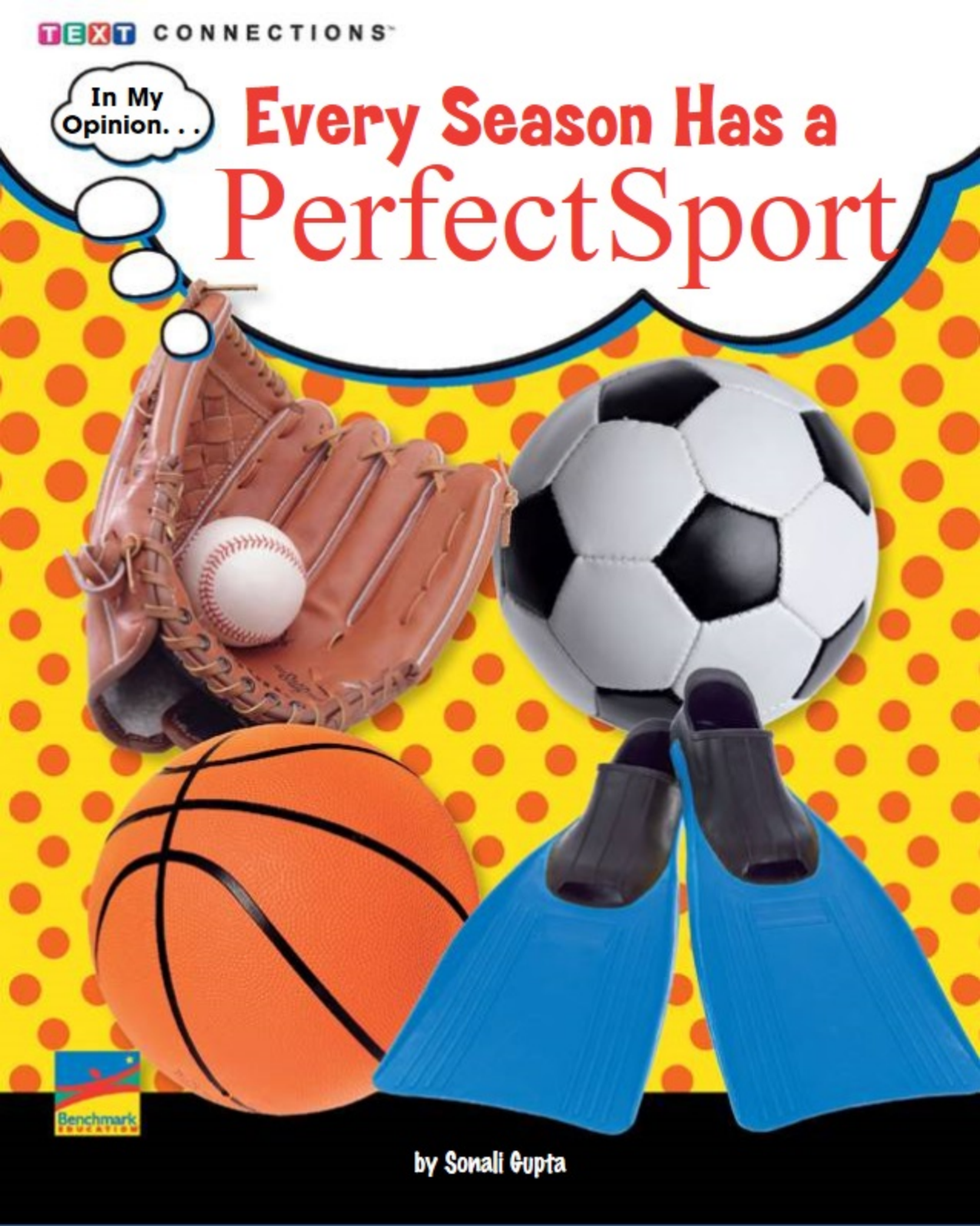
TEXT CONNECTIONS

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Every Season Has a PerfectSport



by Sonali Gupta

OPINION/ARGUMENT
Opinion Piece

Accessing Complex Text



Quantitative	Lexile® 500L
Qualitative	Level J/18

What Makes This Text Complex?

