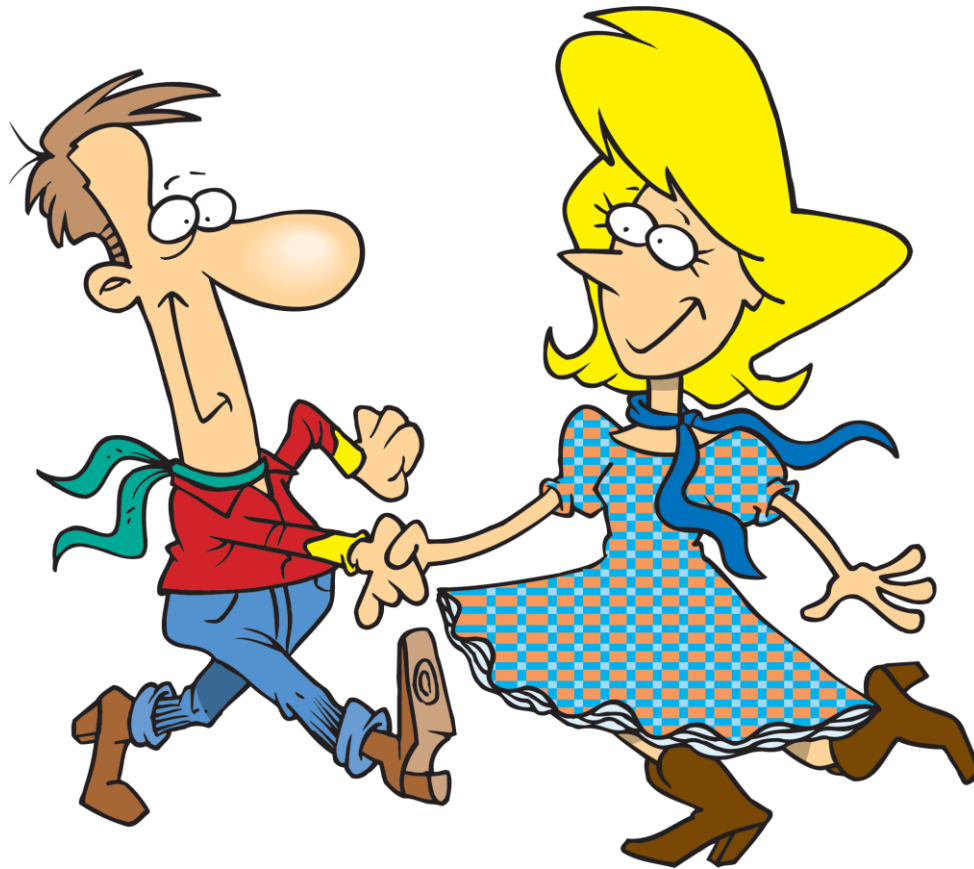


# Box Socials



## Words of the Week

Word List 11d

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# Box Socials

Many people may laugh when they read about the box socials that were held in my one room prairie school. I wish that I could go back and thank the many mothers and homemakers who provided such delicious dinners that were packed in a box or a basket.

The box socials at Logan Elementary School #17 were sponsored by the local Farmers Union and were held as often as possible, except when there were so many things to do on the farm to either plant or harvest. The farmers always had a short meeting, thank goodness, and then the box social bidding began. The suppers were auctioned off as a fundraiser. The husbands usually bought the box that was prepared by their wives because they knew what was in the box already! Many single young men from the area also participated for the chance to have supper with a farmer's unmarried daughter!

What was in a box and who put them together? The women of the community put together box suppers for two with an assortment of good tasting foods like fried chicken, enormous sandwiches, potato or macaroni salad, brownies and/or cookies. Most farm wives spent an enormous amount of time in their kitchens and gardens and so the bounty in each box was fresh and homemade. We had a good laugh if a farmer forgot which basket was the one his wife made! Boy, was he in trouble!

