





We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent b.





Answer	Points
lamb	62
crumb	59
bomb	50
thumb	39
dumb	36
tomb	35
plumb	31
numb	29
doubt	19
limb	12
womb	8
debt	7
subtle	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent g.





Answer	Points
gnome	47
sign	41
design	39
gnat	34
gnash	28
gnaw	19
reign	12
foreign	5
gnarled	1
gnu	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent w.





Answer	Points
write	68
wrong	66
sword	53
wreck	48
answer	47
wrist	27
wrapper	21
wrestle	11
wretch	7
wren	4
wrinkle	3
writhe	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent k.





Answer	Points
know	92
knee	81
knock	74
knife	65
knight	53
knickers	42
kneel	34
knot	26
knuckle	11
knob	3
knit	2
knack	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent h.





Answer	Points
when	83
why	78
what	71
white	67
school	65
Christmas	57
whale	51
wheat	47
honest	46
hour	43
ghost	39
whether	37
whistle	33
choir	30

Answer	Points
rhino	29
rhubarb	23
chemist	22
whirl	17
exhaust	15
orchestra	10
character	10
chaos	6
stomach	4
rhyme	3
gherkin	0
technology	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing a silent l.





Answer	Points
could	85
would	78
should	74
talk	64
walk	61
half	50
calf	43
calm	28
folk	19
chalk	8
yolk	1
salmon, stalk or almond	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words beginning with the prefix bi-.



Answer	Points
bicycle	84
binoculars	51
biceps	32
biweekly	28
bimonthly	24
bilingual	19
binary	13
biennial	2
bigamy	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words beginning with the prefix trans-.



Answer	Points
transfer	83
transport	81
translate	76
transform	71
transit	57
transition	51
transplant	43

Answer	Points
transmit	38
transaction	29
translucent	19
transpire	8
transgress	2
translocate	0
transient	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words beginning with the prefix auto-.



Answer	Points
automatic	76
automobile	61
autograph	53
autobiography	38
autopilot	14
autopsy	2
autonomy	0
autocrat	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words beginning with the prefix tele-.



Answer	Points
television	82
telephone	77
telescope	53
teletext	31
telegram	23
telegraph	21
teleport	11
telecommunications	7
telephoto	3
teleconference	1
telepathy	1
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words ending with the suffix -port.



Answer	Points
airport	87
transport	82
support	54
report	46
passport	41
import	33
export	32
deport	9
carport	2
teleport	1
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words containing the letter string augh.



Answer	Points
caught	76
taught	71
laugh	62
daughter	51
naughty	43
laughter	41
slaughter	24
naught	10
onslaught	7
draught	3
haughty	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words beginning with wh.



Answer	Points
what	97
why	94
who	93
when	92
where	92
which	91
whether	83
whale	64
wheel	58
while	53
white	46
whole	42
whom	40
wheeze	35

Answer	Points
whip	25
whack	22
whilst	17
whisper	13
whirl	11
whiskey	7
wheat	4
whizz	2
whoop	1
whine	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words ending in the suffix -cious.



Answer	Points
precious	54
delicious	45
conscious	43
suspicious	38
vicious	31
gracious	24
spacious	18
ferocious	9
luscious	5
malicious	1
atrocious	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write words ending in the suffix -cian.



Answer	Points
musician	52
magician	45
electrician	35
optician	29
politician	19
mathematician	15
beautician	7
technician	1
physician	0
Anything else correct and not derived from the words above	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to name punctuation marks.





Answer	Points
Full stop .	99
Comma ,	87
Question mark ?	76
Exclamation mark !	62
Speech marks ""	50
Apostrophe '	47
Colon :	32
Semi colon ;	29
Dash	22
Ellipsis	16
Brackets ()	11
Hyphen	7
Quotation marks ' '	3
/	0
Anything else correct	0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write synonyms for went.





Answer	Points
walked	84
ran	78
left	64
flew	59
moved	57
drove	54
sped	52
travelled	44
crept	42
approached	38
skipped	37
hopped	32
marched	27
rode	25
raced	22
climbed	19

Points
10
18
17
16
13
9
7
6
4
3
2
1
1
0



We gave 100 people 100 seconds to write down synonyms for said.





Answer	Points
questioned	67
answered	64
spoke	61
replied	58
asked	57
called	54
guessed	45
announced	44
mentioned	41
claimed	38
complained	36
lied	32
repeated	28
commented	25
promised	22
agreed	19

Answer	Points
warned	18
boasted	18
admitted	16
stated	13
revealed	9
protested	7
murmured	6
sighed	4
screamed	3
urged	2
declared	1
teased	1
Anything else correct (must be past tense)	0



Plurals 3





Nouns - Plurals

rat	90 rats
church	55 churches
city	52 cities
kiss	⁵⁹ kisses
monkey	80 monkeys
dish	⁵² dishes



child	56 children
tooth	45 teeth
foot	43 feet
mouse	40 mice
deer	28 deer
louse	12 lice



calf	35 calves
roof	8 roofs
wife	³⁹ wives
loaf	32 loaves
cliff	42 cliffs
chief	4 chiefs



antenna	5 antennae
sheep	24 sheep
woman	33 women
person	13 people
tax	48 taxes
life	28 lives



casino	56 casinos
potato	32 potatoes
formula	3 formulae
fungus	8 fungi
уоуо	48 yoyos
volcano	²⁵ volcanoes



trousers	o no singular
scarves	33 scarf
mangoes	27 mango
scissors	1 no singular
bacteria	7 bacterium
cacti	⁹ cactus



Nouns – proper or common

Collectives 1

Classifying common nouns 1

Collectives 2

Classifying common nouns 2

Animal young



Nouns- types, collectives

jealousy, palace, Mr Bean 59	Mr Bean
book, Wales, manners	Wales
bed, Big Mac, beef burger 56	Big Mac
Long Rd, town, Little Snoring 48	Long Rd, Little Snoring
Smith's, shop, road 50	Smith's

We asked 100 people to pick out the proper noun(s) from each list.



stone	55 concrete
swarm	30 collective
flower	46 concrete
anger	²⁵ abstract
flock	33 collective
dreams	16 abstract

We asked 100 people to say what type of noun these common nouns are.



walrus	69 concrete
memory	17 abstract
pack	47 collective
love	43 abstract
childhood	9 abstract
herd	32 collective

We asked 100 people to say what type of noun these common nouns are.



sheep	60 flock
fish	51 school or shoal
geese	31 gaggle or flock
lions	37 pride
bees	28 swarm or hive
bananas	43 bunch

We asked 100 people to name the collective for a group of these animals / objects.



keys	48 bunch
cards	62 pack
puppies	38 litter
gnats	2 cloud or swarm
crows	0 murder
lies	29 pack

We asked 100 people to name the collective for a group of these animals / objects.



cow	63 calf
goose	11 gosling
swan	1 cygnet
sheep	⁶⁹ lamb
dragonfly	0 nymph
frog	42 tadpole

We asked 100 people to name the young of these animals.





Past tense 4

Past tense 2

Past tense 5

Past tense 3

Past tense 6



Verbs – past tense

eat	52 ate
carry	68 carried
grab	65 grabbed
begin	⁶⁹ began
meet	54 met
sweep	56 swept



find	57 found
swim	62 swam
run	70 ran
think	43 thought
take	58 took
tell	53 told



wear	54 wore
buy	³⁹ bought
shake	47 shook
rise	43 rose
	⁴³ rose
write	51 wrote



bend	58 bent
hide	⁶⁰ hid
fight	42 fought
shoot	55 shot
steal	45 stole
go	³⁹ went



forbid	12 forbade
is	59 was
does	61 did
hear	53 heard
fly	48 flew
dig	57 dug



break	64 broke
are	62 were
drive	53 drove
sit	⁴⁹ sat
teach	32 taught
let	15 let





Identifying adverbs

Identifying nouns

Identifying prepositions

Identifying adjectives

Identifying pronouns



Identifying nouns, verbs etc

Sarah hit her brother.	86 hit
Molly was late for dance.	72 was
He wanted to believe her.	44 wanted, believe
She said, "It's true, I ate it."	² said, is (from it's), ate
He could see all the bushes.	³⁵ could, see
He was observed by all as he walked past.	²⁸ was observed, walked

We asked 100 people to identify the verbs in these sentences.



Mum gave her lunch.	64 Mum, lunch
Jane felt admiration for her brother.	31 Jane, admiration, brother
It was time for Judo.	37 time, Judo
Mrs Jones arrived later in the evening.	42 Mrs Jones, evening
The cats need lots of love.	³⁹ cats, love
Silence is golden.	49 silence

We asked 100 people to identify the nouns, but not the pronouns, in these sentences.



He quickly put on his old, grey coat.	57 old, grey
Unwisely, the young woman left her car unlocked.	39 young, unlocked
The tall, fat elephant turned around.	68 tall, fat
The silly girl sat smirking outside the smelly toilet.	44 silly, smelly
The horizontal rain lashed the windows repeatedly.	46 horizontal
The delicious smell wafted through the tiny kitchen.	42 delicious, tiny

We asked 100 people to identify the adjectives in these sentences.



He spoke beautifully.	83 beautifully
Unkindly, he called him silly Billy.	42 unkindly
Sleepily, she opened her eyes.	79 sleepily
Unfortunately, because he was late, his boss fired him.	⁹ unfortunately, late
Happily, I will be leaving soon.	14 happily, soon
Slowly walking upstairs, she looked wearily at the clock.	o slowly, upstairs, wearily

We asked 100 people to identify the adverbs in these sentences.



The chocolate was found hidden under the bed.	76 under
He worked on Saturday.	28 on
He went to his house by train.	32 to, by
Between his parents, sat Joe.	61 between
"Below the stairs," I bellow.	52 below
He put Smarties next to the cake.	3 next to

We asked 100 people to identify the prepositions in these sentences



He was late again.	87 he
She told him off.	59 she, him
Don't touch mine, I will give you his.	33 mine, I, you, his
They saw the dog turn itself round to face her.	16 they, itself, her
"I've had mine; it's time for the cat to eat have its," she said.	23 I, its, she
She gave Fred's sweets back to him.	37 she, him

We asked 100 people to identify the pronouns in these sentences.





Opposites 4

Opposites 2

Opposites 5

Opposites 3





Prefixes

behave	64 misbehave
sense	52 nonsense
clockwise	43 anti-clockwise
respect	48 disrespect
count	29 miscount
realistic	38 unrealistic

We asked 100 people to add the correct prefix to give a word with the opposite meaning.



possible	53 impossible
relevant	15 irrelevant
legal	36 illegal
considerate	²⁵ inconsiderate
moral	18 immoral
responsible	28 irresponsible

We asked 100 people to add the correct prefix to give a word with the opposite meaning.



fair	57 unfair
jointed	³⁶ disjointed
regular	24 irregular
legible	¹⁹ illegible
proper	³³ improper
correct	46 incorrect

We asked 100 people to add the correct prefix to give a word with the opposite meaning.



explode	12 implode
ascend	29 descend
absent	47 present
forwards	68 backwards
encourage	¹⁹ discourage
include	17 exclude

We asked 100 people to change the prefix to give a word with the opposite meaning.



interior	³⁹ exterior
increase	43 decrease
maximum	33 minimum
optimist	9 pessimist
upstairs	76 downstairs
superior	7 inferior

We asked 100 people to change the prefix to give a word with the opposite meaning.



proper	43 improper
formation	⁵⁹ information
movable	54 immovable
mortal	57 immortal
efficient	62 inefficient
valuable	63 invaluable

We asked 100 people to use either im- or in- as a prefix with these words.





-ible or -able



shun sound 1

-ship or -hood

shun sound 2





hate	42 hating
turn	97 turning
spit	44 spitting
spy	75 spying
tap	48 tapping
tape	³⁹ taping

We asked 100 people to add the suffix -ing to these verbs.



carry	51 carried
hug	44 hugged
love	63 loved
destroy	72 destroyed
fry	⁴⁹ fried
stop	43 stopped

We asked 100 people to add the suffix -ed to these verbs.



child	72 childhood
mother	68 motherhood
champion	67 championship
knight	71 knighthood
knight partner	 71 knighthood 64 partnership

We asked 100 people to add the suffixes -ship or -hood to these words.



rely	43 reliable
reverse	56 reversible
forgive	52 forgivable
horrid	63 horrible
envy	⁵⁹ enviable
response	61 responsible

We asked 100 people to add the suffixes -ible or -able to these words.



inflate	58 inflation
extend	48 extension
pronounce	9 pronunciation
collide	45 collision
create	53 creation
divide	64 division

We asked 100 people to add the correct suffix to give a word ending with a shun sound.



explode	40 explosion
Venice	0 Venetian
qualify	15 qualification
reduce	8 reduction
Asia	28 Asian
magic	37 magician

We asked 100 people to add the correct suffix to give a word ending with a shun sound.





Superlatives 1

Comparatives 2

Superlatives 2

Comparatives 3

Superlatives 3



Adjectives

good	17 better
cold	86 colder
tricky	³⁶ trickier
horrible	28 more horrible
sad	43 sadder
nice	72 nicer

We asked 100 people to write the comparatives for these adjectives.



wonderful	35 more wonderful
bad	17 worse
cool	74 cooler
crazy	³⁵ crazier
far	³⁹ farther or further
silly	38 sillier

We asked 100 people to write the comparatives for these adjectives.



white	76 whiter
grumpy	33 grumpier
mad	⁴⁹ madder
large	79 larger
much	⁶ more
generous	43 more generous

We asked 100 people to write the comparatives for these adjectives.



sad	37 saddest
good	19 best
nice	⁸³ nicest
enormous	41 most enormous
tricky	53 trickiest
tall	91 tallest

We asked 100 people to write the superlatives for these adjectives.



strange	90 strangest
dry	⁵⁰ driest
bad	15 worst
thin	37 thinnest
far	45 farthest or furthest
exciting	48 most exciting

We asked 100 people to write the superlatives for these adjectives.



special	37 most special
fat	43 fattest
delicious	40 most delicious
grumpy	48 grumpiest
some	7 most
wise	83 wisest

We asked 100 people to write the superlatives for these adjectives.





Antonyms 4

Antonyms 2

Antonyms 5

Antonyms 3

Antonyms 6



Antonyms

cruel	29 kind
dawn	19 dusk
optimist	14 pessimist
transparent	0 opaque
full	⁴⁹ empty
permanent	1 temporary



horizontal	18 vertical
maximum	23 minimum
victory	30 defeat
East	70 West
expand	0 contract
success	16 failure



borrow	28 lend or loan
better	35 worse
conductor	⁵ insulator
advance	9 retreat
forget	21 remember
include	18 exclude



entrance	8 exit
blunt	37 sharp
tame	33 wild
question	⁵⁶ answer
guilty	11 innocent
singular	18 plural



tight	36 loose
noisy	78 quiet or silent
admit	9 deny
harmful	26 harmless
mature	21 immature
conceal	7 reveal



left	⁸⁴ right or arrived
foolish	²⁹ wise
asleep	36 awake
bright	⁴⁹ dull or dim
external	²⁶ internal
polite	27 rude or impolite





Spellings 4

Spellings 2

Spellings 5

Spellings 3

Spellings 6



Spellings

One person is an ind	30 individual ind
Keen to succeed	38 determined _{detd}
Not passive.	³⁴ aggressive agve
A car or bus.	21 vehicle ve
We use the English lan to communicate.	37 language lan
The P in PE.	26 physicalcal



A type of plant or fruit.	29 variety vty
eg cat, hat and sat all r	32 rhyme r
Where an arm joins your body.	41 shoulder sh
Found with thunder	⁵⁹ lightning lg
A chance to do something	³⁶ opportunity opty
Music has a r	17 rhythm rm



Go with someone.	22 accompany ac
Eastenders is a TV pr_	26 programme pr
A book of words and meanings.	36 dictionary dy
enough	22 sufficient suf
talk	24 communicatecom
We must protect the env_	20 environment envt



2 x 20	54 forty f
Well known to you.	24 familiar fam
Opinion not based on facts or experience.	5 prejudice pre
Sitting on the benches during assembly is a pri	¹⁶ privilege pri
Butt into a conversation	27 interrupt int
Meddle with	21 interfere int



Share an opinion about something	g. 28 criticise crit
Which cat would you put this book into?	17 category caty
An annoyance, a pest	¹⁹ nuisance nu
happen	32 occur oc
Potatoes, leeks and beans.	43 vegetables vegs
To give something up.	12 sacrifice sac



She won the diving	38 competition com
Something to discuss and argue about.	3 controversy con
The noun from explain.	22 explanation ex
Live in.	27 occupy oc
+ - x ÷ ° © are all	13 symbolsls
Thank you. I really ap what you did.	¹⁹ appreciate ap





More spellings 4

More spellings 2

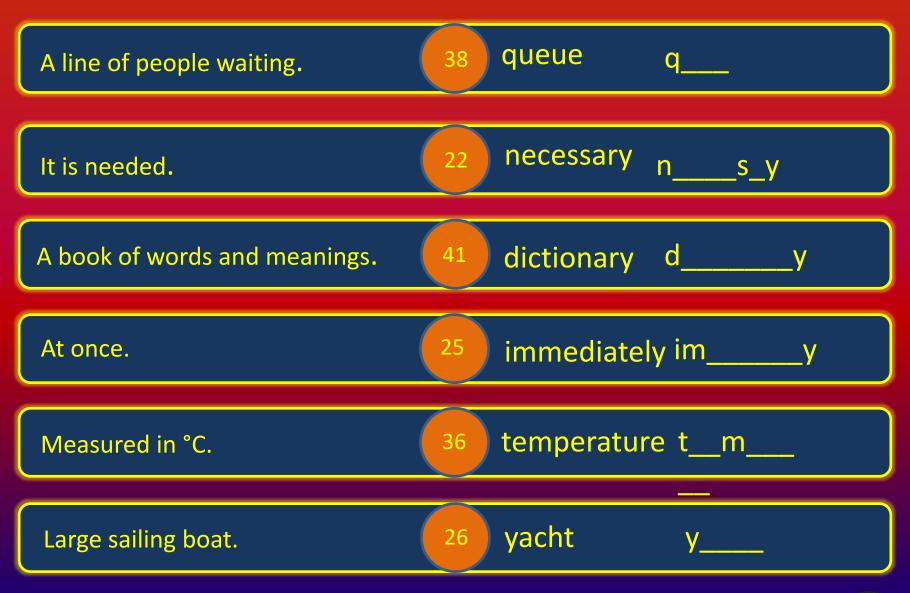
More spellings 5

More spellings 3

More spellings 6



More Spellings





House of Commons and the House of Lords.	38 parliament pa
How something is said.	15 pronunciatiopron
Certain.	¹⁹ definite def
Often.	40 frequently frey
Make someone feel uncomfortable.	28 embarrass embs
From another country.	31 foreign for









A place to eat out.	39 restaurant	rest
She needed the loo. She was d	34 desperate	desp
Annoy and pester continually.	26 harass	has
Free time.	18 leisure	ls
Opposite to successful.	43 disastrous	disas



12 th	18 twelfth twe
Clear to see.	32 apparent apt
Awake – not asleep.	21 conscious cons
Person living next door.	28 neighbour nr
Make it sound better than it was.	37 exaggerate exa
Give someone a place to stay.	10 accommodate acm_e

We asked 100 people to identify and spell these words.







ei or ie?