Purpose and Levels of Meaning ❶	• The text has one simple purpose—to express the author's opinion about her favorite sports.
Structure ❶	• The text has a main idea/ detail structure. Features such as chapter titles and labeled diagrams support the opinion. The narrator divides her opinion into the four seasons, which helps the reader follow her ideas.
Language Conventionality and Clarity ❷	• Vocabulary is mainly familiar, with some onomatopoeic words (whump, bump), a juicy word (eager), and a noun that is used as a verb (bat). These, along with some figurative language, may cause some readers difficulty.
Knowledge Demands ❶	• This simple opinion text requires little to no background knowledge.

Text complexity dimensions are scored on the following scale:
❶ Low ❷ Middle Low ❸ Middle High ❹ High

Focus on Reader and Task

The teacher's guide for this title provides:

- Multiple close reading sequences
- Explicit strategy mini-lessons
- Academic and domain-specific vocabulary instruction
- Analytic writing to sources

Word Count: 464

Numerals and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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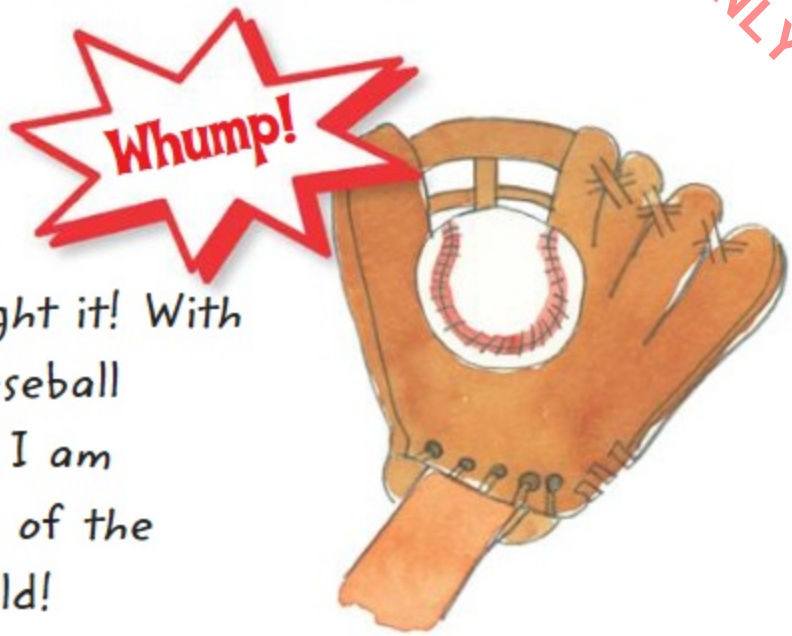
I Love Sports

My name is Sonali, and I love sports! Why? I love to run, dive, kick, and jump. I can do all of these things when I play sports each season. I will tell you about my favorite sports.



My Spring Sport

Crack! It's a solid hit! Look at that ball soar into the outfield!



I caught it! With my baseball glove, I am queen of the outfield!

In the spring, I play on a baseball team with other girls and boys.



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Baseball is my favorite sport to play in the spring. After the cold winter, I am eager to get outside and play with my friends. Baseball is the perfect sport for this.

However, baseball is more than a fun game. It is also hard work. At practice, I bat the ball again and again. Then I go into the field to practice catching the balls that my teammates bat.



On game day, my team gets out on the field. We bat and run. We slide into home plate. Score!

I love the fun, and I love the hard work! Baseball is my favorite sport in the spring.



People cheer when we score a home run.

My Summer Sport

When the weather gets hot in the summer, my favorite sport is swimming.



I go to the swimming pool in my neighborhood.

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