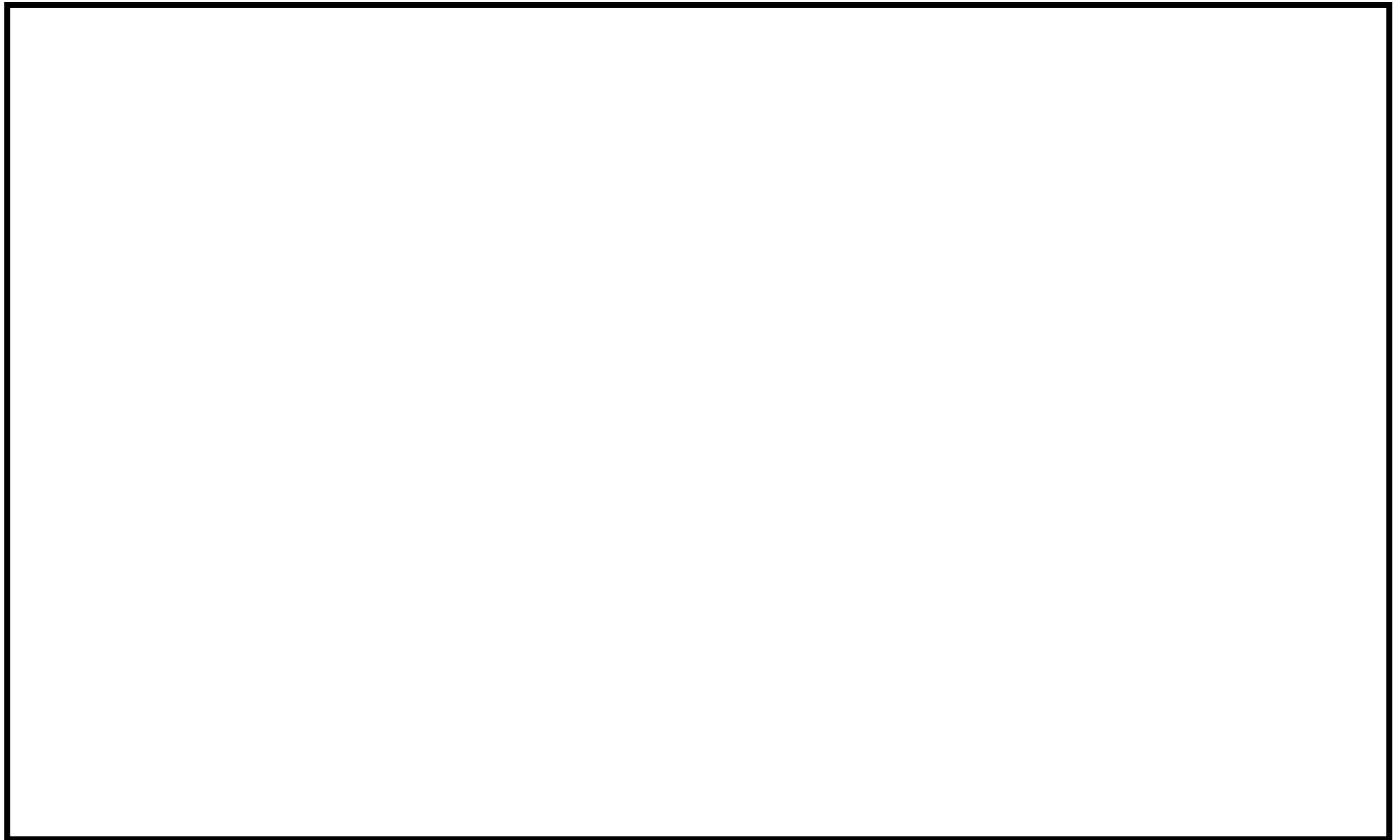
The boxes usually held enough food to share with the kids who came to the event. However, the local Homemakers Club made plenty of good food for the kids and served punch that tasted like glorified Kool-aid to many of us! We always tried to remember to thank them!

After everyone had eaten their fill and cleaned up, the farmers moved the school furniture to one side of the room to create a dance floor. Music was provided by a phonograph and miscellaneous recordings that people brought for that purpose. I didn't always get to come to these socials, but apparently lots of girls would always wish that I had so they could dance with me. There weren't too many boys in the area. Many of us actually learned how to dance during these events! Shall we dance?

Find and circle the special story words. How many did you find?

thank \_\_\_\_\_ wish \_\_\_\_\_ many \_\_\_\_\_ laugh \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a poster to advertise an upcoming Box Social at your school.



### Fill in the Blanks

Read each sentence below. Circle the missing word and write it in the space.

