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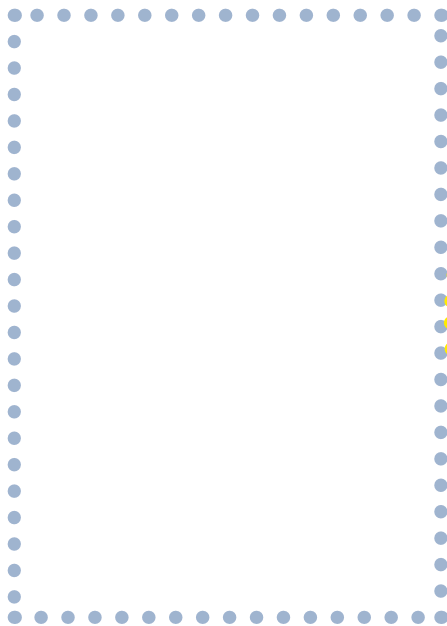
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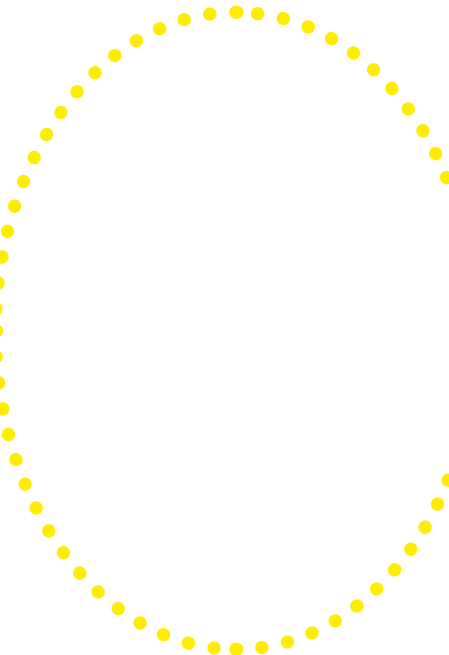
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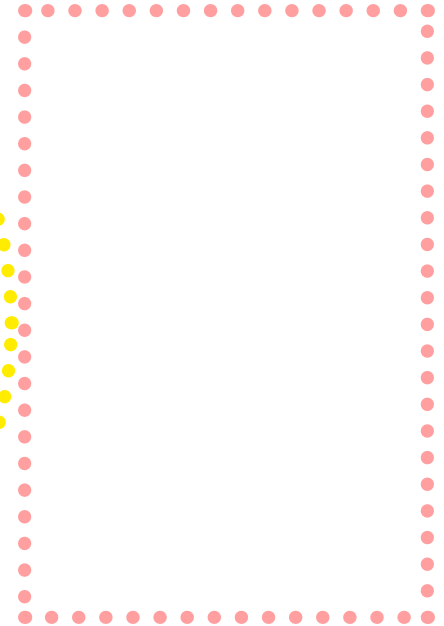
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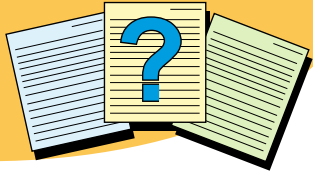


### Step 3



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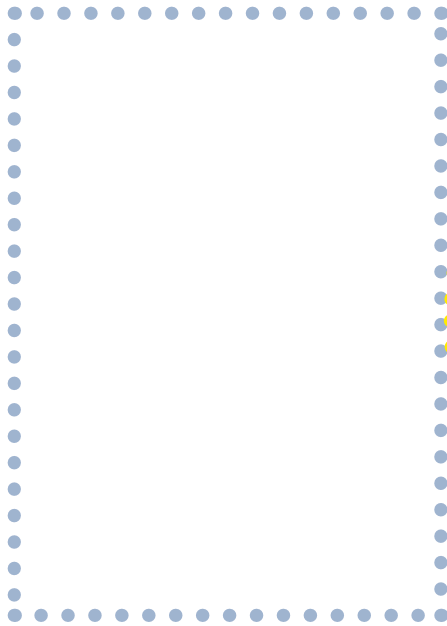
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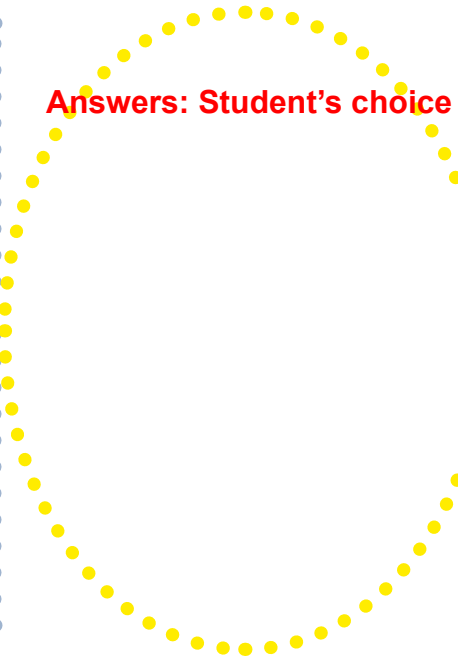
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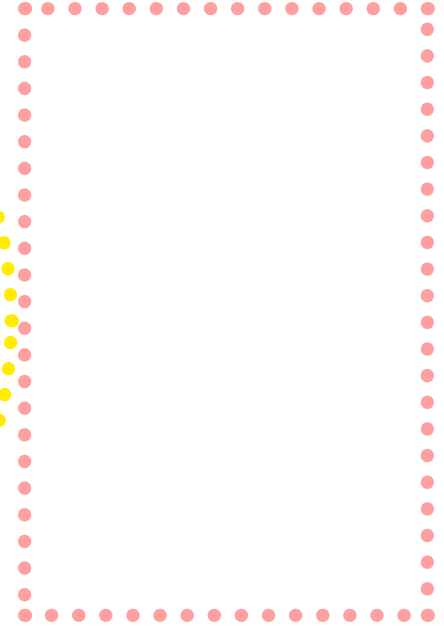


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Answers: Student's choice



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