

# Unit 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reader's Notebook

### Season's Tickets

#### Before Reading

1. Think of a game or sporting event that you would most like to attend (e.g., Stanley Cup hockey game, chess master tournament, video game competition). Write a paragraph that explains what the event is and **three** reasons you would like to go to that event.

Answers will vary, but should include a sentence explaining which event the student would like to attend and three sentences giving reasons why they would like to attend that event.

2. Preview the poem. What do you predict the poem will be about?

Sports, nature, a sporting event.

## During Reading

Follow along with each page of the poem. Stop and paraphrase (or write in your own words) what each page means before going on to the next page.

1. Page 33 of **Literacy in Action 5**

The narrator's sister loves baseball; she memorized a book the narrator was given by his father, and she knows many facts about baseball.

2. Page 34 of **Literacy in Action 5**

The narrator's father got baseball tickets and wanted to take the narrator. The narrator would rather be a scientist and be reading books about science or out in nature.

3. Page 35 of **Literacy in Action 5**

The narrator gave his spot at the baseball games to his sister for her birthday. His father was upset, but after he took his daughter to the game, he changed his mind because the sister knows so much about baseball and is so enthusiastic.

## After Reading

1. What is the problem in this poem? How is it solved?

The narrator doesn't like baseball, even though his father wants him to.

The narrator gives the baseball tickets to his sister for her birthday.

2. What do you think the poet wants you to think or understand from this poem?

Many different people have different interests, it isn't always the boys who like sports

3. Why was the card the speaker made "the best present I ever gave anybody"?

It made his sister very happy and it was easy for the narrator to give.

4. Have you ever made such a considerate gift for anyone?

Answers will vary.

Alliteration

Choose five of these sports/games to write alliterative phrases for. For example, in the poem **Season’s Tickets**, the poet says his sister is “bats about baseball.” Other examples include “crazy for cards,” “goofy for golf,” or “frantic for football.”

Chess	Dominoes	Tennis	Track and field
Soccer	Video games	Board games	Basketball
Gymnastics	Badminton	Hide and seek	Volleyball

Phrase 1:	Cheery about chess	Terrific at tennis
	Psyched about soccer	Bananas over board games
	Jumping over gymnastics	Hysterical about hide and seek

Phrase 2:	Driven to dominoes	Twirling for track and field
	Vibrant for video games	Boasting about basketball
	Blissful over badminton	Vibrant for volleyball

Phrase 3:	
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Phrase 4:	
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Phrase 5:	
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