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SUMMERTIME FAIRS

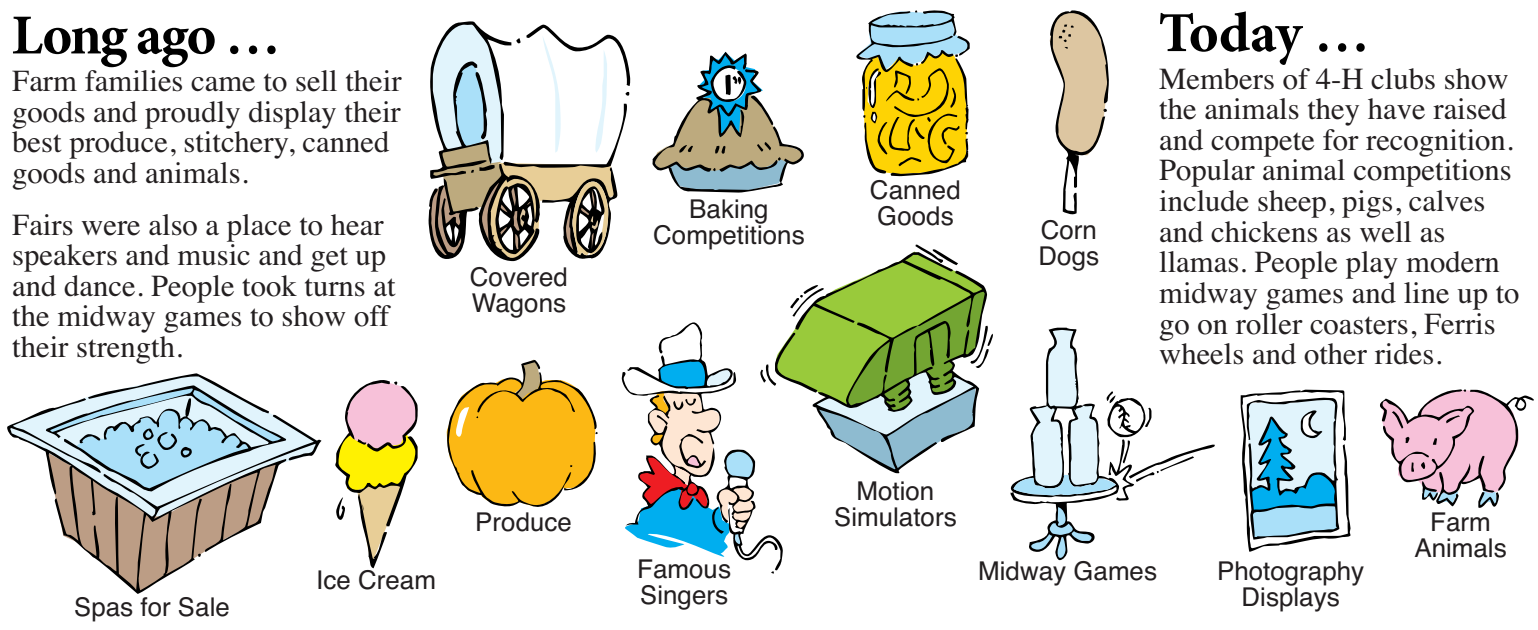
Long ago …

Farm families came to sell their goods and proudly display their best produce, stitchery, canned goods and animals.

Fairs were also a place to hear speakers and music and get up and dance. People took turns at the midway games to show off their strength.

Today …

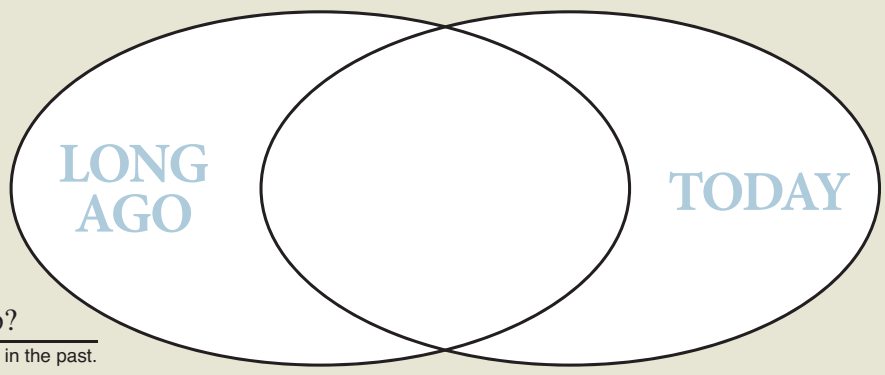
Members of 4-H clubs show the animals they have raised and compete for recognition. Popular animal competitions include sheep, pigs, calves and chickens as well as llamas. People play modern midway games and line up to go on roller coasters, Ferris wheels and other rides.