1. _____ people _____ to have the best box supper. Many Money wash wish
2. Shall we dance and _____ with our friends? half laugh
3. Don't forget to say, " _____ you!" think thank

## Yes or No?

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Was the box social held in a barn?       | yes | no |
| 2. Did they have a dance after supper?      | yes | no |
| 3. Were the kids allowed to come?           | yes | no |
| 4. Did the teacher fix supper for the kids? | yes | no |
| 5. Did the farmers have to buy supper?      | yes | no |

## It's a Match!

Draw a line to connect the naming part of the sentence with the action part of the sentence. Read them to yourself to make sure that they make sense. The first one is done for you.

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| The box socials | were auctioned off to raise money.   |
| The farmers     | were usually held at the school.     |
| Box suppers     | prepared and packed the box suppers. |
| Boys and girls  | came from a phonograph and records.  |
| Farm women      | had a meeting first.                 |
| Music           | learned how to dance at box socials. |

The sponsor of the box social was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Where was the Farmers Union meeting?

The supper could be in a box or a . . .

How did the farmers buy their box suppers?

What happened after supper?



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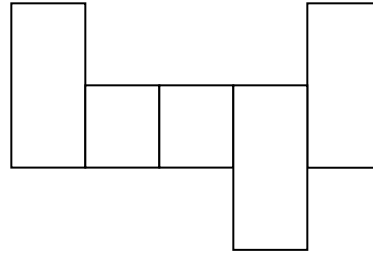
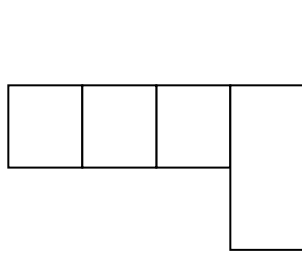
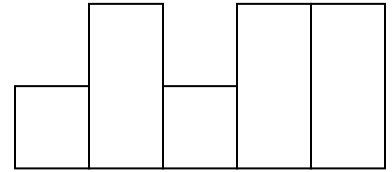
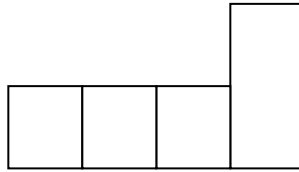
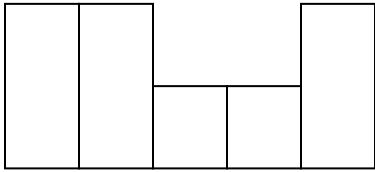
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Number of words read correctly:

1	2	3	4

# Configuration Station

Write the words from the word bank in the correct boxes.



## What's Missing?



Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you for the \_\_\_\_\_ presents.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I could make you \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The prince said, " \_\_\_\_\_ we dance?"

thank

wish

many

shall

laugh





# Sentence Sense



Write a 5-7 word sentence for each of the words below.

thank

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

shall

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

many

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

laugh

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

# Where Are the Words?



Find and circle all of the words from the word bank. Each word appears twice!

w	i	s	h	b	t	h	a	n	k
c	v	h	r	d	j	e	z	f	b
b	e	a	f	c	p	t	r	v	m
d	z	l	a	u	g	h	j	c	a
l	c	l	b	e	f	a	d	z	n
a	e	f	z	m	a	n	y	b	y
u	b	w	v	r	d	k	e	f	c
g	f	i	c	b	j	v	r	z	d
h	b	s	d	e	s	h	a	l	L
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# Rhyme Time



Read each word and listen for the ending chunk. Find and paste three words that rhyme with each word and may have the same ending chunk.

many	laugh

graph	any
penny	half
giraffe	Kenny

# Order in the Court

Place the words below in alphabetical order.

1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

thank

wish

many

shall

laugh

# Clever Connector



Draw a line to connect the words that have the same meaning.

laugh

will

many

chuckle

wish

lots

shall

hope

Draw a line to connect the words that have the opposite meaning.

laugh

few

many

won't

shall

cry



# Awesome Artist



Many of you will laugh at this picture!

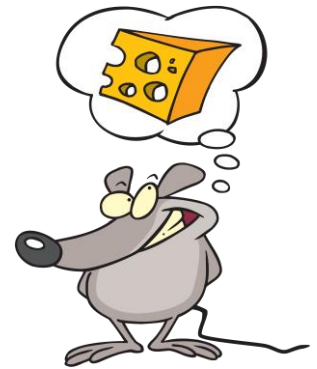
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laugh



wish



many



Directions: Trace over the letters in each sentence and then write it yourself in the space below.

Many people came to the box  
socials at school.

I wish I could thank them for such  
good food.

I say, "Shall we dance?" and the girls  
giggle and laugh.