Letter stings

blow	42 though, dough
pickup	12 hiccough
how	⁹ plough, bough
blue	22 through
stuff	47 enough, tough, rough
toff	15 cough, trough

We asked 100 people to find words ending in ough which rhyme with the words above.





We asked 100 people to complete the words by putting in either ei or ie. You need to get all 3 correct to score.



beard	42 weird
pealing	3 ceiling
air	11 their, heir
tale	0 veil
tight	15 height
hay	23 weigh neigh

We asked 100 people to find words containing ei which rhyme with the words above.



good	24 could, would, should
law	16 four, pour, your, tour
loot	³ route
tower	¹⁹ our, hour, sour
lawn	7 mourn
cause	9 yours, fours, tours, pours

We asked 100 people to find words containing ou which rhyme with the words above.



twirl	7 pearl
peer	86 ear, year, dear, tear, gear, fear, hear, rear, appear, clear
turn	9 earn, learn, yearn
care	53 bear, wear, tear, pear
path	1 hearth
girth	³ earth

We asked 100 people to find words containing ear which rhyme with the words above.



bed	29 said
tame	21 aim, maim
bear	⁵² air, fair, lair, hair, pair
late	47 gait, bait, wait, straight, trait
wary	43 fairy, dairy, airy, prairie, hairy
scaly	8 daily, bailey

We asked 100 people to find words containing ai which rhyme with the words above.





Correct the homophone

Homonym puzzles 1

Homophone puzzles 1

Homonym puzzles 2

Homophone puzzles 2



Homonyms & Homophones

They agreed a date for the wedding.	41 date – fruit
He put a plaster over the graze on his knee.	Plaster – in walls, graze – cows do this
She leaves the house.	48 Leaves – green on trees.
He put his pants on.	Pants – dog breathes heavily.
He cut the stalk of the plant.	8 Stalk – follow secretly
If you don't hurry, you will be late	Will – as in write a will, late - dead

We asked 100 people to identify and give another meaning for the homonym(s) in each of these sentences.



Slightly mad – the pattern with 2 dotty many dots.
You would be mad to pull these or crackers
Draw a circle to find where north is. 43 compass
The young cow below your knee. 29 calf
Past tense of break has no money. 34 broke
What is left when this tree is burnt. 21 ash

We asked 100 people to identify and spell the homonyms from the clues.



This parent is wrapped in bandages. 57 mummy
Past tense of leave is not right. 46 left
Nip between finger and thumb to 39 pinch steal.
The fake doctor sounds like a duck. 32 quack
Put your car with the trees and grass.
The keen supporter turns round to 22 fan cool you.

We asked 100 people to identify and spell the homonyms from the clues.



She was wearing a fir coat too.	35 fur
There going to their parents' house.	41 They're replaces There
Were are the clothes you are going to wear?	48 Where replaces were
Would you like me to pore the juice into the bowl?	27 pour
He was find for leeking the secret recipe four the martial's new breakfast serial.	o fined, leaking, for, marshall's, cereal
He has groan into a big buoy!	12 grown, boy

We asked 100 people to correct the misspelt homophone(s) in each sentence.



listen but not there	¹⁹ hear, here
It's dark in shining armour.	52 night, knight
Escape from the jumping insect	21 flee, flea
the tree by the sea.	¹⁴ beech, beach
the tree by the sea. Make a line to use this at the snooker table.	 ¹⁴ beech, beach 11 queue, cue

We asked 100 people to identify and spell the homophones from the clues.



The colour as the wind moved 21 blue, blew
Look carefully again as you write one to pay out money.
Used to make bread, it grows in the garden.
Not out, a place to stay. 25 in, inn
Use needles to make a scarf for the generation knit, nit unwelcome egg in your hair.
Did not hit the thin fog. 4 missed, mist

We asked 100 people to identify and spell the homophones from the clues.





Passive → Active

Active → Passive

Passive → Active

Active → Passive

Passive → Active



Active and Passive

John closed the door.	The door was closed by John.
I ate the sweets.	The sweets were eaten by me.
Susan pushed Sarah.	52 Sarah was pushed by Susan.
Jack wrote a letter.	55 A letter was written by Jack.
Mrs Jones told off Caitlin.	49 Caitlin was told off by Mrs Jones.
Sue cut the paper.	60 The paper was cut by Sue.

We asked 100 people to change these sentences from active to passive.



26 The car will be cleaned by James.
Celery is being munched by Alfie.
g 24 Tom had been followed by Mavis.
n. 21 He is going to be kissed by Jenny.
56 The car is started by Gavin.
2 Pasta used to be made by Mum for Mia.
 by Mavis. he is going to be kissed by Jenny. The car is started by Gavin. Pasta used to be made by

We asked 100 people to change these sentences from active to passive.





We asked 100 people to change these sentences from active to passive.



58 The girls ate sweets.
43 The wolf blew the house down.
49 Sarah is watching the baby.
60 Gregory turned the page.
62 Lola crashed the car.
Dave washed the pots and pans.

We asked 100 people to change these sentences from passive to active.



The dinner will be cooked by Sarah.	47 Sarah will cook the dinner.
The game Monopoly is being played by them.	22 They are playing the game Monopoly.
Every Tuesday the bin is emptied by Sam.	Every Tuesday Sam empties the bin.
The house is going to be painted by Tuesday.	13 They are going to paint the house by Tuesday.
The mouse used to be chased by the cat.	The cat used to chase the mouse.
The plums would always be picked by Dad.	Dad would always pick the plums.
We asked 100 people to sha	

We asked 100 people to change these sentences from passive to active.

She will be sent away to school by her parents.	27	Her parents will send her away to school.
The meeting was called off.	9	They called off the meeting.
By whom was the mistake made?	7	Who made the mistake?
A lie was told by Jake to his mum.	12	Jake told a lie to his mum.
Why were the sweets eaten by Joe?	18	Why did Joe eat the sweets?
Tomorrow, the computer will be mended by Felix.	33	Tomorrow Felix will mend the computer.
We asked 100 people to change these sentences from		

passive to active.



Relative clauses 2

Determiners 2

Subordinate clauses 1

Relative clauses 1

Subordinate clauses 2



Determiners; clauses

The grey cat ate five mice.	¹⁹ The, five
My toilet is blocked again.	43 my
Those poisonous spiders are going to be real trouble.	24 those
An owl will always return to its nest.	¹³ An, its
Every cloud has a silver lining.	4 Every, a
That is a truly awful smell.	9 a

We asked 100 people to identify the determiners in these sentences.



These five sausage have a taste of garlic.	⁹ These, five, a
Some people have all the luck.	³ Some, all, the
There goes my boy!	41 my
Which spider laid its eggs in the bath?	⁰ Which, its, bath
Less salt would make the chips healthier.	² Less, the
My one great hope is that her phone is mended before Christma	My, one, her
We asked 100 people to iden sentences.	tify the determiners in these

I worked hard at the allotment whilst my wife lay in bed.	32 whilst my wife lay in bed.
As the wind blew, he ran faster.	24 As the wind blew.
I put on three jumpers because there was a hard frost.	37 because there was a hard frost.
Whenever she visited, there was an argument.	26 Whenever she visited
Tom was driving even though he hadn't passed his test.	even though he hadn'tpassed his test.
He stuffed his pockets with sweets so that he could eat them later.	42 so that he could eat them later.
We asked 100 people to iden these sentences.	tify the subordinate clauses in

He ate until he burped. 48	until he burped.
After she got up, she broke her phone.	After she got up
Once the fire was out, they went to bed.	Once the fire was out
While the cat's away, the mice 22 will play.	While the cat's away
She decided to watch TV rather than do her homework.	rather than do her homework.
You can go for a sleepover provided 28 you have cleaned your room.	provided you have cleaned your room.
We asked 100 people to identify th these sentences.	e subordinate clauses in

He ate from the blue bowl which he later broke. 45 which he later broke. He gave it to his friend who had who had done his 41 done his homework for him. homework for him. They sneaked into the library where the sweets were 42 where the sweets were hidden. hidden. which promptly fused the He turned on the TV which 34 whole house. promptly fused the whole house. The dogs which barked the which barked the most 29 most were taken away. Jane, who was late again, who was late again 35 missed the bus.

We asked 100 people to identify the relative clauses in these sentences.



Do you know the boy who broke the window?	³⁶ who broke the window.	
I like the photo which he showed first.	42 which he showed first.	
This the café where we first met.	37 where we first met.	
Debbie, who liked gardening, grew sunflowers and roses.	45 who liked gardening	
The girls, whom Mr Jones had told off, carried on chatting.	32 whom Mr Jones had told off	
The cake that Mum had baked tasted delicious.	26 that Mum had baked	
We asked 100 people to identify the relative clauses in		

these sentences.





Adverbial phrases 2

Adjectival phrases 2

Noun phrases 1

Adverbial phrases 1

Noun phrases 2



Types of phrases

She gobbled the extremely delicious cereal.	63 extremely delicious
The girl with the orange bag walked out of the blue door.	¹⁸ with the orange bag
The woman from Glasgow won the race.	26 from Glasgow
The tight-lipped teacher ordered him out.	38 tight-lipped
The pig, covered in mud, rolled around on the carpet.	34 covered in mud
The rain became heavier and heavier.	21 heavier and heavier
We asked 100 people to iden	tify the adjectival phrases in

We asked 100 people to identify the adjectival phrases in these sentences.



The snoring was irritatingly loud.	58	irritatingly loud
The box in the corner started to collapse.	21	in the corner
Sam was an intelligent, brave and considerate pupil.	38	intelligent, brave and considerate
She painted her room buttermilk yellow.	59	buttermilk yellow
Fans coming from the match fought the police.	14	coming from the match
The sun, which was setting	25	which was setting

We asked 100 people to identify the adjectival phrases in these sentences.



She ate her breakfast in the kitchen.	32 in the kitchen
He ran the race at the speed of light!	37 at the speed of light
On Monday we will have a spelling test.	29 On Monday
The aircraft fell like a stone.	³³ like a stone
All at once the toilet overflowed.	21 All at once
At 6.30 you must report for duty.	19 At 6.30

We asked 100 people to identify the adverbial phrases in these sentences.



They walked across the roof.	34 across the roof
Without much thought, they trampled through the flowers.	8 Without much thought; through the flowers
Rebekah went for a sleepover at the week-end.	38 at the week-end
You will work in silence!	40 in silence
In the wood the owls hooted.	29 In the wood
She slammed the door in a fit of rage.	²³ in a fit of rage

We asked 100 people to identify the adjectival phrases in these sentences.



I like the food you cook. 29 the	food you cook	
She chased the fat lazy cat. 58 the	fat lazy cat	
Both of my sisters are nurses. 19 Bot	th of my sisters	
She blew a kiss at the man 4 a ki with the dog. 4 dog	ss; the man with the	
All our books were given away. 18 Al	l our books	
The boy from Sheffield won easily. 27 The	e boy from Sheffield	
We asked 100 people to identify the noun phrases in these		

sentences.

He was woken by the hiss of the steam engine.	the hiss of the steam engine
A warm glow spread through her arms.	7 A warm glow; her arms
True love always wins through.	43 true love
He was struck by the powerful scent of the roses.	the powerful scent of the roses
A weak shaft of light shone through the temple.	9 A weak shaft of light; the temple
The vibrant red leaves lit fell one by one.	²⁹ The vibrant red leaves

We asked 100 people to identify the noun phrases in these sentences.



commas

brackets

: or ;

dashes







Other punctuation

Honestly he is a twit.	53 Honestly, he is a twit.
I ate bread plums and figs.	59 I ate bread, plums and figs.
The girl who had mousey hair shouted.	39 The girl, who had mousey hair, shouted.
Would you like green blue orange or mauve?	45 Would you like green, blue, orange or mauve?
She eats a lot but she is not fat.	47 She eats a lot, but she is not fat.
Freddy said "Get lost!"	40 Freddy said, "Get lost!"

We asked 100 people to insert commas in these sentences.



Sarah What do you want? 28	Sarah: What do you want?
He fell asleep it was had 22 been a long day.	He fell asleep; it had been a long day.
She ate these foods crisps, peas, beans and melon.	She ate these foods: crisps, peas, beans and melon.
Sue ate five pears Jenny ate six.	Sue ate five pears; Jenny ate six.
These are the animals he 31	These are the animals he saw: rats, mice and slugs.
He arrived late he missed the bus. 18	He arrived late; he missed the bus.

We asked 100 people to insert either a colon or a semicolon into each of these sentences.



Why did he do it	84 Why did he do it?
He's mad	76 He's mad!
She ate it raw	72 She ate it raw!
How old is that	83 How old is that?
What is that	90 What is that?
I threw it in the rubbish bin	79 I threw it in the rubbish bin!

We asked 100 people to insert either a question mark or an exclamation mark into each of these sentences .



The old man who lived n	ext door
was bald.	



29

22

and yellow).

I hated the new car (pink

I hated the r	new car	pink and
yellow.		

The prize was given by Mrs Bug wearing a blue dress.

Add the butter which you weighed earlier to the sugar.

Bug (wearing a blue dress). 37

Add the butter (which you weighed earlier) to the sugar.

The prize was given by Mrs

Sally aged 9 won the race.

23

28

Sally (aged 9) won the race.

She had five mice all from the same shop in her room. She had five mice (all from the same shop) in her room.

We asked 100 people to insert brackets in these sentences.



Remember this I saved you.	32 Remember this – I saved you.	
The cat curled up in its basket was watching intently.	19 The cat – curled up in its basket – was watching intently.	
I had a choice to starve or to eat the mouldy bread.	27 I had a choice – to starve or to eat the mouldy bread.	
Mr Jones standing on the desk looked down at the class.	23 Mr Jones – standing on the desk – looked down at the class.	
There were two things she could do laugh or cry.	There were two things she could do – laugh or cry.	
Philip late again made his way to the classroom.	Philip – late again – made his way to the classroom.	
We asked 100 people to insert dashes in these sentences.		

She picked the sweet smelling rose.	43 She picked the sweet-smelling rose.	
Oliver was old and tight fisted.	34 Oliver was old and tight-fisted.	
His house was custom built.	48 His house was custom-built.	
She was fit and sports mad.	³¹ She was fit and sports-mad.	
There was a build up of dirt around the hot tap.	17 There was a build-up of dirt around the hot tap.	
The green sweets are sugar free.	19 The green sweets are sugar-free.	
We asked 100 people to insert hyphens in these sentences.		



$Direct \rightarrow Indirect 1$

Speech marks 2

Direct => Indirect 2

Speech marks 3

Indirect -> Direct



Speech marks

She said, It's on fire!	76 She said, "It's on fire!"
How many spiders? asked Jo.	72 "How many spiders?" asked Jo.
It's not fair, grumbled Mary, I'm never allowed out.	42 "It's not fair," grumbled Mary, "I'm never allowed out."
I'm ill, declared Ben. It will rain tomorrow.	35 "I'm ill," declared Ben. "It will rain tomorrow."
Pointless SPaG, asserted Zara, is great fun!	45 "Pointless SPaG," asserted Zara, "is great fun!"
Why's that? asked Bill. She's not here.	"Why's that?" asked Bill. "She's not here."
We asked 100 people to put sentences.	speech marks into these

spiders have eight legs retorted sue	⁵³ "Spiders have eight legs," retorted Sue.
sue asked what time is it now	42 Sue asked, "What time is it now?"
sit down shouted mr smith	37 "Sit down!" shouted Mr Smith.
what's that demanded miss pickles	46 "What's that?" demanded Miss Pickles.
who has eaten the chocolate asked mum	48 "Who has eaten the chocolate?" asked Mum.
hide now yelled the policeman	"Hide now!" yelled the policeman.

We asked 100 people to punctuate these sentences.



i scored four goals boasted	²² "I scored four goals," boasted
tom four more than bill	Tom, "four more than Bill."
janet said i am not cleaning that toilet	46 Janet said, "I am not cleaning that toilet."
come here ordered mum i	⁰ "Come here!" ordered Mum.
need to go shopping	"I need to go shopping."
how come asked fred shes	⁵ "How come?" asked Fred.
usually on time	"She's usually on time."
its Saturday remarked sue	"It's Saturday," remarked
and it is raining again	Sue, "and it is raining again."
sprouts are yummy said dad as is broccoli	"Sprouts are yummy," said Dad, "as is broccoli."

We asked 100 people to punctuate these sentences.



"I love dogs," said Tom.	46	Tom said that he loves dogs.
Jane said, "I eat eggs."	42	Jane said that she eats eggs.
"I always wake up early," said Joe.	35	Joe said that he always wakes up early.
"How long is there left?" asked Bert.	24	Bert asked how long there was left.
Sarah said, "I will tidy my room."		Sarah said that she would tidy her room.
Mark said, "I ran last Sunday."	19	Mark said that he ran last Sunday.
We asked 100 people to change these sentences to		

indirect speech.



	Some variation on these answers is allowed.
John said, "I am going fishing."	John said that he was goingfishing.
"I have head lice again," observed Mary.	46 Mary observed that she had head lice again.
"For breakfast," boasted Simon, "I ate three shredded wheat."	27 Simon boasted that he had eaten three shredded wheat for breakfast.
"Get up Simon!" yelled Dave.	6 Dave told Simon to get up.
"How old are you Mary?" asked Sue.	Sue asked Mary how old she was.
"I will be going to town," announced Fred.	2 Fred announced that he would be going to town.
We asked 100 people to change these sentences to indirect speech.	

Some variation on these answers is allowed.

John said that he had had enough.	43 "I have had enough," saidJohn.	
Mary said that she would like to	"I would like to go out," said	
go out.	45 Mary.	
To see to be be a set bit out	"Cotyour oct togothor lool"	
Tom told Joe to get his act together.	"Get your act together Joe!" ordered Tom.	
Sue said she would kill the spider.	8 "I will kill the spider," said Sue.	
Sarah asked if she could go as well.	"Can I come as well?" asked Sarah.	
The weather forecaster predicted heavy rain tomorrow.	2 "Tomorrow there will be heavy rain," predicted the weather forecaster.	
We asked 100 people to change these sentences to direct speech.		



