

Start of the NHL Season (September 30, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The new National Hockey League (NHL) season, where each team will play 84 games—two more than usual.

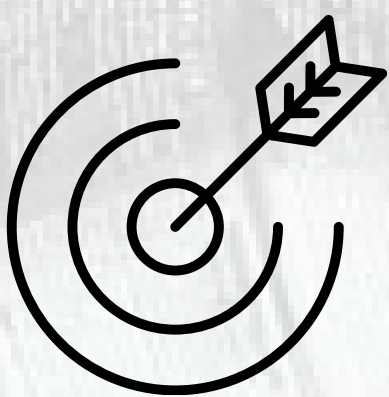
Who? The 32 NHL teams, including the Carolina Hurricanes, Stanley Cup champions. 🏆

Where? In cities across Canada and the United States. 🇺🇸

When? The regular season began on September 29, 2026, and will end on April 10, 2027.

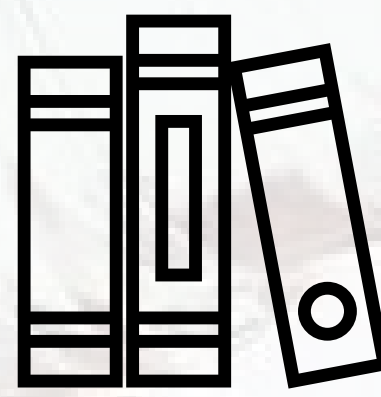
Why is it important? Because the NHL is one of the biggest professional sports leagues on Earth! 🌍

For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about the NHL and hockey.



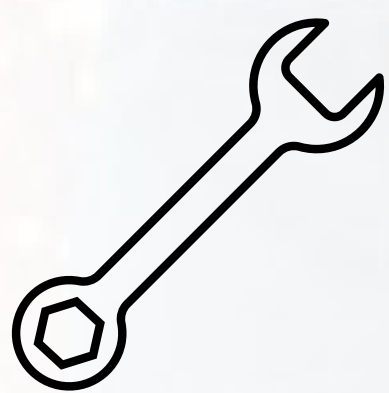
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the history and unique features of the Stanley Cup
- Match NHL team logos to their city or state
- Identify letters and form words using anagrams
- Read and interpret a graph comparing the revenues of major sports leagues
- Perform calculations and estimate a fraction based on real-world data



SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Video listening and comprehension
 - Spelling (anagrams)
 - Written expression (short answers)
- **Mathematics**
 - Reading a bar graph
 - Operations with decimals
 - Fractions and estimation
- **Social Studies / Culture**
 - Cities and states of North America
 - Major global sports leagues
 - Sports symbols and traditions



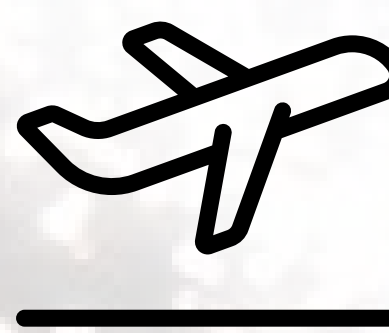
COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Listen to and understand a video
- Solve a logic problem
- Read and interpret a graph
- Perform simple calculations (addition, subtraction, division)
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they follow the NHL and which team they root for.
- Ask them if they know the name of the trophy awarded to the championship team.
- Show a few team logos and ask them which city the teams are from.
- Gather their guesses: which professional sport do they think generates the most money?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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STEP 1 — The Hardest Trophy to Win. Watching of the presentation of the Stanley Cup to the Carolina Hurricanes, followed by a video about the Cup's adventures, and then answers to four written questions.

Q1 — It is the oldest sports trophy in North America.

Q2 — The Keeper of the Cup.

Q3 — Spending a day or two with the Cup.

Q4 — Drink beer or champagne in the bowl.

STEP 2 — Logos and Words. Identification of the city or state of 26 NHL teams based on their logos, spotting a specific letter, and then reconstructing four words using anagrams.

Q5 — STANLEY (Dallas → L, New Jersey → Y, St. Louis → S, Anaheim → N, Seattle → E, Minnesota → T, Colorado → A)

Q6 — MATCH (Pittsburgh → H, Edmonton → T, Utah → A, Calgary → C, Tampa Bay → M)

Q7 — CHAMPION (San Jose → N, Winnipeg → I, Philadelphia → P, Buffalo → O, Columbus → M, Nashville → H, Ottawa → A, Vancouver → C)

Q8 — RECORD (Detroit → D, Carolina → R, Boston → O, Chicago → C, Vegas → E, Montreal → R)

STEP 3 — A Popular Sport. Reading of a graph showing the annual revenues of the ten largest professional sports leagues, then answers to four calculation questions.

Q9 — $23.0 - 6.3 = \text{US\$16.7 billion}$

Q10 — $8.5 + 4.1 + 4.1 + 3.4 + 3.1 = \text{US\$23.2 billion}$. That's more than the NFL, by only US\$0.2 billion.

Q11 — A quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$). ($6.3 \div 23.0 \approx 0.27$)

Q12 — $23.0 \div 3.1 \approx 7.4$, so about 7 times.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group review of what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them the most (the keeper who follows it everywhere, the five European soccer leagues that barely surpass the NFL).
- Ask: If you had the Stanley Cup for 24 hours, what would you do with it?
- Invite students to predict which team will hoist the Cup next June.



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Eric Zweig. *It's a Numbers Game! Hockey: The Math Behind the Perfect Slap Shot, the Split-Second Save, and So Much More!* National Geographic

