BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN BOX

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BECAUSE OF
DEBBIE ALLEN/A DIFFERENT WORLD

AGES 5-8

BOTWC minis posing
as Debbie Allen & the cast
of "A Different World"

A SUPERSTAR MAKING THE INDUSTRY...

Instructions: Read the following text about Debbie Allen and her achievements, and then answer the questions.

1 Debbie Allen is a **superstar**. She is an actress, dancer, movie director, and book writer. She has shown you can have many many talents and be **successful** using all of them.

2 Allen was born on January 16th in Houston, Texas. She isn't the only **celebrity** in her family - she has a sister, Phylicia Rashad, who is a **famous** actress best known for her role as Clair Huxtable in *The Cosby Show*.

3 She first became well known for her role in the movie *Fame* and then as a dance teacher on the TV show *Fame*. She even created the dance **routines** for the actors.

4 Fame was not the only very popular show that Allen was a part of. She also worked on *Grey's Anatomy* and *A Different World.*

5 *A Different World* was a very **popular** show that was about a group of College students at an **HBCU** called Hillman College. It was a show that changed television and helped show a different Black experience. They talked about important topics in the community and told a story in a new way!

6 Debbie Allen has impacted TV in many ways - but her impact doesn't stop there. Just this year she opened a dance studio. Debbie Allen shows us all that we can shine all of our lights!

...A DIFFERENT WORLD

Instructions: Read the text on the previous page about Debbie Allen and her achievements and then answer the questions.

1) What is the focus of the first paragraph in the text?

2) What is the focus of the fifth paragraph in the text?

YOU'RE THE DIRECTOR & STAR OF YOUR SHOW

Debbie Allen was a great director. To be a great director you first have to be a great story teller. Many people use storyboards as a way to help plan their stories before they shoot a film or movie. A storyboard almost looks like a comic book but shows the characters, settings, and the order of your story and scenes. It is like a preview before you shoot. Look at the example of the storyboard below and then create your own!

story board

DESCRIPTION:
TWO BEST FRIENDS START THEIR FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE.

DESCRIPTION:
THEY VISIT THEIR DORM ROOM.

DESCRIPTION:
THEY DECIDE TO EXPLORE MORE OF THE SCHOOL.

DESCRIPTION:
THEY REALIZE THAT THEIR DREAM IS ACTUALLY REAL.

DESCRIPTION:
THEY GO LOOK AT MORE OF THE CAMPUS TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO FIRST.

DESCRIPTION: THE BEST FRIENDS DECIDE THEY WILL TRY OUT FOR CHEER.

IT'S YOUR TURN!