Contraction 2

Possession 2

Correct the mistakes 1

Contraction 1

Correct the mistakes 2



Apostrophes

the cat belonging to Jane 73	Jane's cat
the dog of Mr Jones 47	Mr Jones's dog or Mr Jones' dog
the cake belonging to the children 31	the children's cake
the fingers belonging to it	its fingers
the legs of the boy 59	the boy's legs
the legs of the boys	the boys' legs

We asked 100 people rewrite the phrases using an apostrophe where necessary.



the pen of my brother-in-law	43 my brother-in-law's pen
the coats of the women	38 the women's coats
the leaves of the tree	67 the tree's leaves
the house of Mr & Mrs Smith	29 Mr & Mrs Smith's house
the nose of Sarah	78 Sarah's nose
the house belonging to Mary and me	2 Mary's and my house

We asked 100 people rewrite the phrases using an apostrophe where necessary.



It is a lovely day.	⁶⁹ It's a lovely day.
She cannot come.	⁶² She can't come.
It did not rain.	72 It didn't rain.
You shall not pass.	41 You shan't pass.
Whose cake will not rise?	¹⁷ Whose cake won't rise?
They have spots.	59 They've spots.

We asked 100 people shorten these sentences using an apostrophe where necessary.



We will eat it. 69 We'll eat it.
Who is ready? I am not. 14 Who's ready. I'm not.
He would eat it – he is greedy. ³¹ He'd eat it – he's greedy.
We could not believe it. ⁶² We couldn't believe it.
You have cracked it. 65 You've cracked it.
They would not because they are daft.

We asked 100 people shorten these sentences using an apostrophe where necessary.

childrens toilet	39 children's toilet
apple's and pear's half price!	53 Apples and pears half price!
Dunkin Donut's	4 Dunkin' Donuts
It's mine and not your's.	35 It's mine and not yours.
Stop using apostrophe's wrongly!	57 Stop using apostrophes wrongly!
Now open on Sunday's.	60 Now open on Sundays.

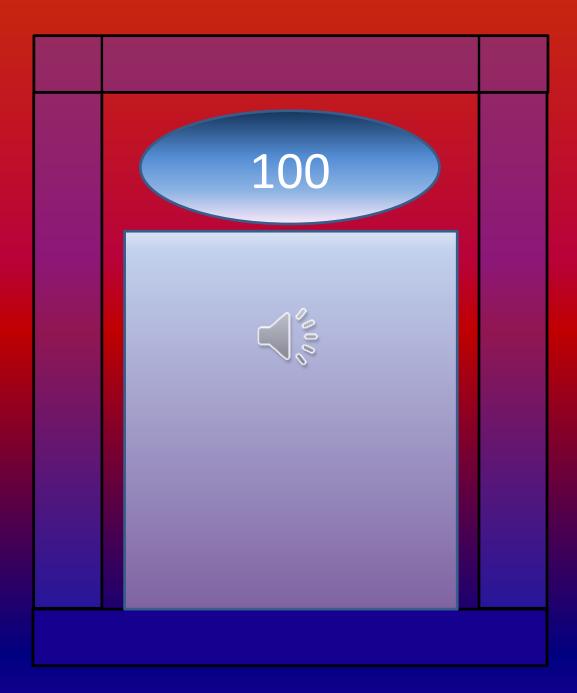
We asked 100 people to correct these phrases/ sentences.

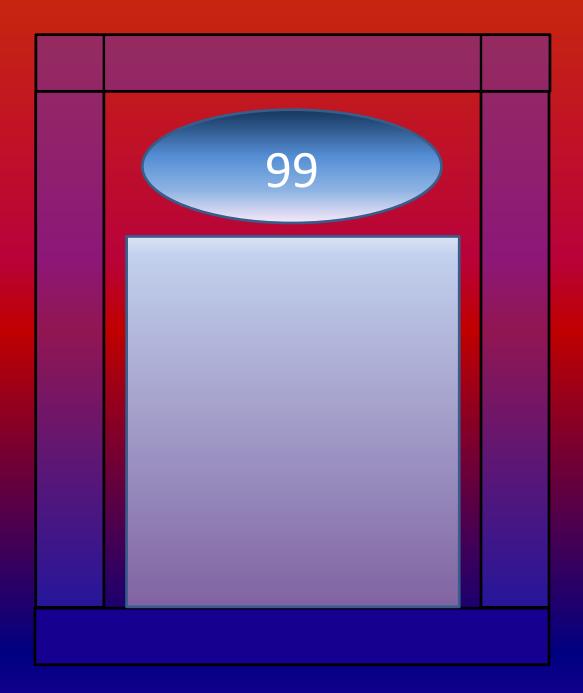


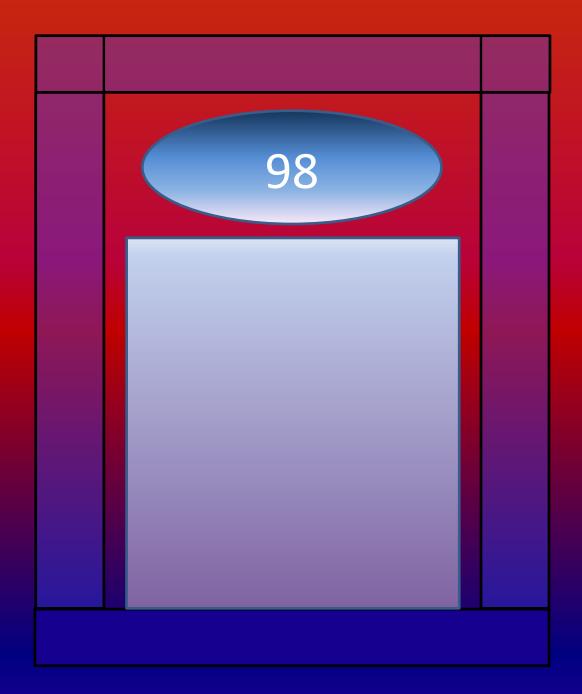
Its time for chip's.	32 It's time for chips.
Second hand book's £1	52 Second hand books £1
Tuesday is Ladie's night.	42 Tuesday is Ladies' night.
I have'nt a clue.	38 I haven't a clue.
Boys trouser's	0 Boys' trousers
Lets go banana's!	28 Let's go bananas!

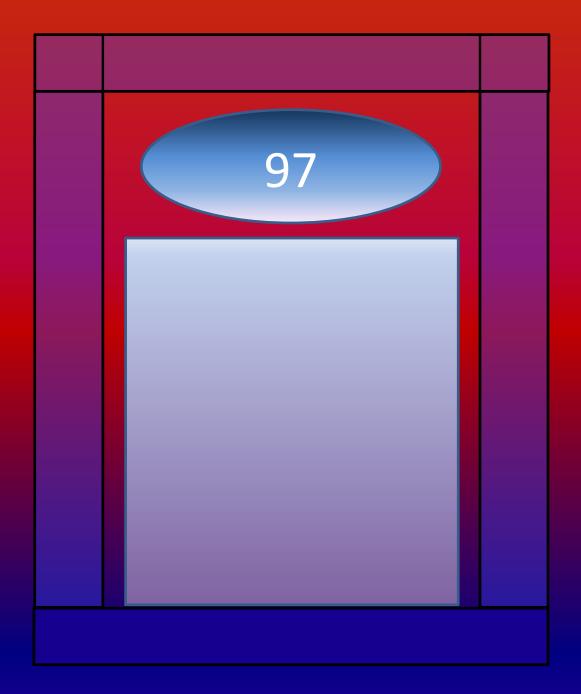
We asked 100 people to correct these phrases/ sentences.