Now & Then

Pictured above are items found at fairs over the years. In the circle on the left, write the names of items that could only be found at fairs 100 years ago. In the circle on the right, list things you could only find at a fair today.

Where the two ovals overlap, write the names of items you could find at fairs today AND in the past. Can you think of things to add to each group?

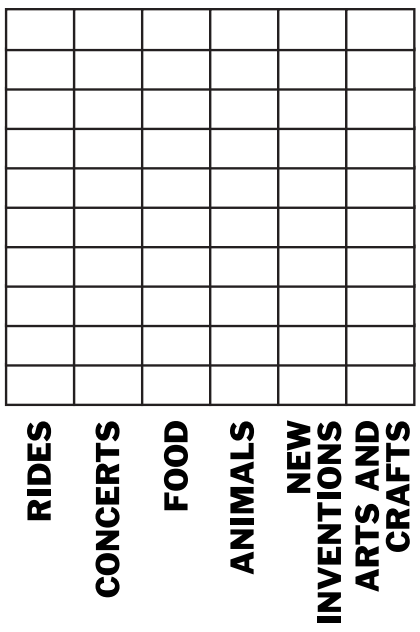


Standards Link: History: Understand families and communities now and in the past.

Katie and Nathan played the Balloon Pop game on the fair's midway. Katie popped odd-numbered balloons and Nathan popped the ones with even numbers. Add up each. Who got the highest score?

Fair Favorites

Ask 10 or more people to pick their favorite part of the fair from among the following choices. Color in a box on the graph to show each person's preference.

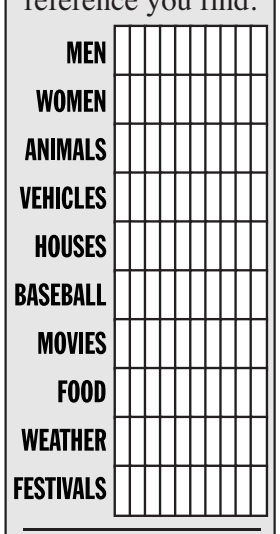


CHALLENGE: Make up questions about your completed graph. Then show the graph to a family member and ask your questions.

Standards Link: Data: Organizes, displays, reads and interprets data.

Extra! Extra! News Graph

Use this graph to gather data about what's in your newspaper. Comb the newspaper for pictures of or references to the items on the list. Color in a box for every picture or reference you find.



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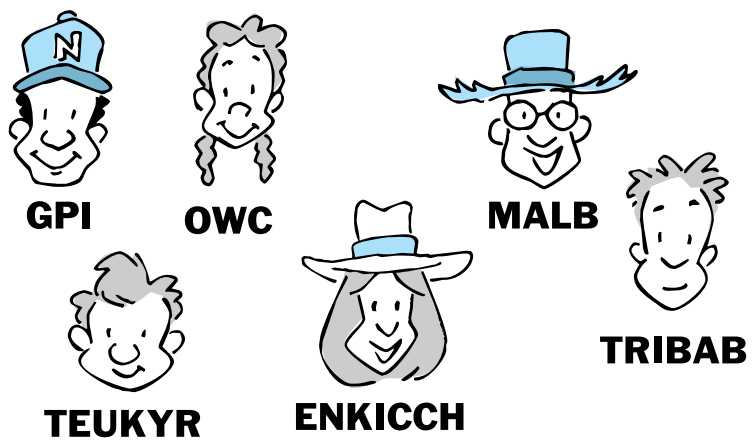
Livestock Scramble

Young people bring their finest livestock to fairs. Unscramble the word below each kid to find out which animal he or she brought.



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level approriate words correctly

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

FAIRS
TRADITION
PRODUCE
ANIMALS
EXHIBITS
MODERN
MIDWAY
FERRIS
DANCE
CLOCK
RIDES
TRADE
HALLS
TODAY
LINE

E	X	H	I	B	I	T	S	C	E
S	C	E	E	D	A	R	T	C	L
L	L	N	E	B	Y	A	U	F	F
L	O	R	A	A	R	D	A	L	E
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M	T	M	Y	A	D	O	T	A	S
T	S	L	A	M	I	N	A	E	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Fun at the Fair

Look through the newspaper to find five events that might be held at a fair. Write a short story that includes all five events. Bring your story to a climatic ending on a triumphant note.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use strategies to write for a variety of purposes.

Why did the elephant paint himself different colors?

ANSWER: So he could hide in the crayon box.

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