Instructions: Now make your own storyboard!
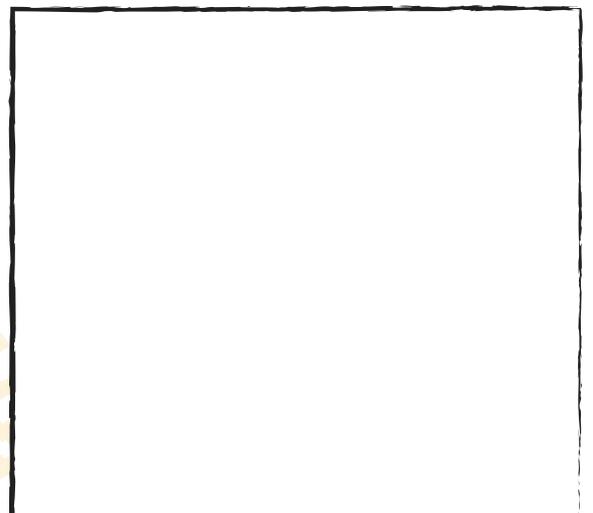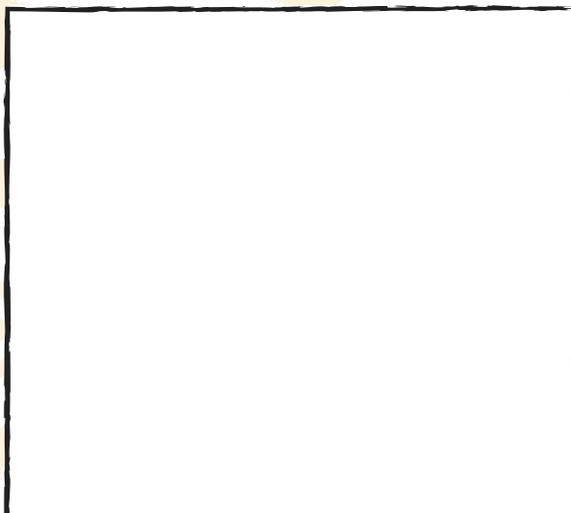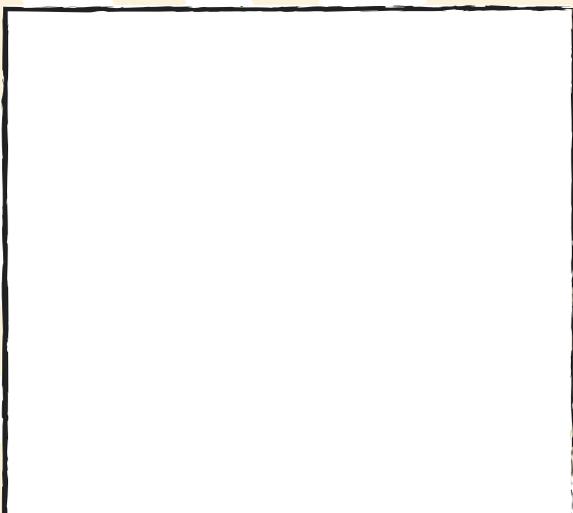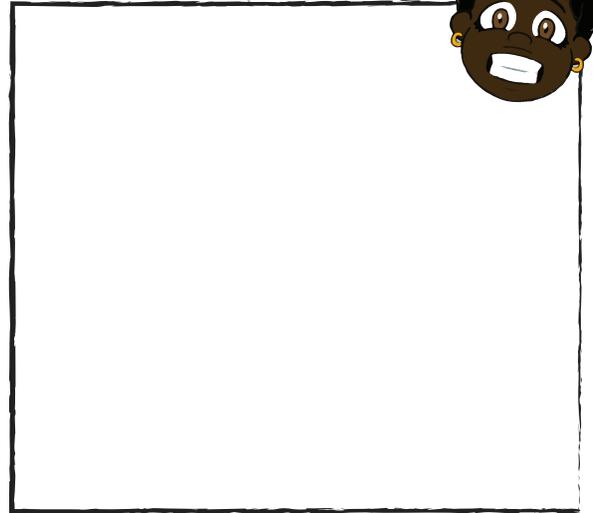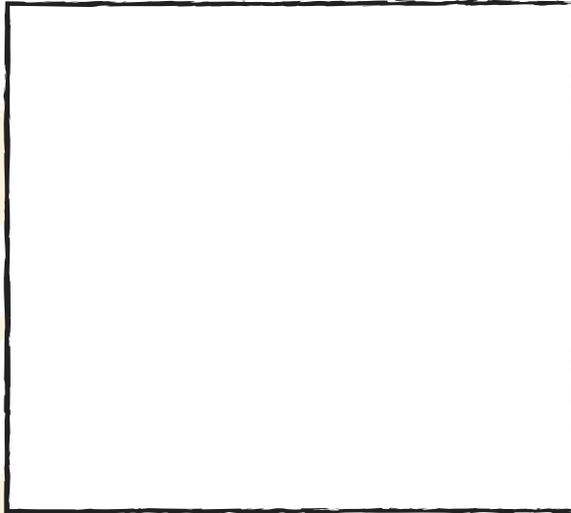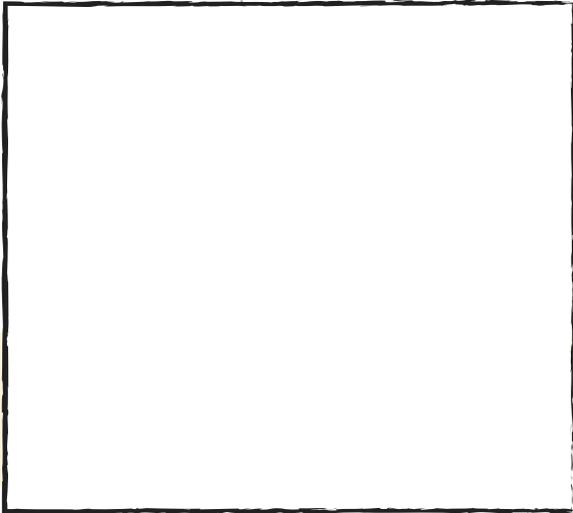
MATH IN DANCE

There is math in many things that we may not think of. Math is even in dance! Think about a time you saw a singer and their background dancers at a concert. People taught them those dances and helped them all do it the same way by using math. Things like the 8-count that is usually used in dance and even the angles and spacing are all related to math! Read the questions below and answer them, thinking of yourself as a dance teacher like Debbie Allen.

There are 8 foot prints in each box. Show the number as an addition and multiplication problem. See the example on the right.

$8 + \underline{8} = \underline{16}$

$8 + \underline{2} = \underline{16}$

1) $8 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

   $8 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2) $8 + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{1.5cm}}$

   $8 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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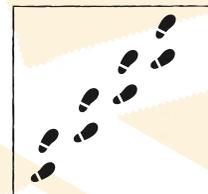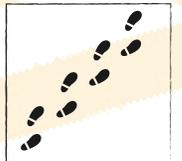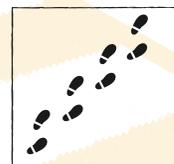
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4) Draw an image that shows 3 x 4= 12.

ANSWER KEY: **(1)** 8+ 8+ 8 = 24, 8 × 3 = 24 **(2)** 8 + 8 + 8 + 8= 32, 8 × 4= 32 **(3)** 8+ 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 48, 8 × 6 = 48 **(4)** Will vary. Should have 4 images in 3 boxes or 3 images in 4 boxes.