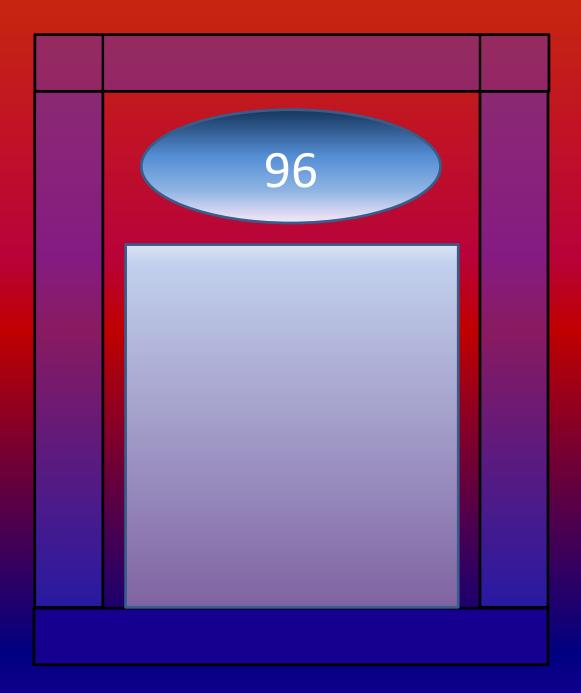


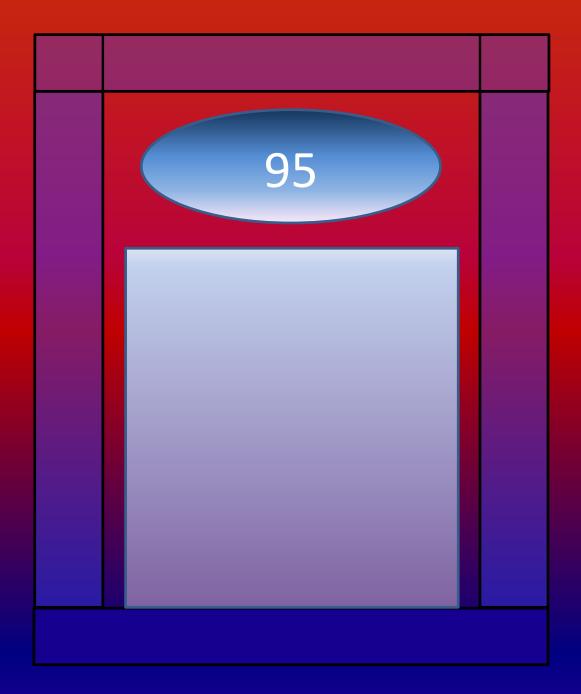


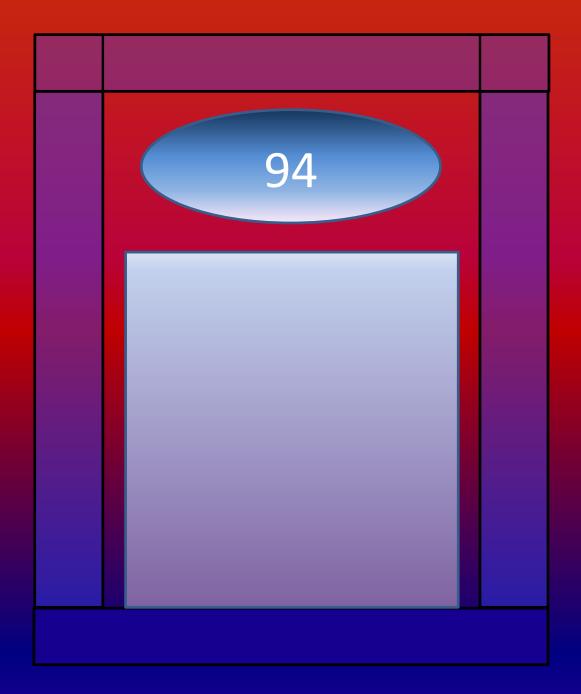


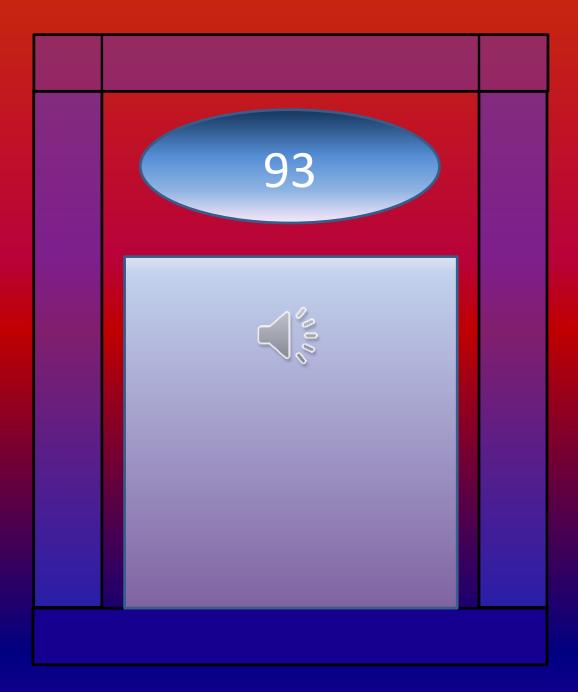


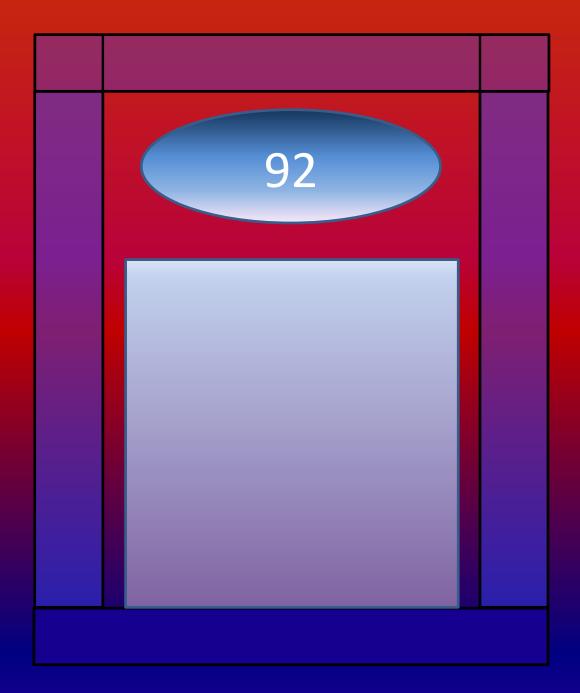


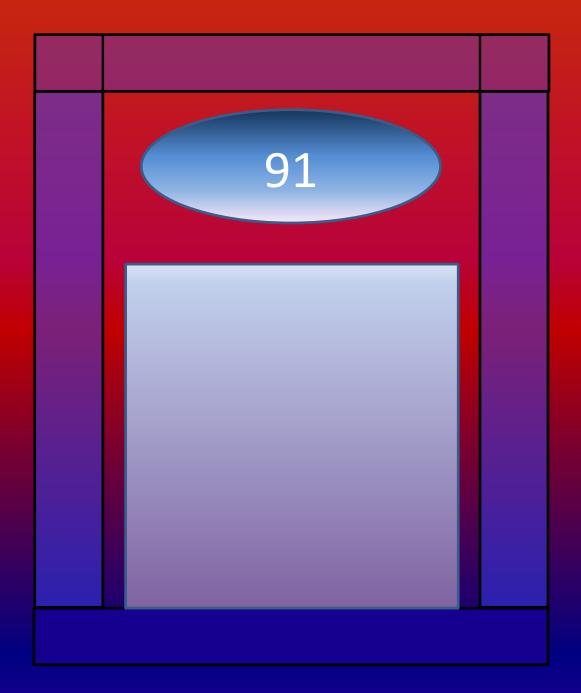


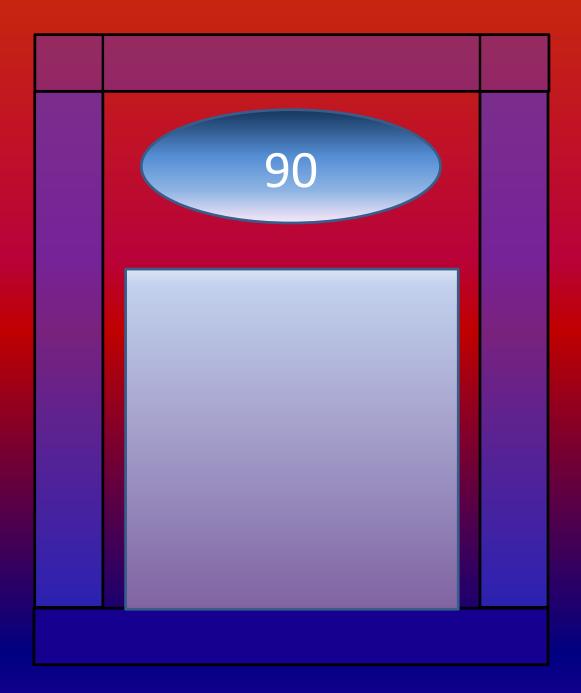


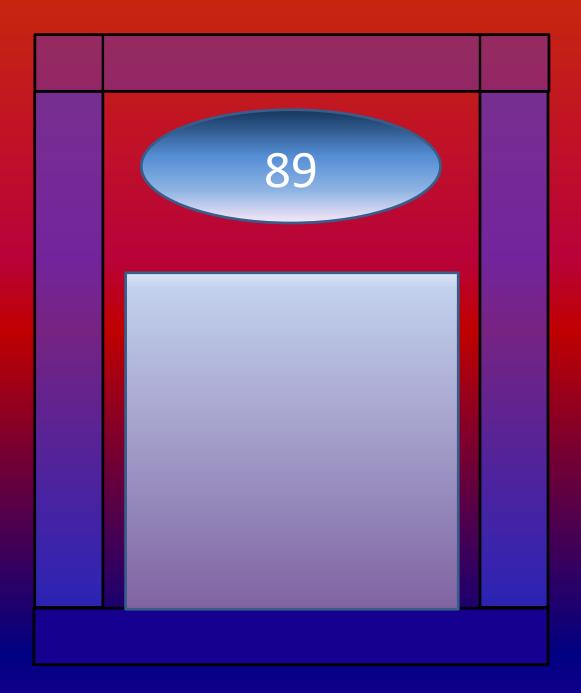


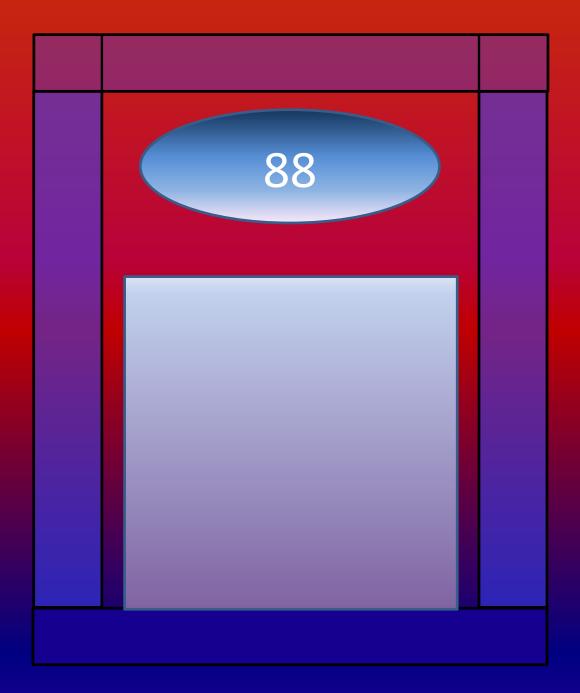


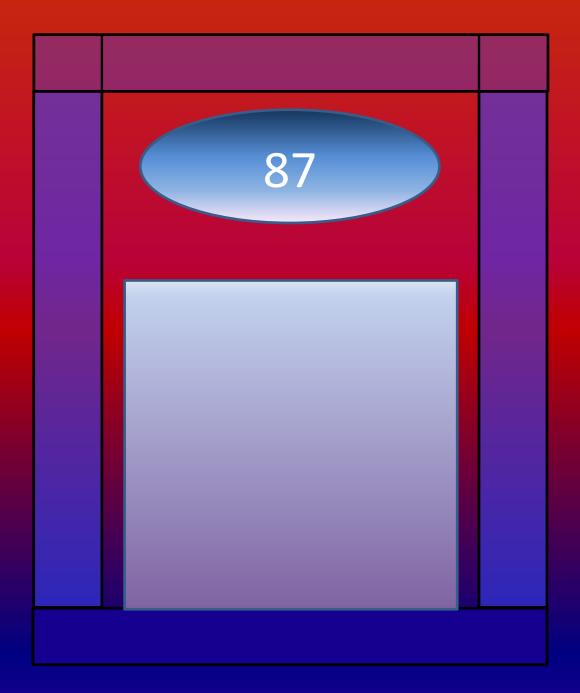


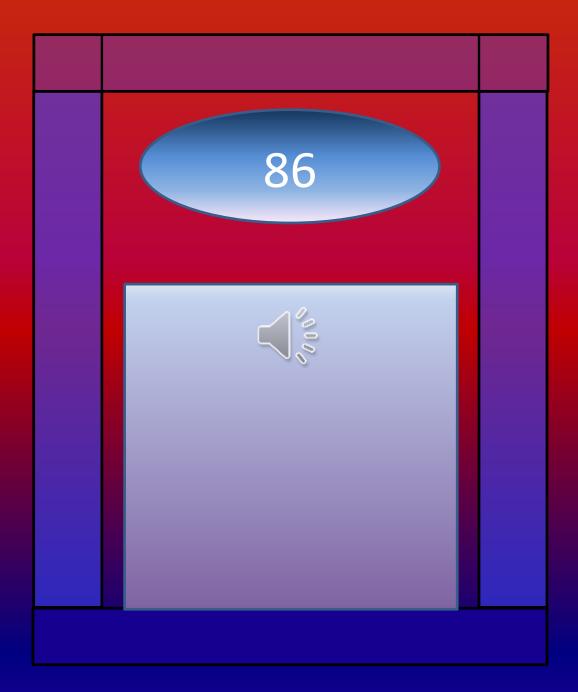


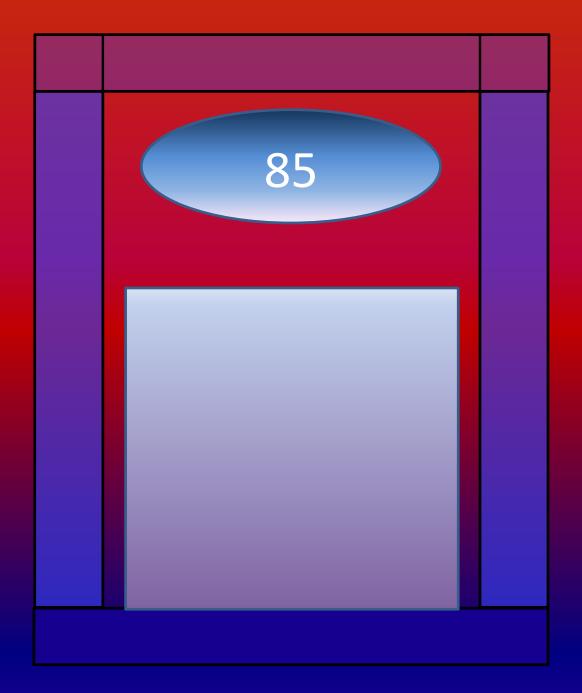


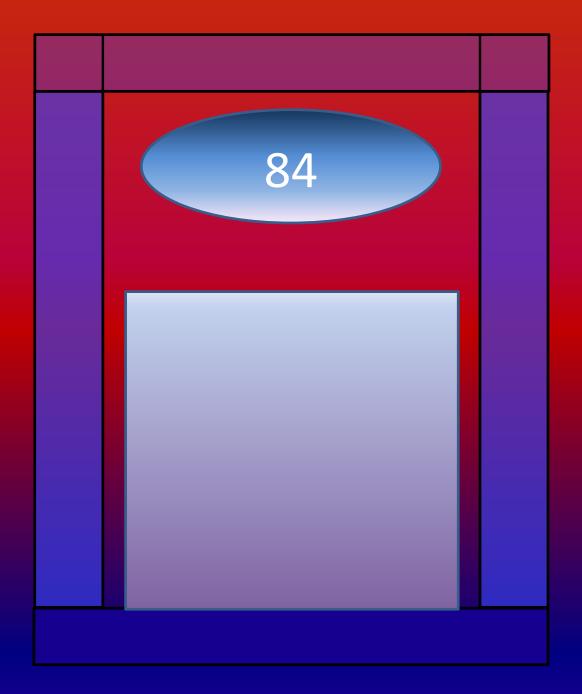


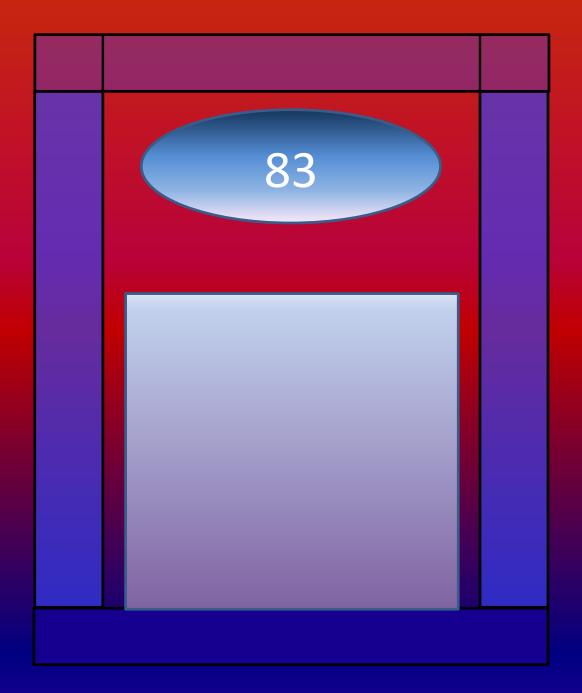


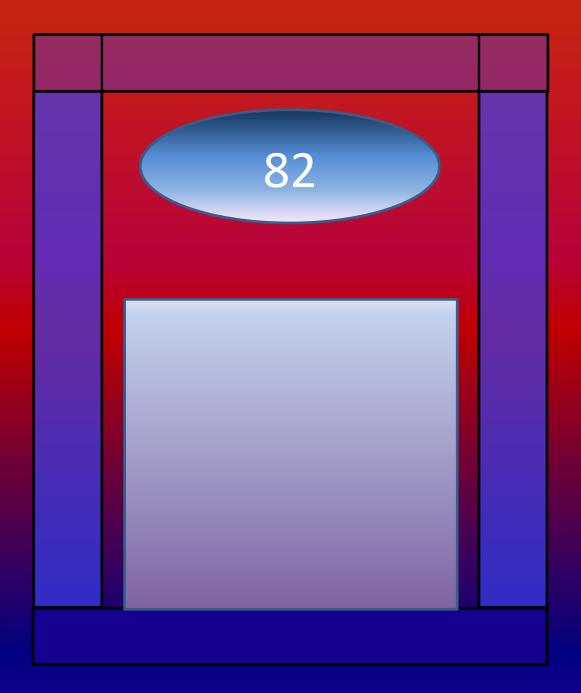


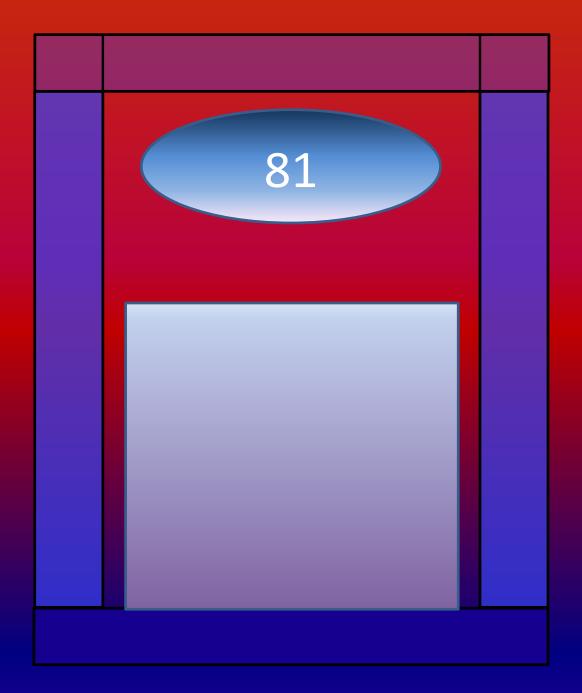


