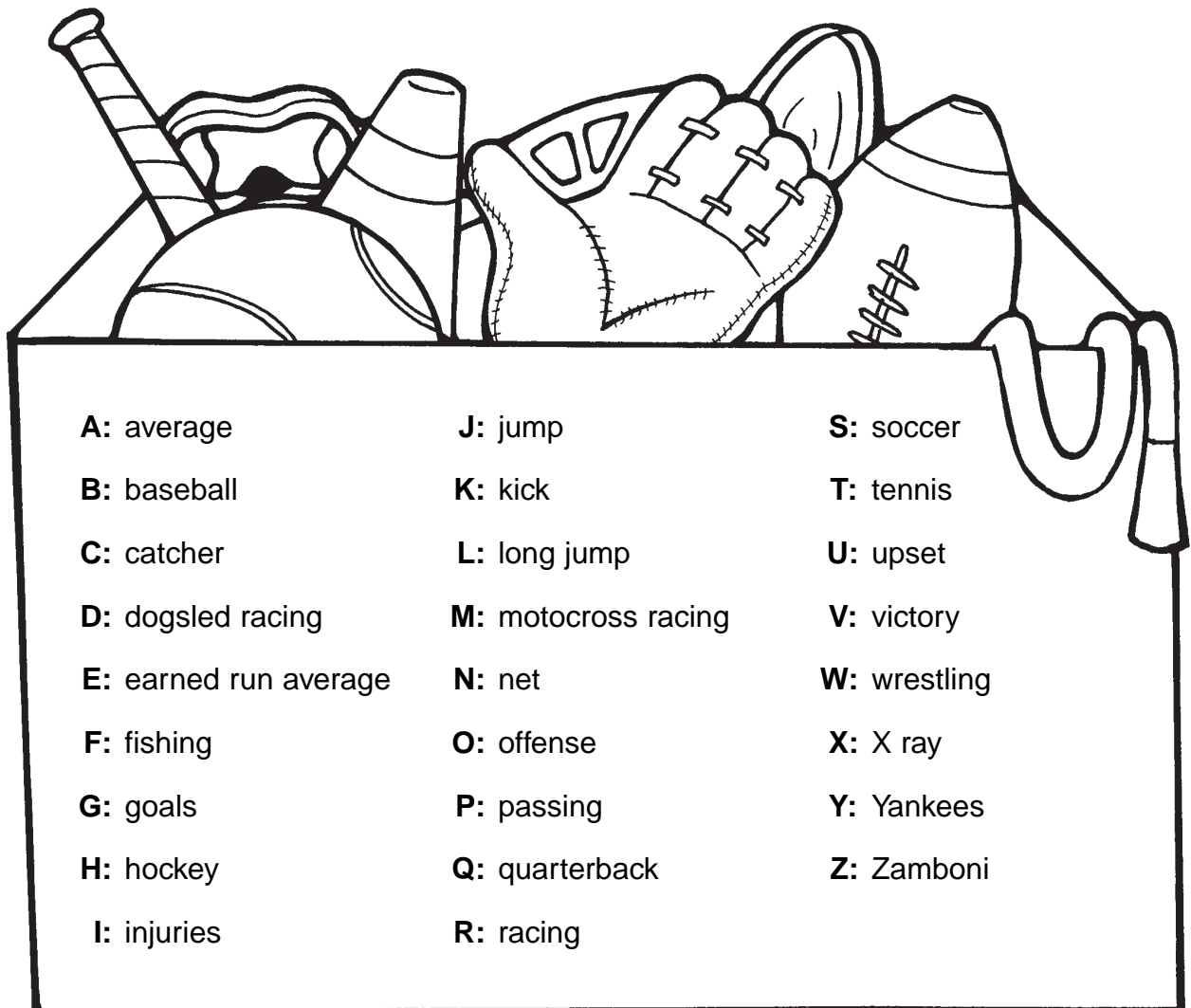
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10 A to Z Lists

A simply understood way to get into a topic is to cover it from A to Z. This is like a brainstorm, but there is one guideline. Students must find related words according to each letter of the alphabet. These can be people, places, and things connected with the topic, or words to describe the topic.

Because some letters may be impossible to fill, the students can be directed to find a word for twenty of the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. This is a great opportunity to make use of reference books, as students will not solely pull from their own knowledge but from the realm of knowledge at their fingertips.

Here is a sample under the topic "Sports Section":



Any area of the A to Z list, or several areas combined, can now be the focus for writing on the topic. In order to organize thoughts and ideas, maps can be used. A description and sample of these techniques can be found on pages 29 and 30.

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Editor's Marks 

After you have written your draft and gotten a response from someone else, edit the draft using these editor's marks. They are the standard marks used.

If you are ready for a challenge, try making up marks of your own!

Proofreading Marks		
<i>Editor's Mark</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>
	Capitalize	david gobbled up the grapes.
	Make lower case	My mother hugged Me when I came Home.
	Add a period	The clouds danced in the sky
	Spelling mistake	I laffed at the story.
	Reverse words or letters	How you are?
	Add a word	Would you pass the pizza?
	Add a comma	I have two cats two dogs and a goldfish.
	Delete (Get rid of)	Will you call call me on the phone tonight?

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Classroom Newspaper (cont.)

Puzzlist


Congratulations! You and the other members of your team are the puzzlists (makers of puzzles) for your classroom newspaper. The class can decide on how many puzzles are necessary. Then you and your teammates can design them. The most typical ones are crossword puzzles and wordsearches (that have to do with your theme, of course) but there are many other kinds to do, too.

Word Puzzles


<u>man</u> board <i>(man overboard)</i>	<u>wear</u> red <i>(red underwear)</i>	<u>0</u> pH BA MA <i>(3 degrees below zero)</i>	he art <i>(broken heart)</i>
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Cryptics

Cryptics use the next letter of the alphabet in place of the real letter (punctuation stays the same, and "A" follows "Z"):



DBO ZPV HVFTT UIJT QVAAMF?
(Can you guess this puzzle?)




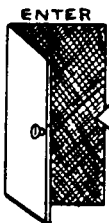


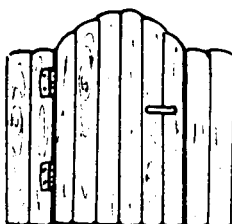
Some cryptics use entirely different letters in place of the real letter (you can either give or not give what the letters stand for).

LQQMYR ML TQOMQHMYR. <i>(Seeing is believing.)</i>	T=b Q=e R=g	M=i O=l Y=n	L=s H=v
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Make Your Own

Create puzzles like this:




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(Let us investigate)