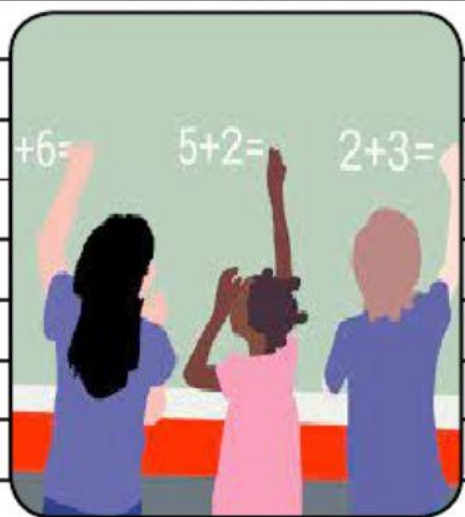


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"Simple past reading"

1. Complete the story by using the past form of the verbs in parentheses.

The Math Contest



Every Friday, Mr. Jefferson, the math teacher, _____ (hold) a contest for his students. Sometimes they _____ (play) math baseball. Sometimes they _____ (have) math relays with flash cards. Other times, they were handed a sheet of paper with a hundred multiplication problems on it. The student who _____ (finish) fastest with the most correct answers _____ (win) the contest.

One Friday, there _____ (be) a math bee. It _____ (be) similar to a spelling bee, except the students _____ (work) math problems in their heads. There _____ (be) fierce competition, until finally, everyone _____ (be) out of the game except Riley and Rhonda. Mr. Jefferson _____ (challenge) them with problem after problem, but both students _____ (continue) to answer correctly every time. It _____ (be) almost time for class to end, so Mr. Jefferson _____ (give) them the same difficult problem. They _____ (have) to work it in their heads. Riley _____ (think) hard and _____ (answer), "20." Rhonda _____ (answer), "18." Finally, they _____ (have) a winner!

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