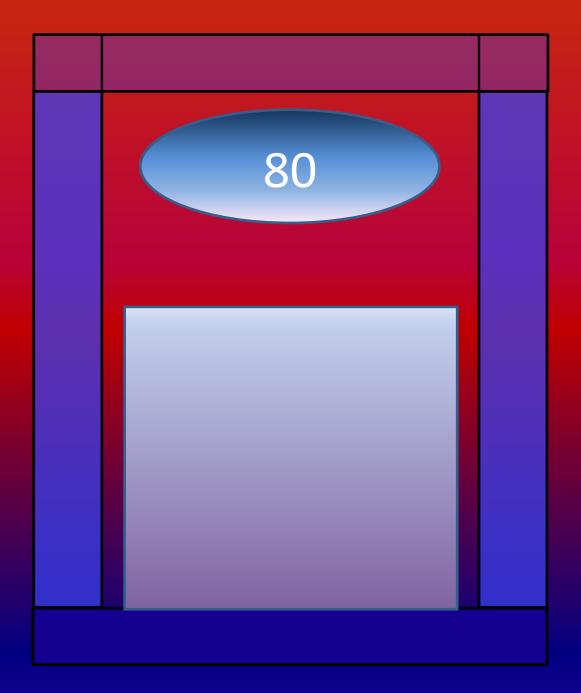


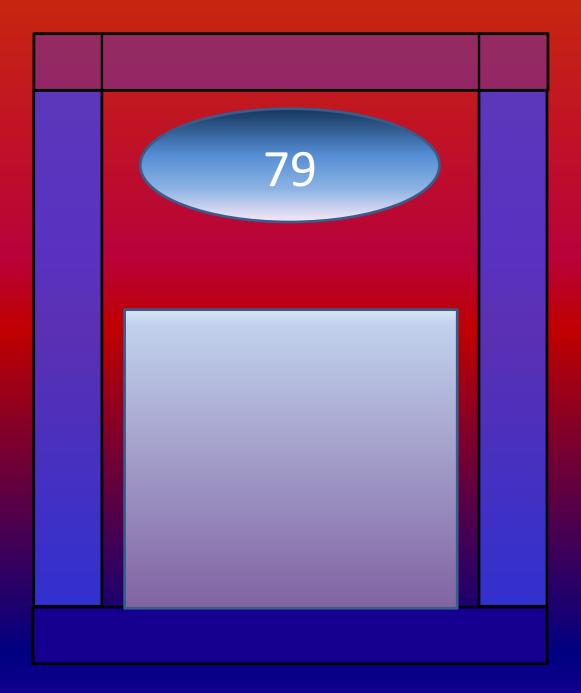


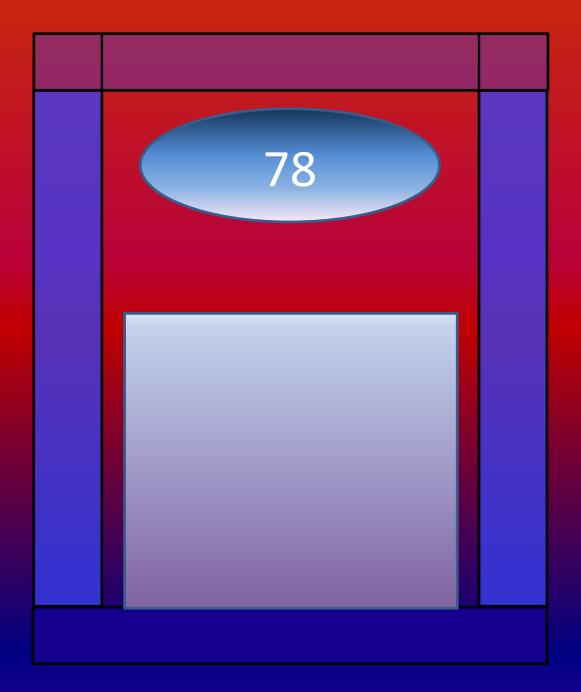


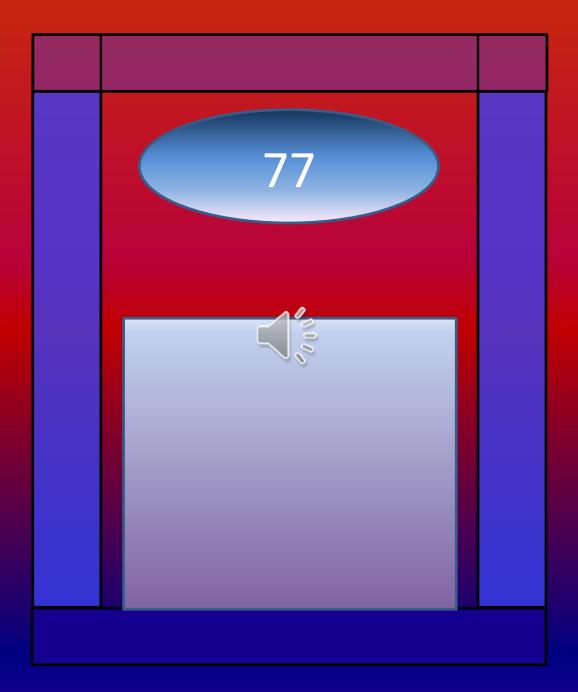


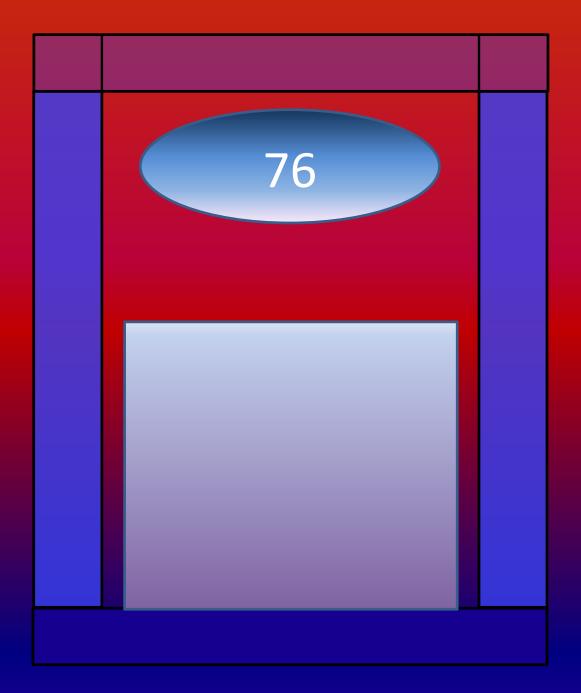


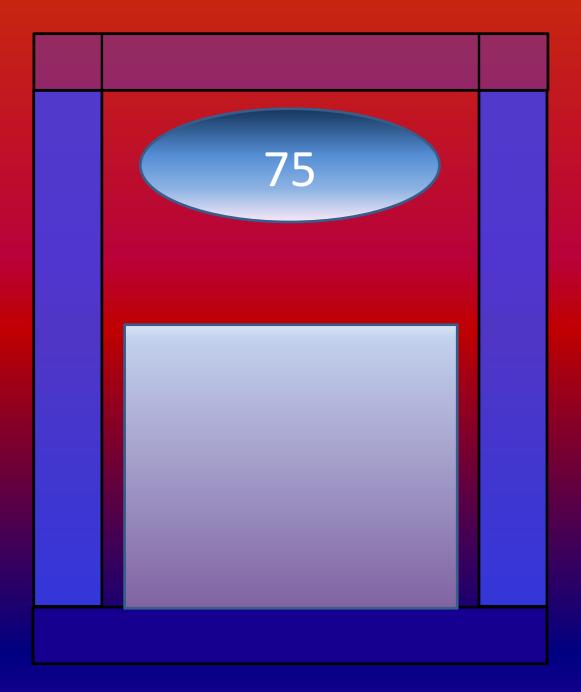


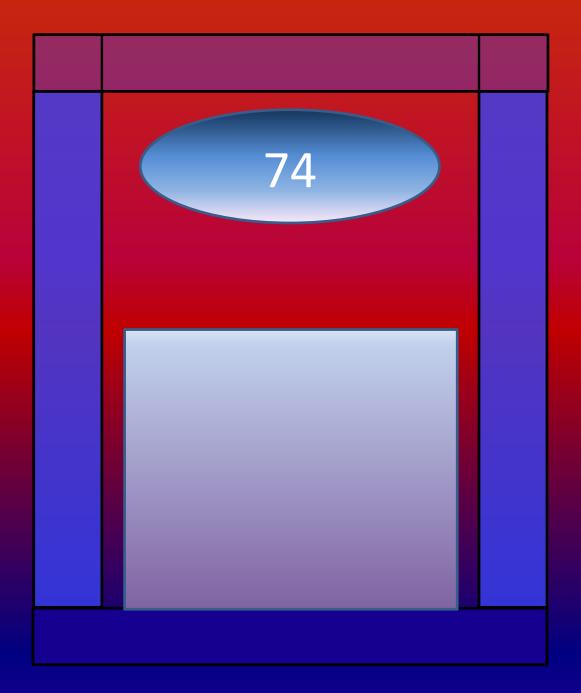


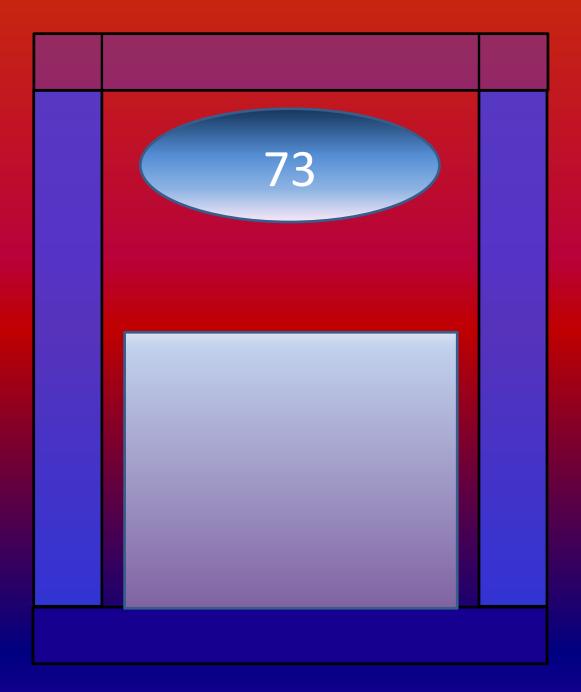


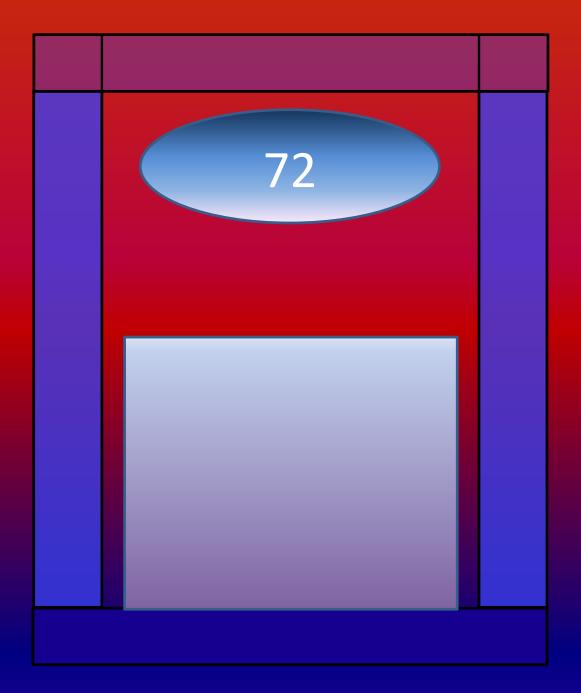


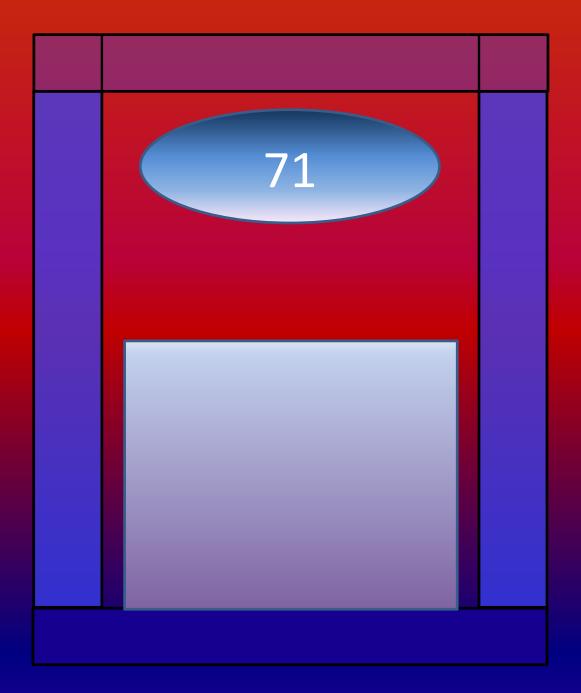


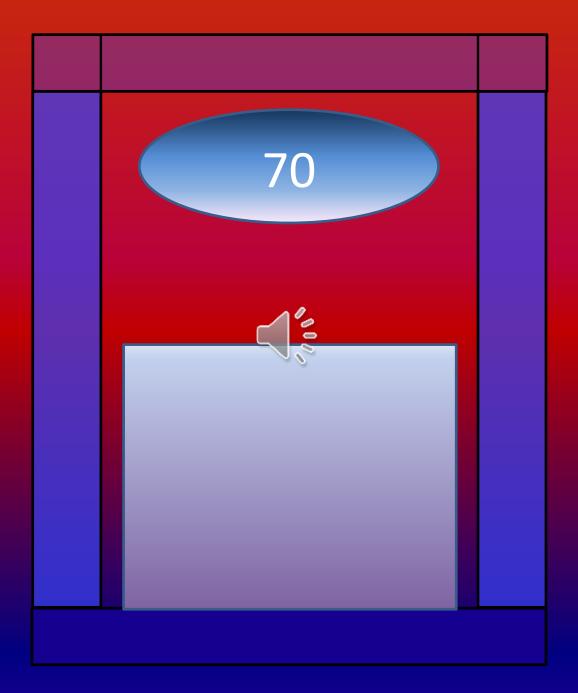


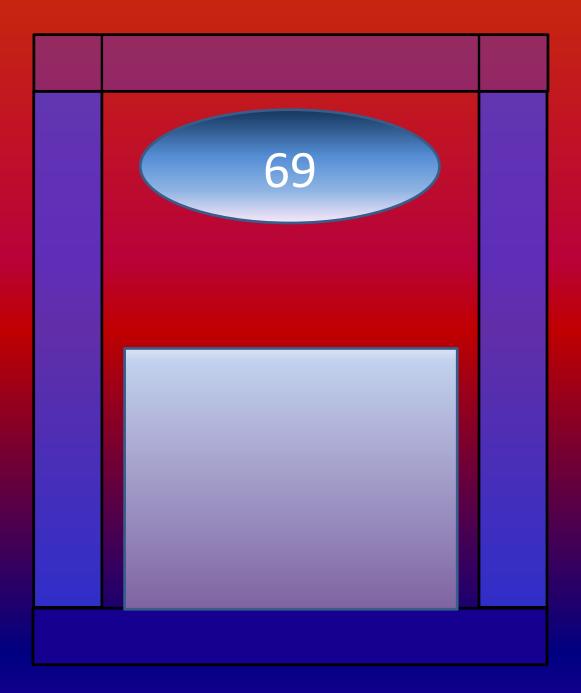


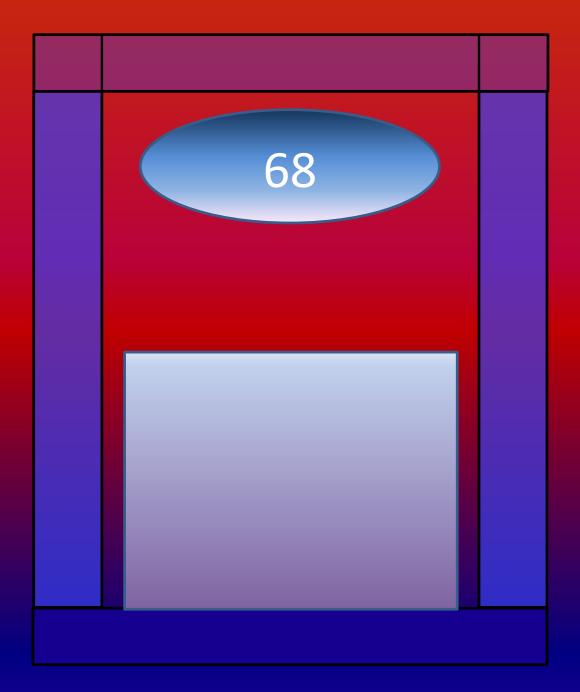


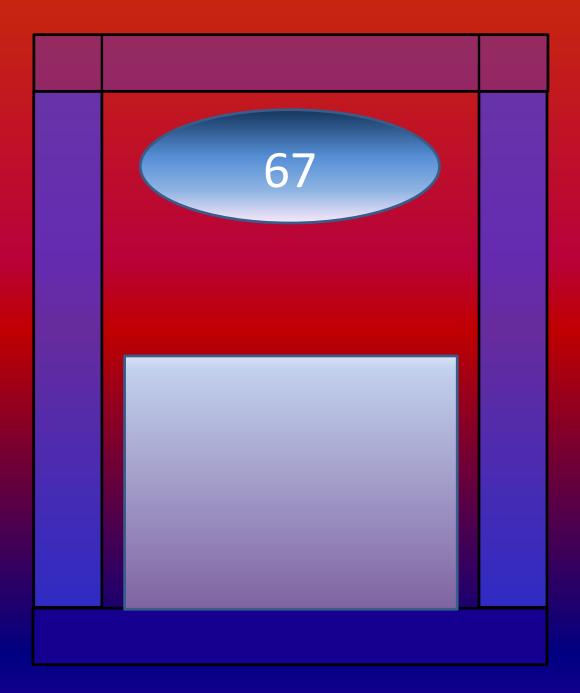


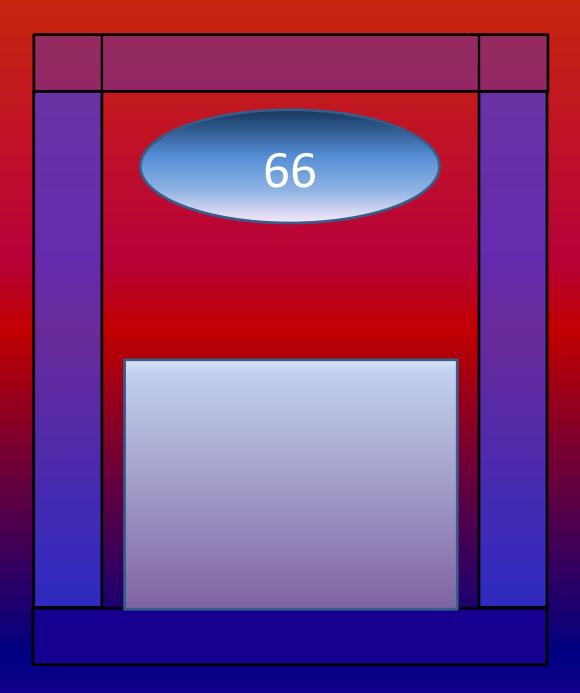


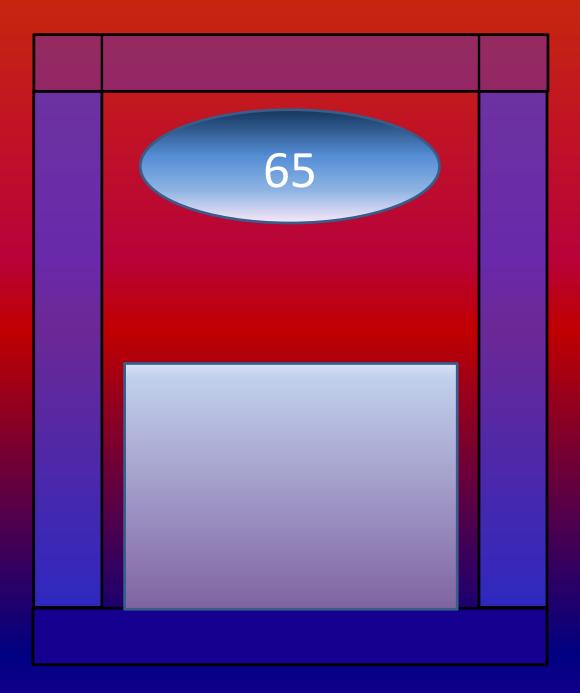


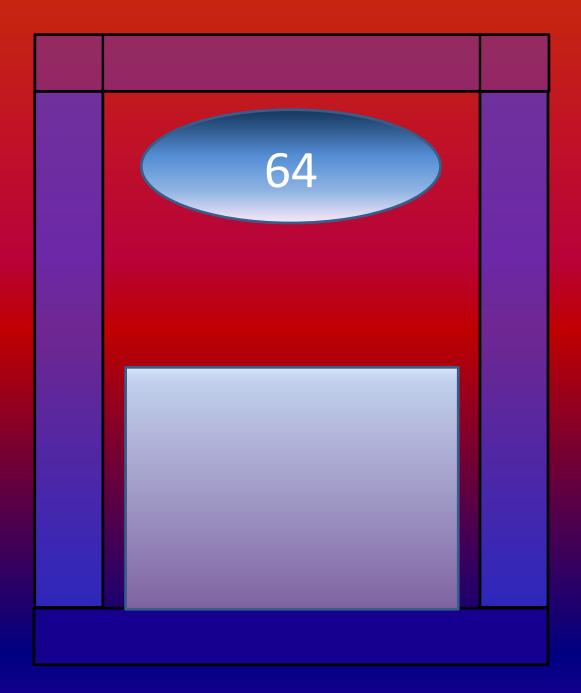


