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Let's Play Ping-Pong!

History of Ping-Pong

In the 1800s in England, the winter weather made it hard to play sports like tennis outside. People invented an indoor game for wintertime fun. The game was such a hit, that soon people were playing it year-round.

What is Ping-Pong?

Ping-Pong is a tennis game played on a table with a small ball and small paddles. Use the code to find out another name for this game.

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The First Ping-Pong Balls
The first Ping-Pong balls were made of different materials. Sometimes they were made of rubber, string and even old champagne corks. In 1901, the Englishman called James Gibb discovered that balls made of celluloid worked better. Today, most balls are made of a plastic that is very much like celluloid.

How many Ping-Pong balls and Ping-Pong paddles can you find on this page?

Light and Bouncy

The official rules of Ping-Pong state that the ball shall be: spherical, with a diameter of 1.6 inches (40 mm) and weigh 0.1 ounces (2.7 grams) and be made of celluloid or similar plastic material.

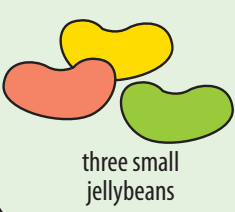
Which of these items weigh about the same as a Ping-Pong ball?



two large paper clips



two thumbtacks



three small jellybeans

ANSWER: All of them.

Amazing Ping-Pong Records & Firsts

Do the math under each of these statements to see if they are true or false. If the answer is an even number, that statement is true. Odd numbers are false.

The first world championship table tennis games were held in London in 1926.
15 + 9 =

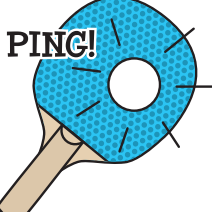
In 1988, table tennis was first played in the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.
18 + 4 =

The official record for the fastest Ping-Pong ball hit is 72.08 miles per hour (116 kph), set by Lukasz Budner in Poland in 2016.
25 + 7 =

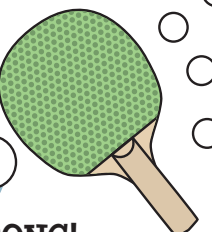
The World Record for the longest Ping-Pong rally is 8 hours, 40 minutes and 5 seconds set in 2014 in London.
23 + 5 =

Why is it called Ping-Pong?

Ping-Pong is an onomatopoeia, or a word that sounds like the sound it describes. Ping and pong are the sounds the ball makes when it is hit by a paddle and bounces on the table.



PING!



PONG!

Remember how to spell onomatopoeia by finding each of the letters in the word in the newspaper. Cut out the letters and glue them below to spell **onomatopoeia**.

Extra! Extra!
That Sounds Good
Look through the newspaper for examples of words that are an onomatopoeia.
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Who Won the Ping-Pong Games?

In Ping-Pong, the first player to reach 11 points wins that game as long as they are two points ahead of the opponent when they get 11 points. If not, the game keeps going until a player has 11 points or more and is ahead by two points.

Circle the scores that are winning scores in Ping-Pong.

Player One	Player Two
9	7
11	10
11	12
12	10
9	11
13	11

Which player won the most games?
☐ Player One ☐ Player Two

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

SPHERICAL
CELLULOID
OLYMPICS
PADDLES
PLASTIC
SUMMER
TENNIS
SOUND
SMALL
TABLE
TODAY
GAME
BALL
PING
PONG

L	G	S	P	L	A	S	T	I	C
A	W	N	U	I	L	L	A	M	S
C	N	T	O	M	E	E	B	S	I
I	S	C	I	P	M	Y	L	O	N
R	R	T	I	A	G	E	E	U	N
E	M	E	G	B	G	N	R	N	E
H	T	O	D	A	Y	A	I	D	T
P	M	S	E	L	D	D	A	P	E
S	C	E	L	L	U	L	O	I	D

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

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Sports News

Read the sports pages of the newspaper and imagine you are one of the sports stars being interviewed. Now write a paragraph as if you were that sports star and describe the game, your performance and the result.

Standards Link: Writing Application: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

Why are fish such terrible Ping-Pong players?

ANSWER: They don't like getting close to the net.

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