

Spring Sports

3rd – 5th Grade: Throughout the U.S. various sports are played in the spring season. The four most popular include baseball, soccer, softball, and track & field. Table 1 shows the number of students playing each sport.

Table 1: Participation Numbers

Sport	Number of Students Participating
Baseball	950
Soccer	1586
Softball	742
Track & Field	585

1. What is the difference between the number of students participating in Baseball and the number of students participating in track and field?

2. Jen claims that over twice as many students participate in soccer than the number of students participating in softball. Do you agree or disagree with Jen's claim? Use words and numbers to support your decision.

3. Assume that students only participate in one sport during the spring season. There are a total of 5000 students in the community. What fraction of the students in the community participate in spring sports? Use words and numbers to support your answer.