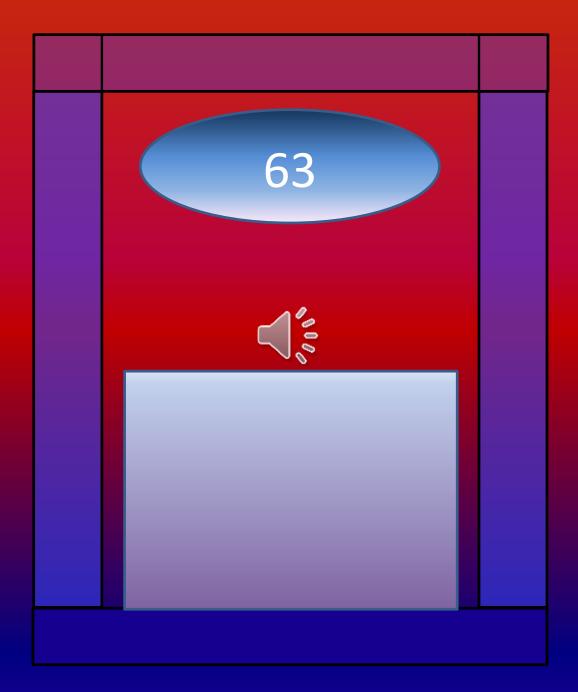


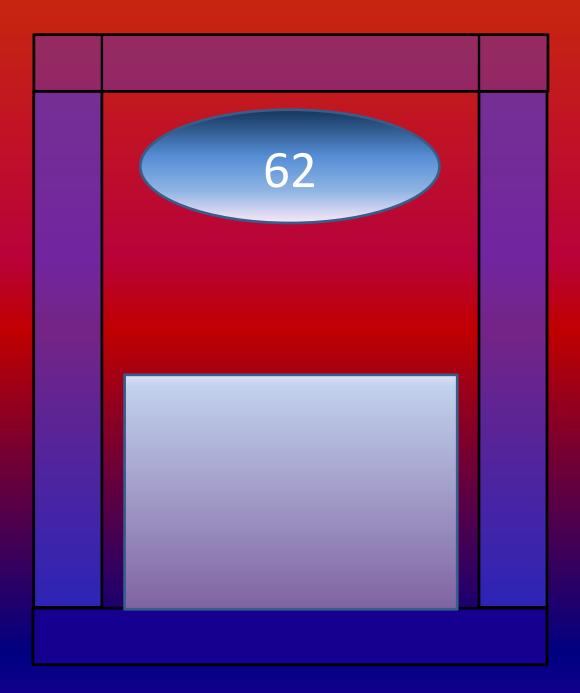


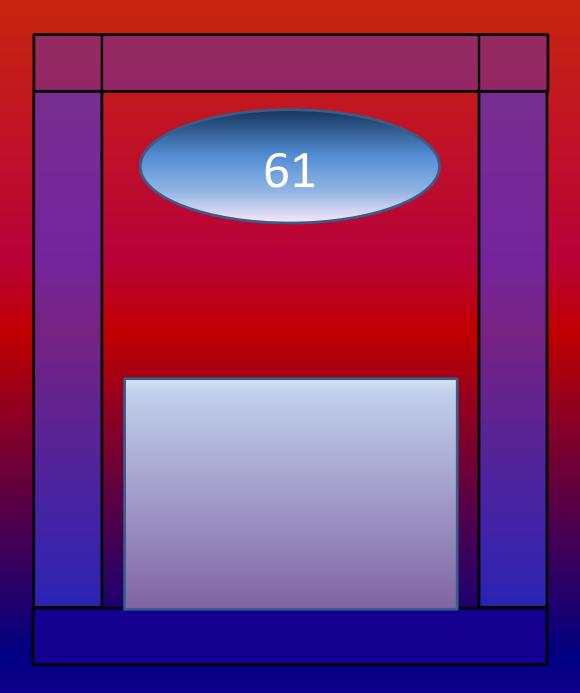


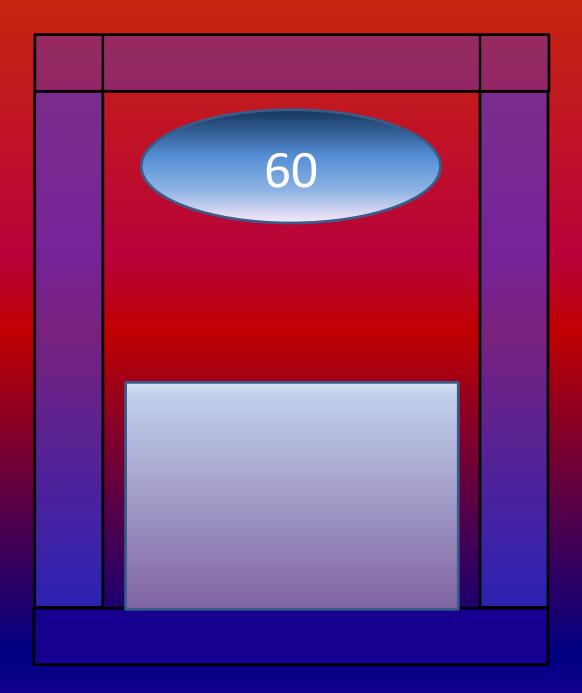


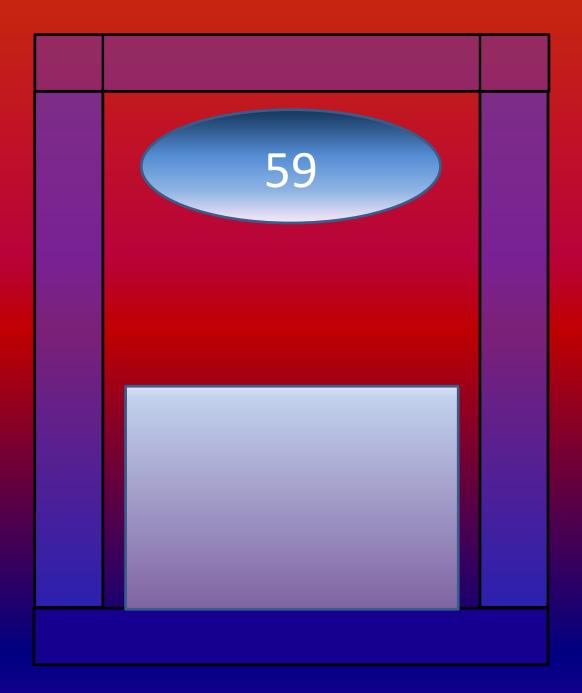


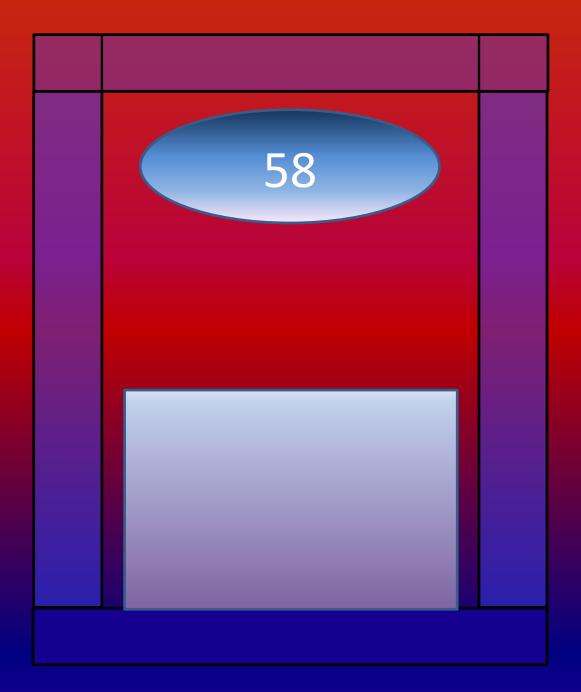


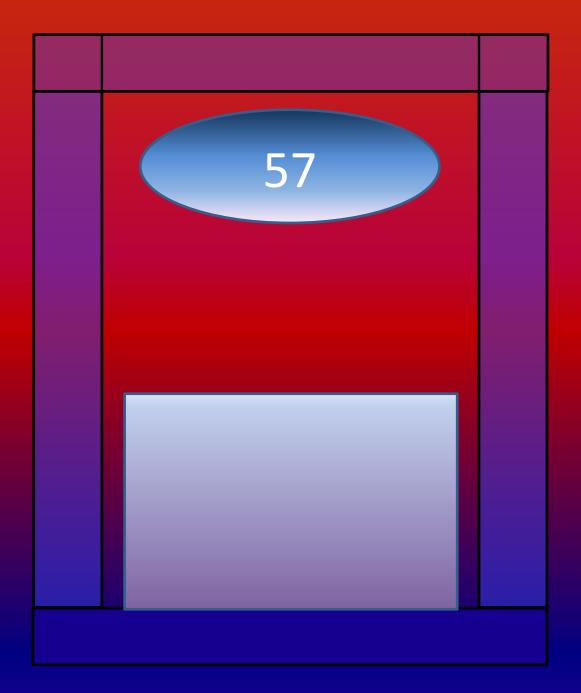


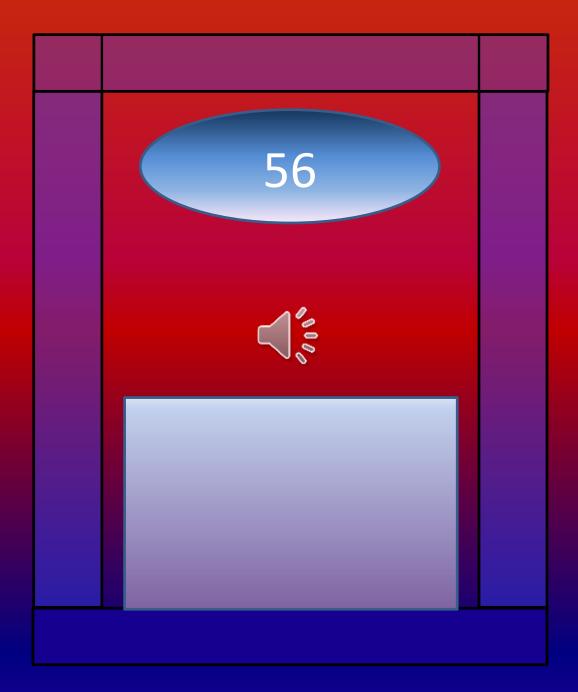


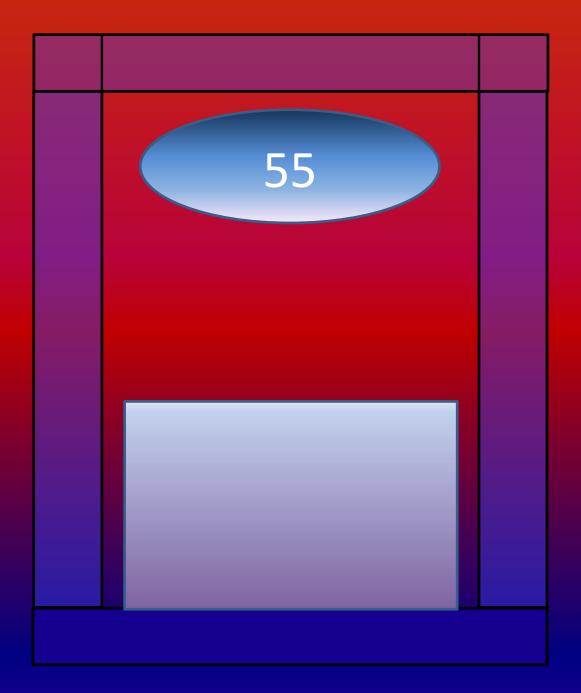


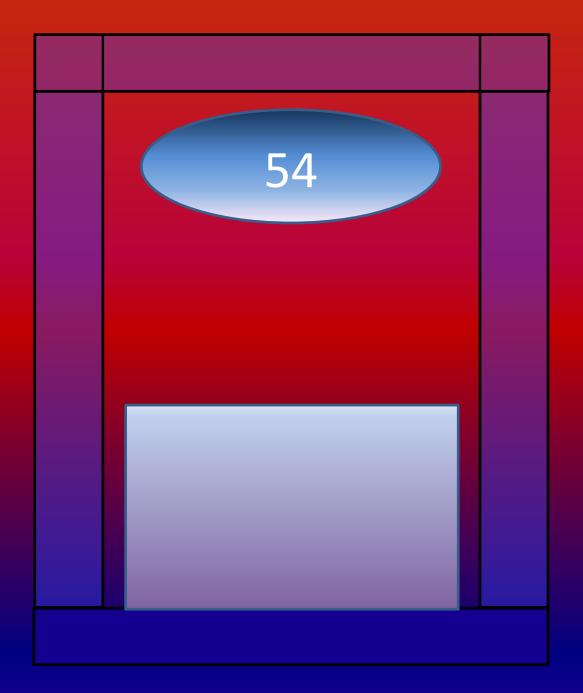


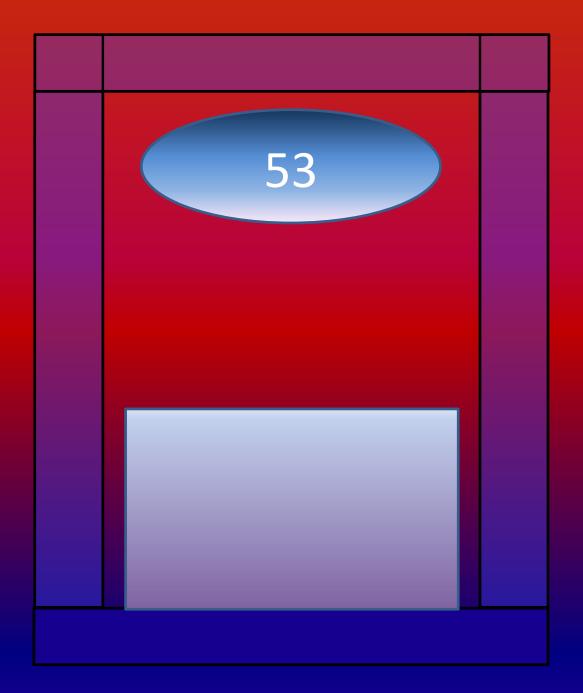


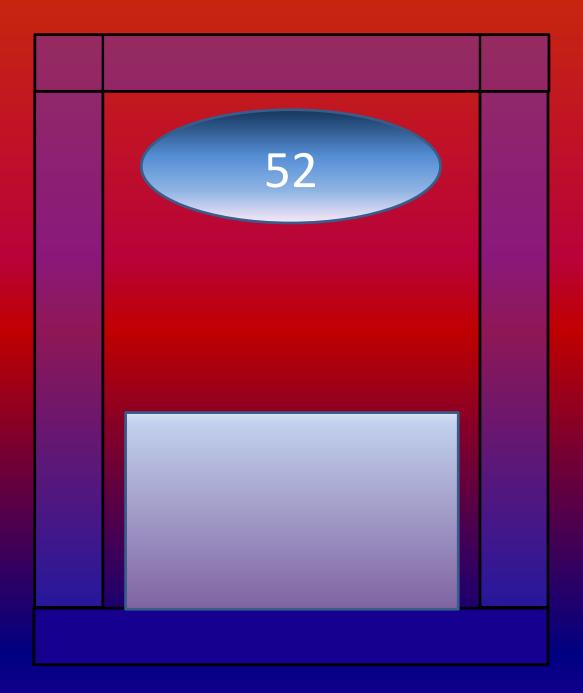


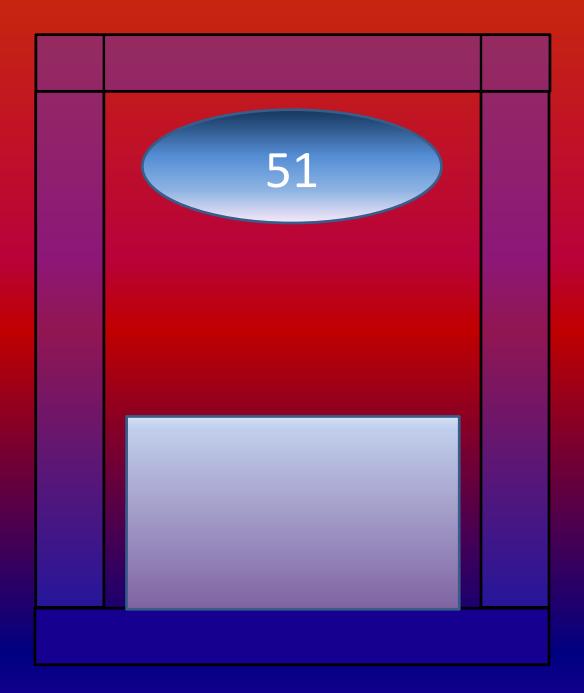


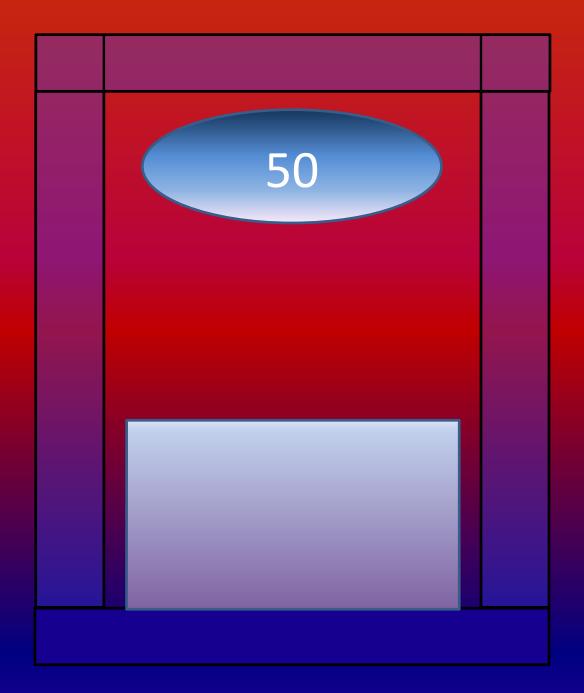


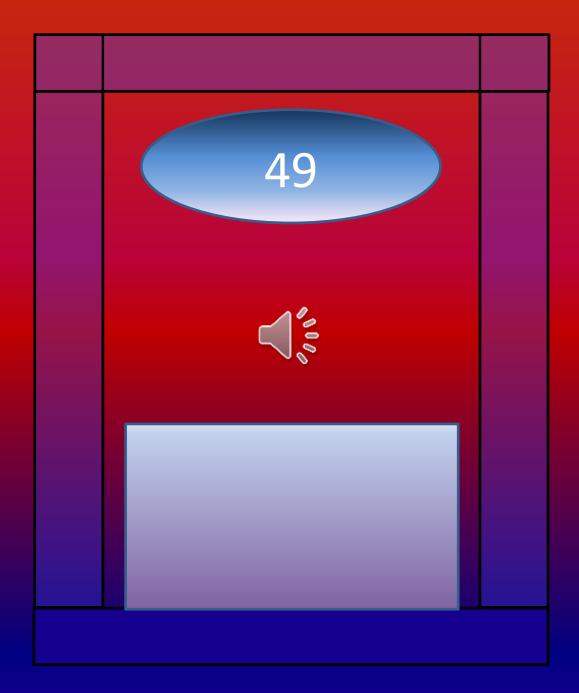


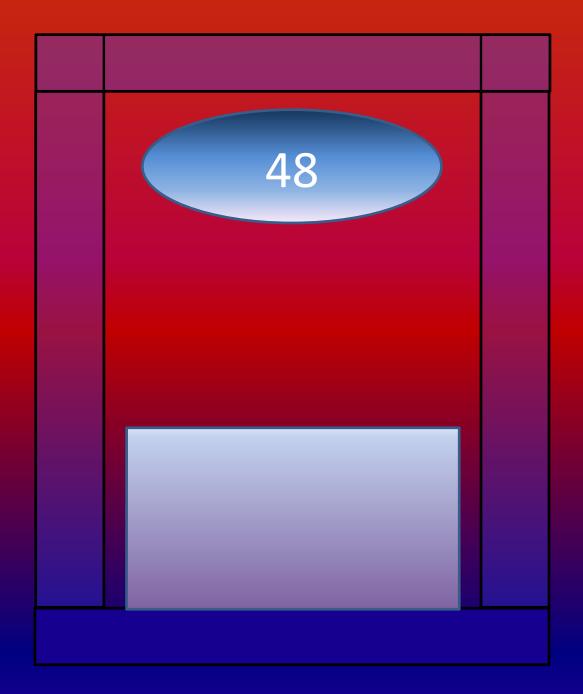


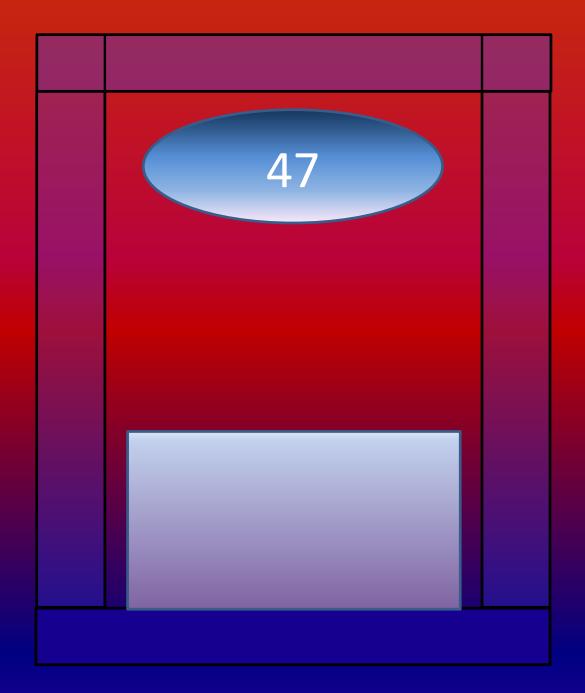


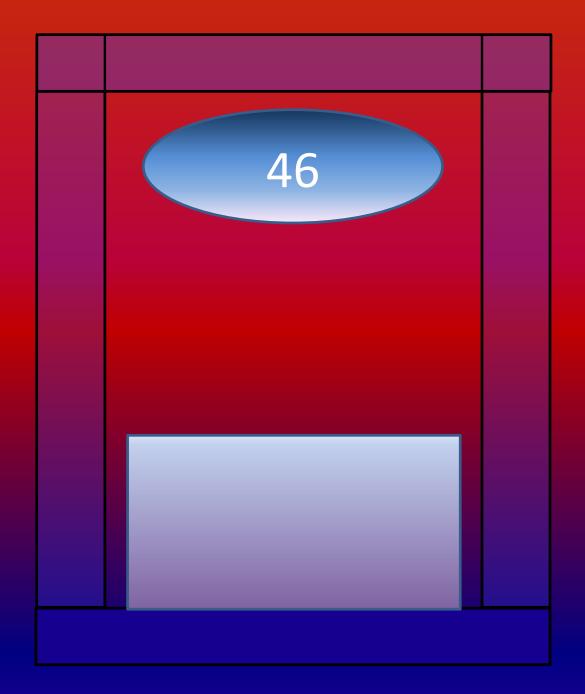


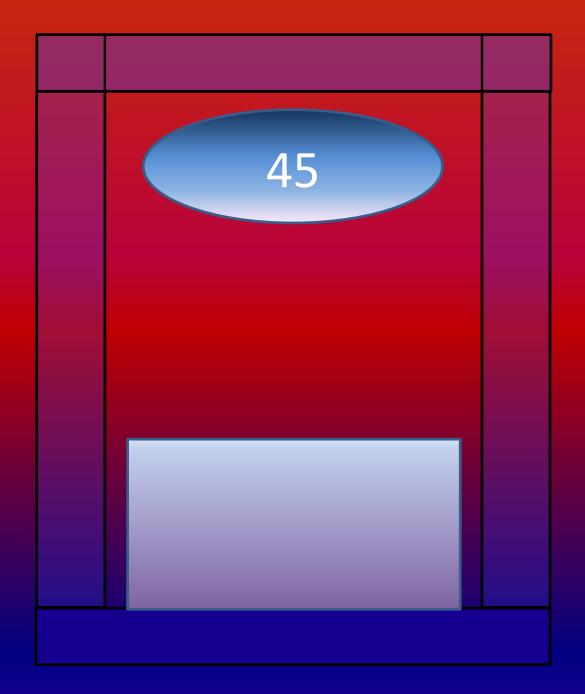


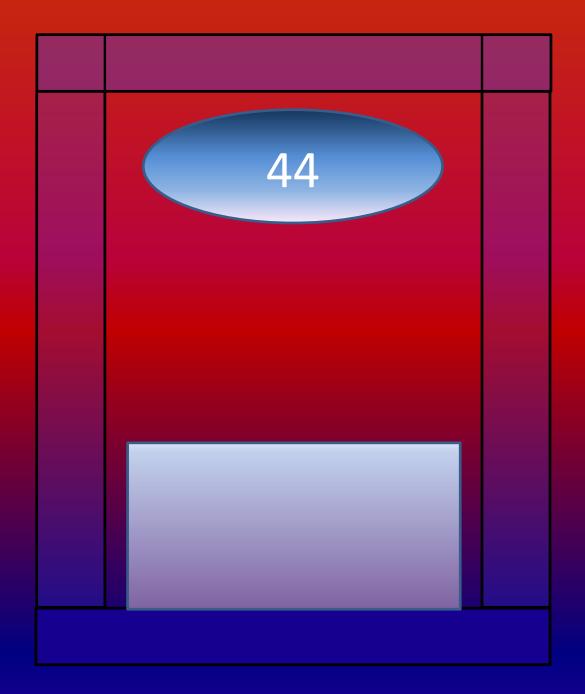


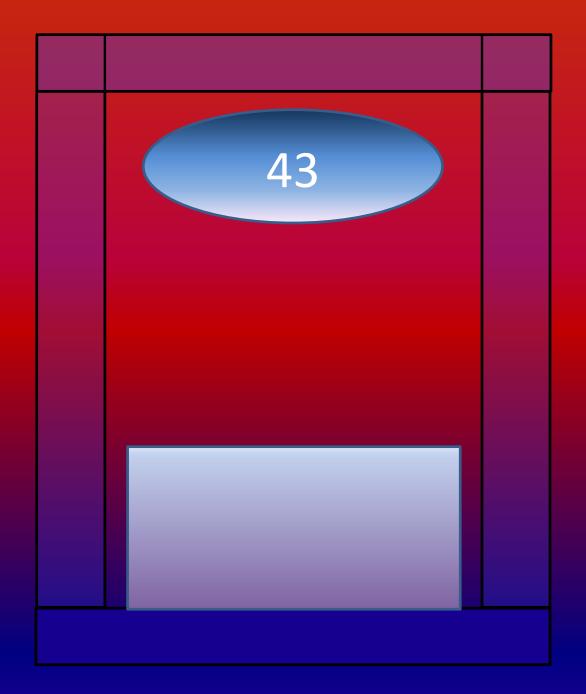


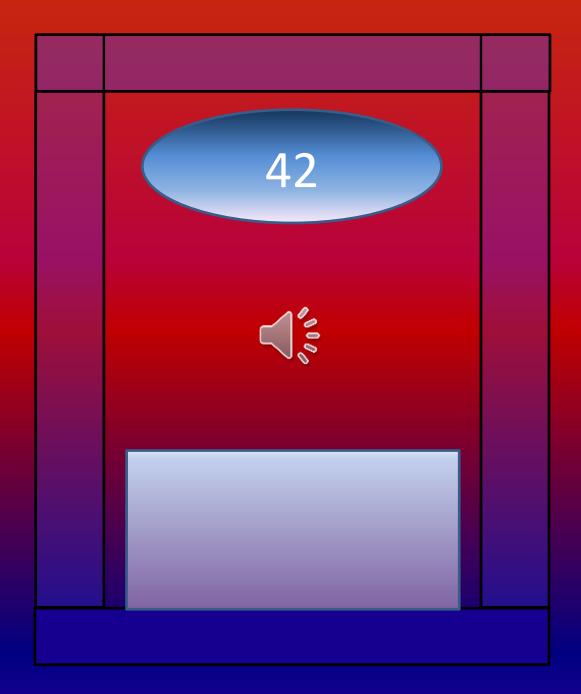


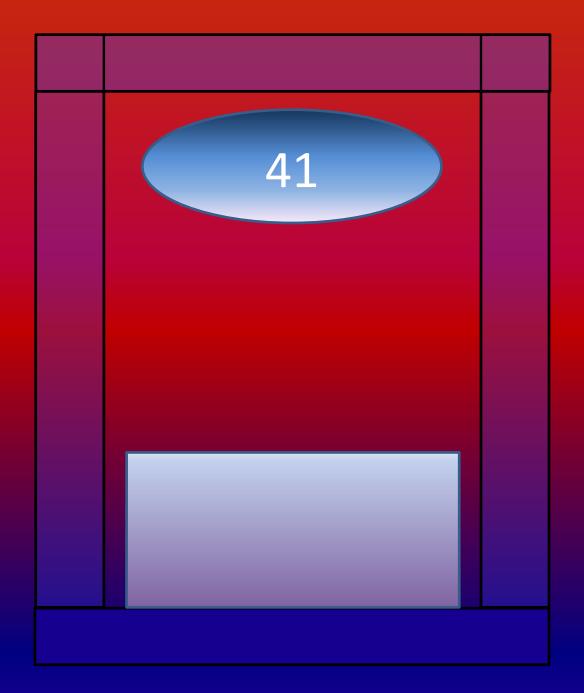


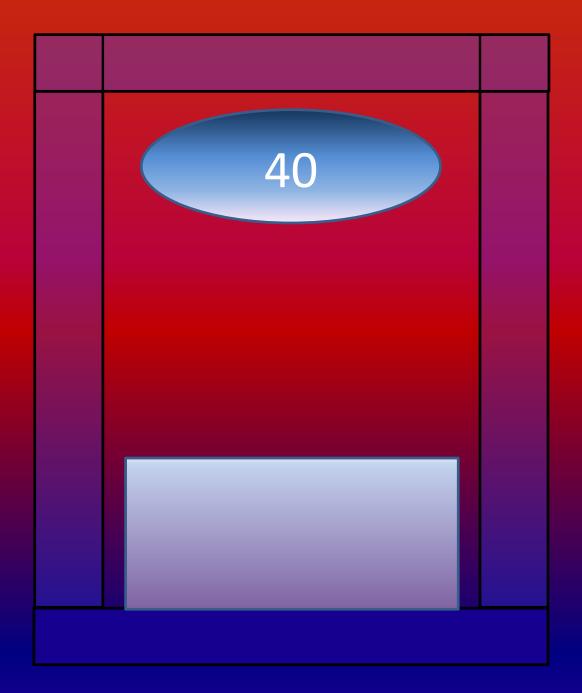


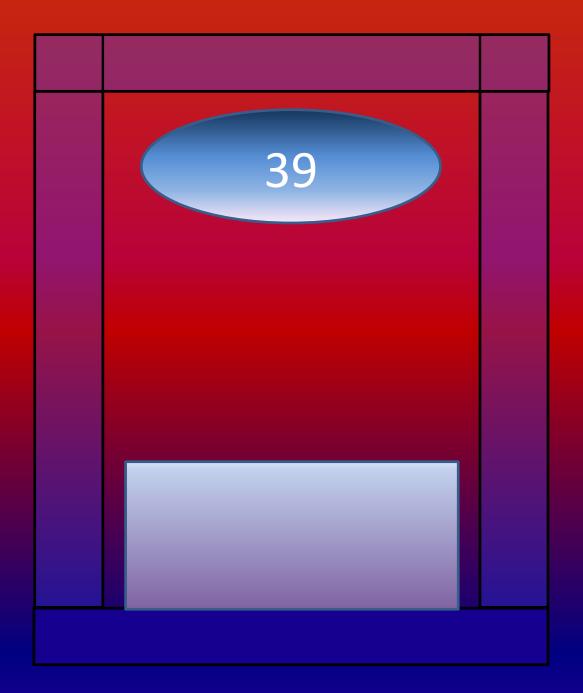


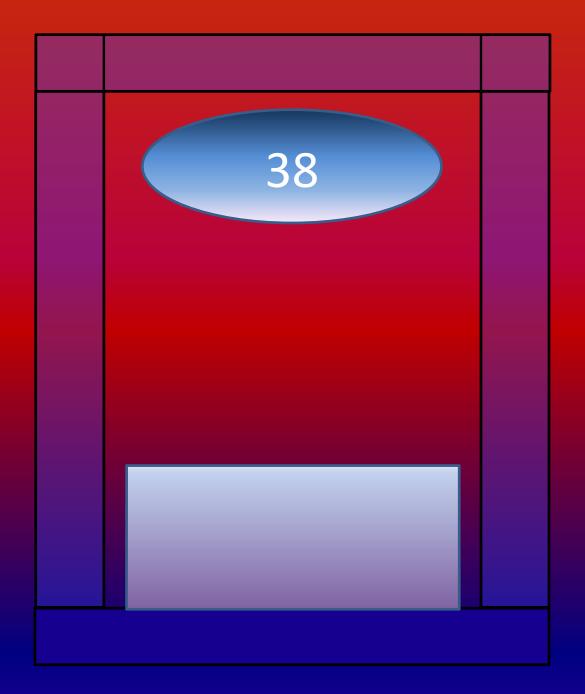


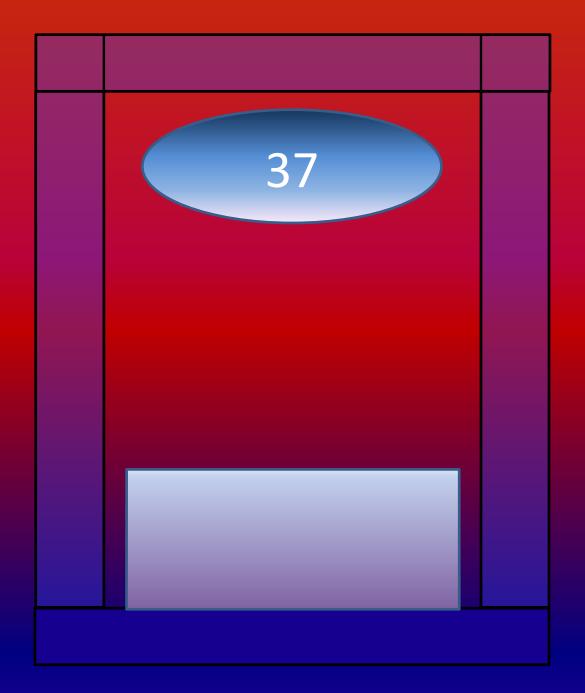


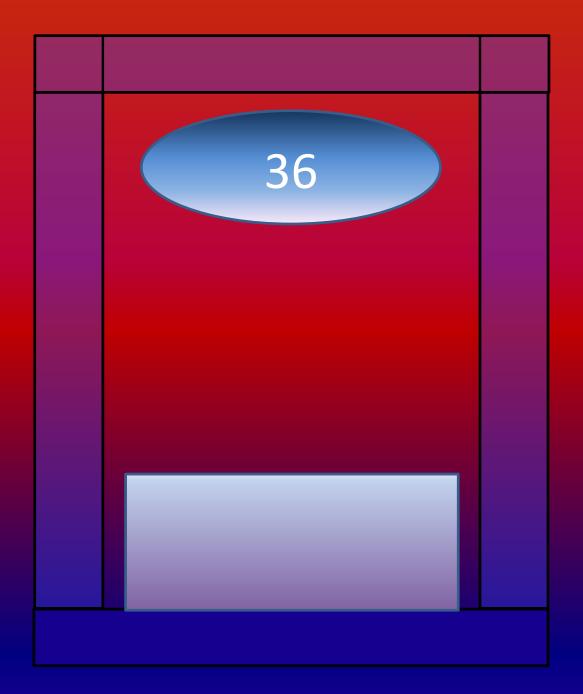


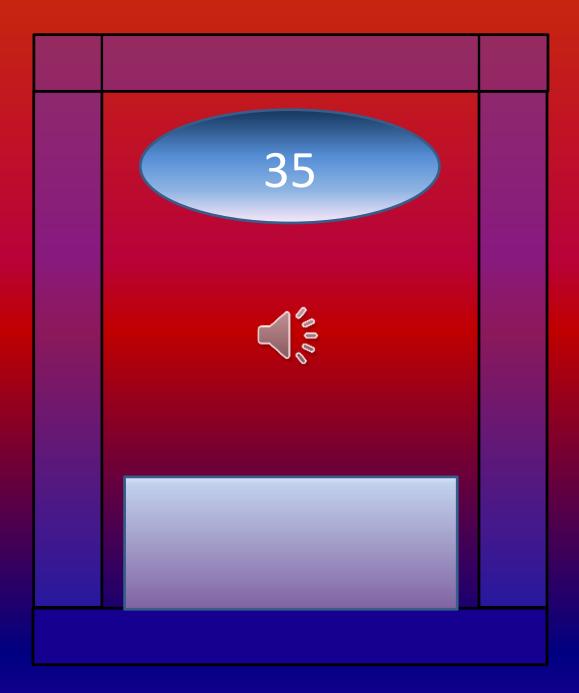


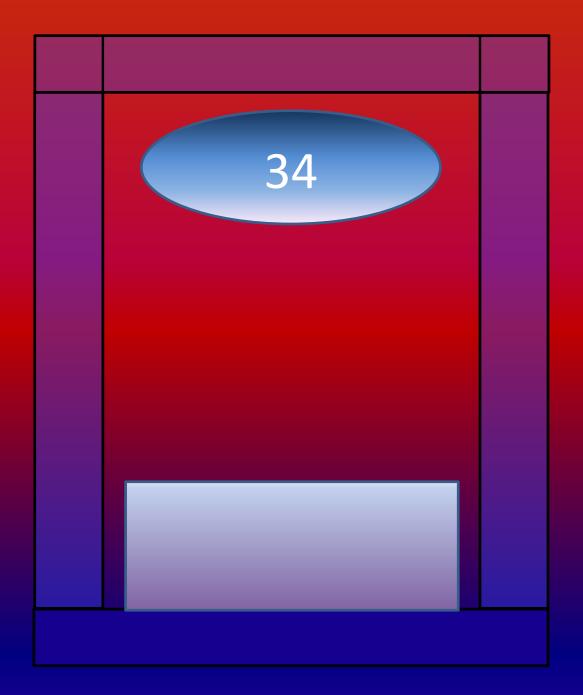


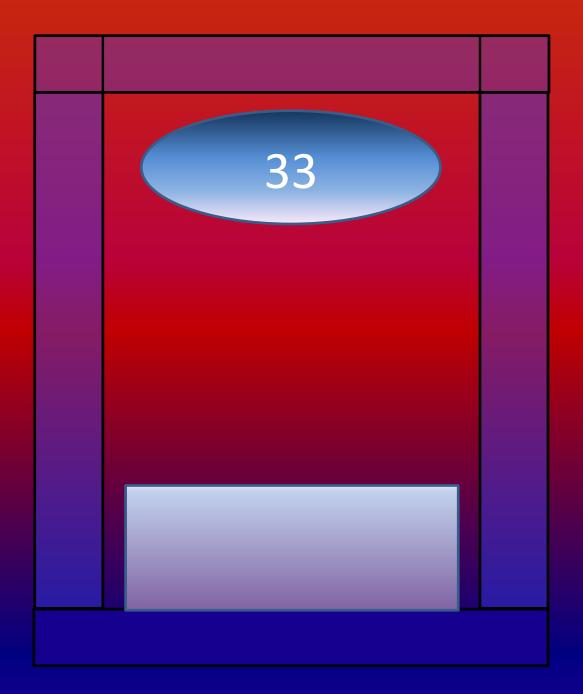


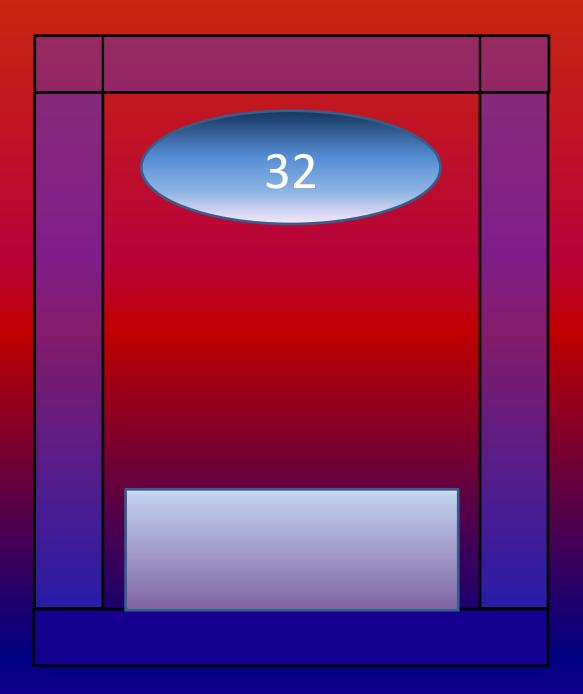


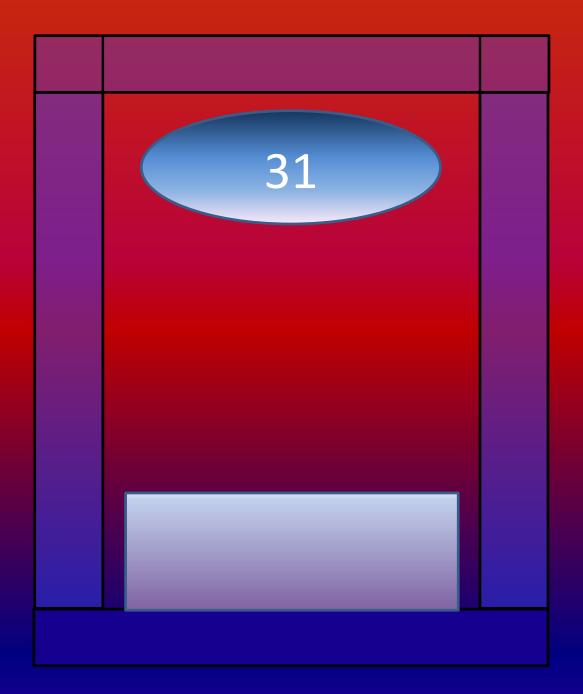


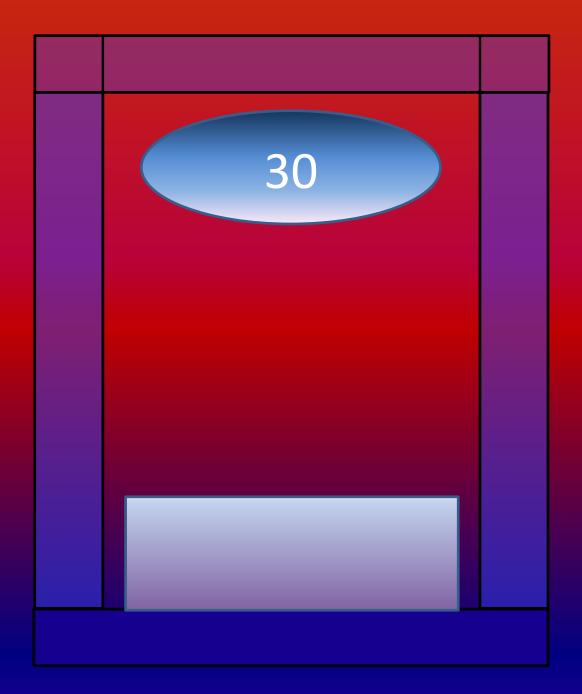


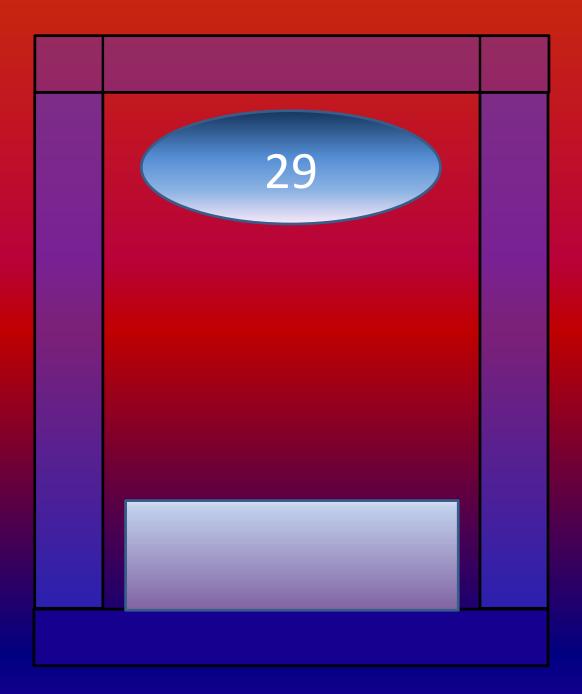


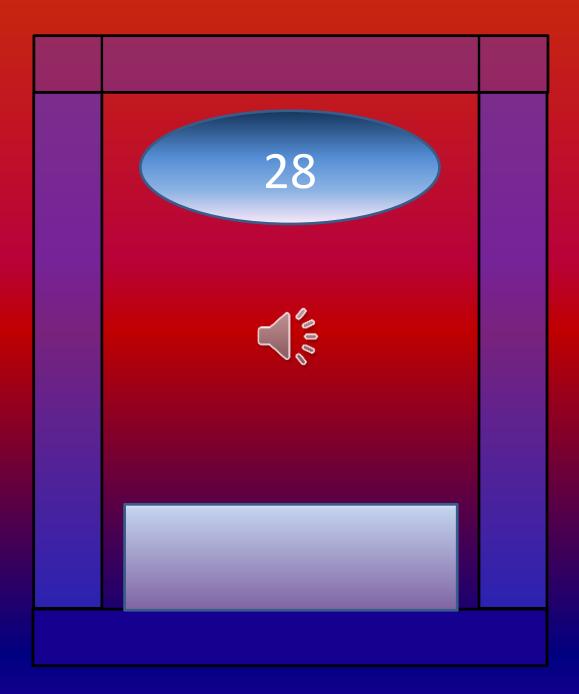


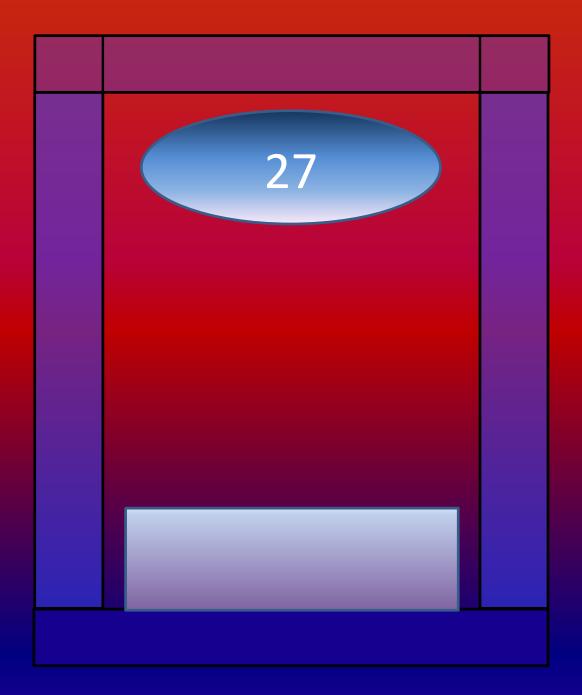


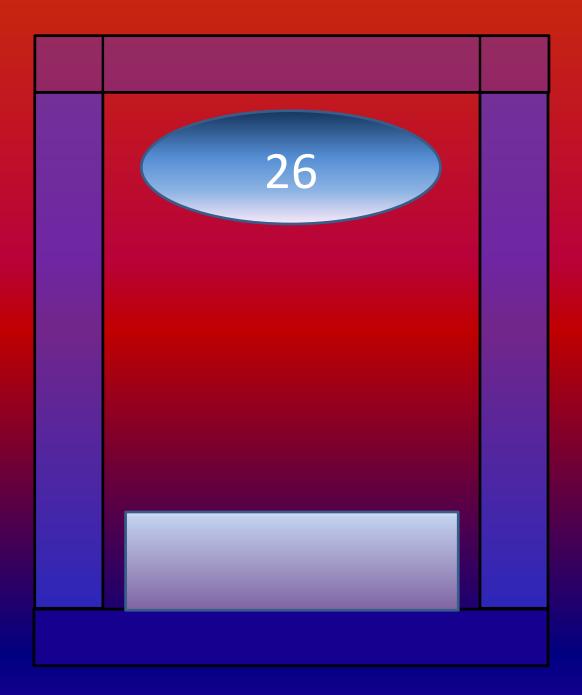


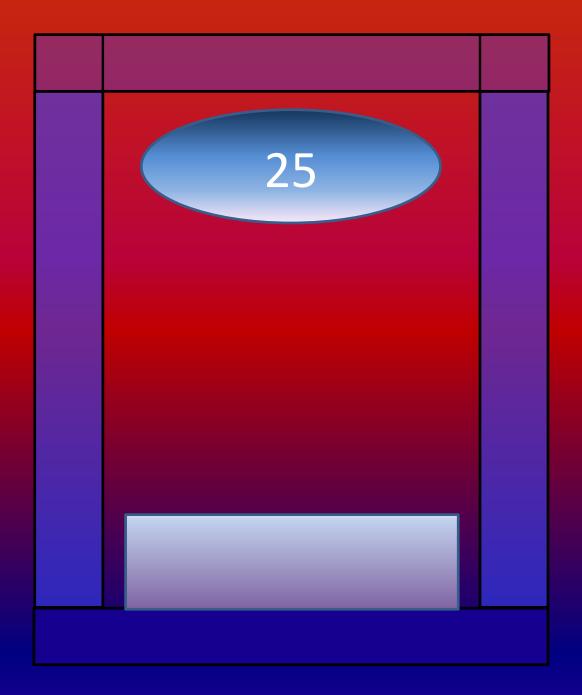


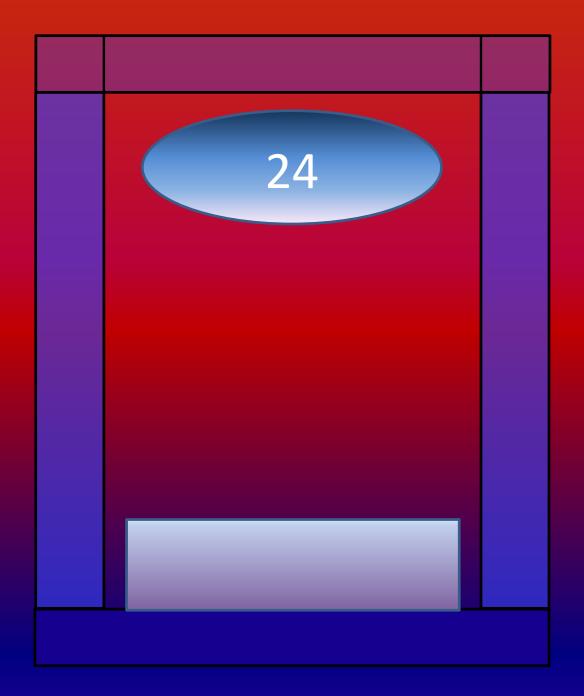


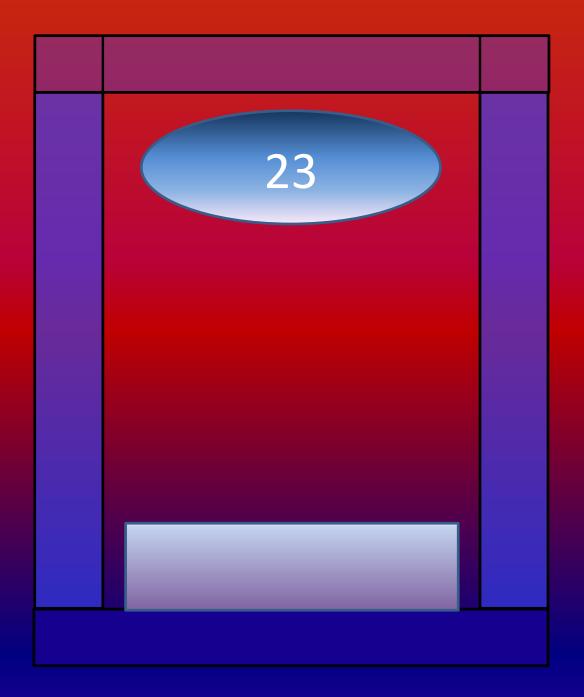


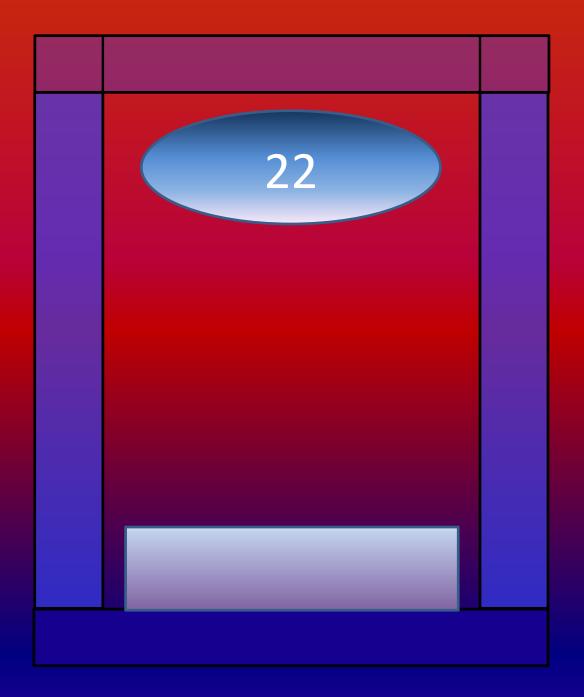


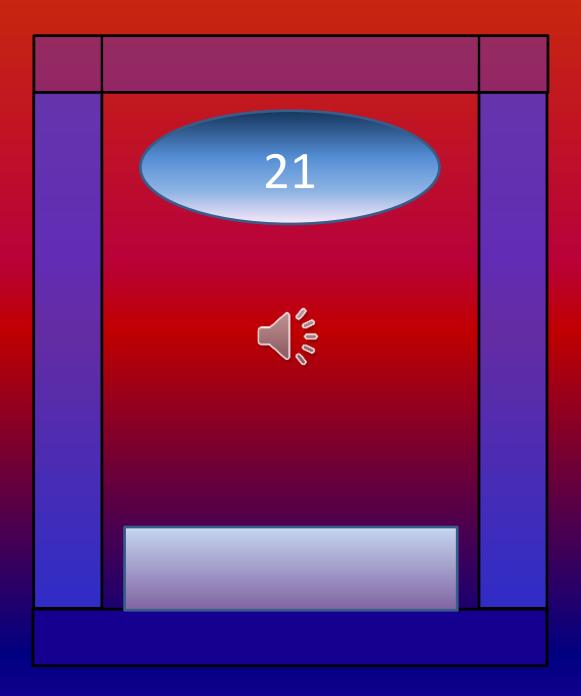


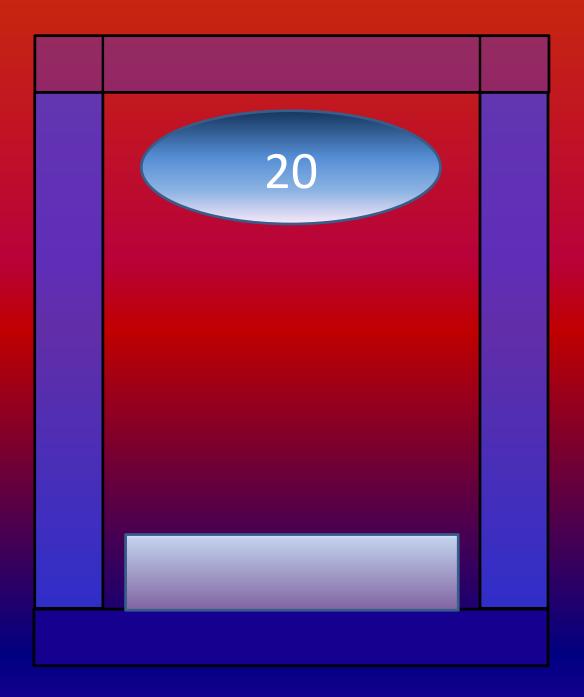


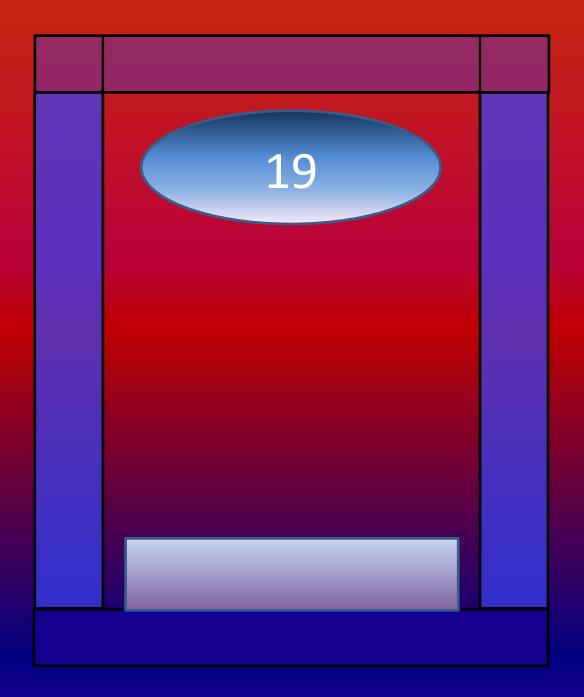


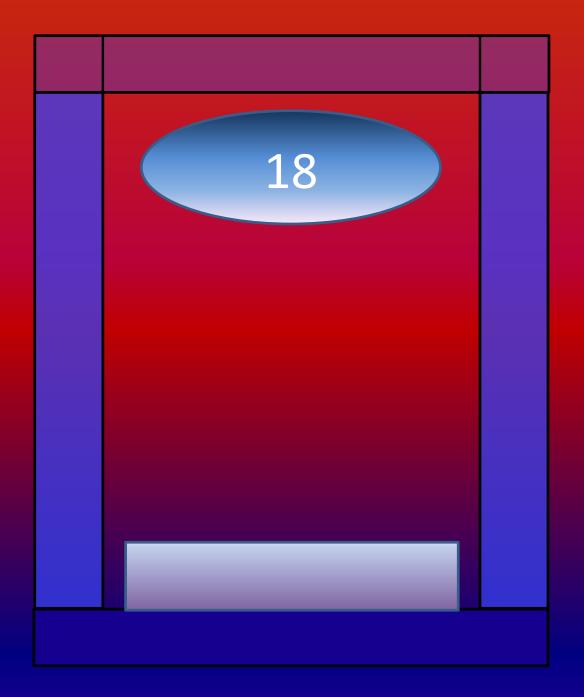


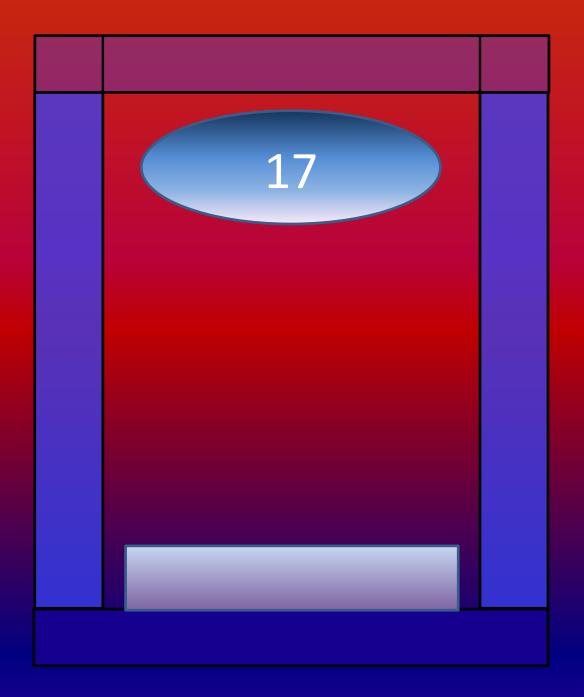


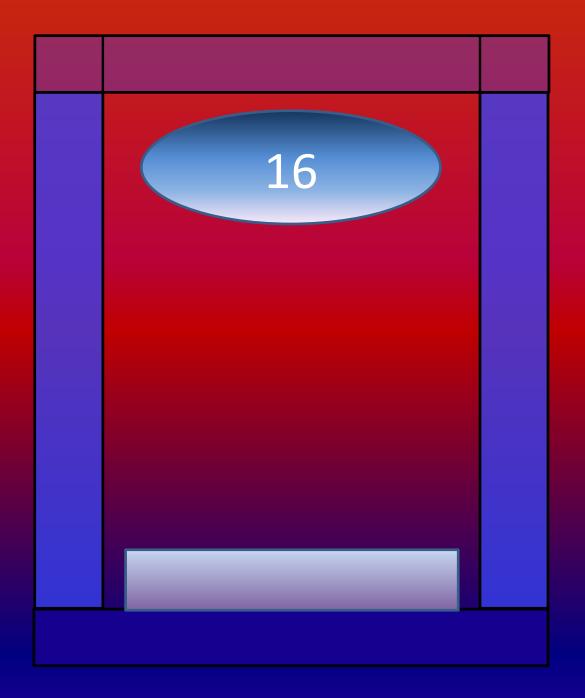


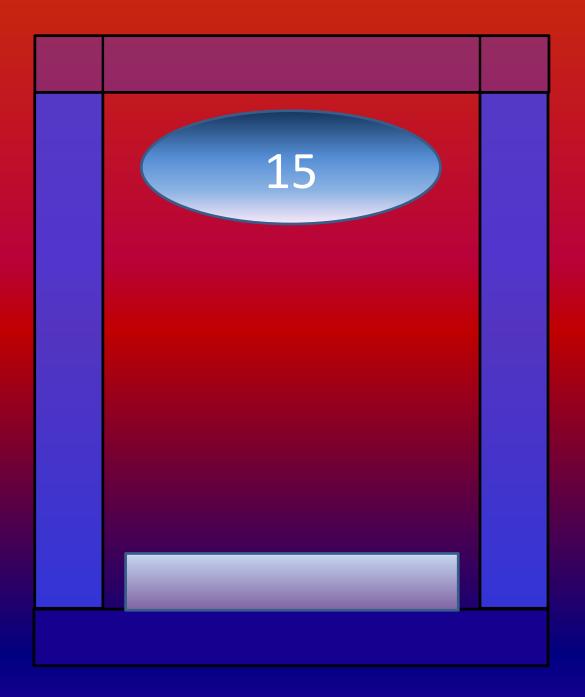


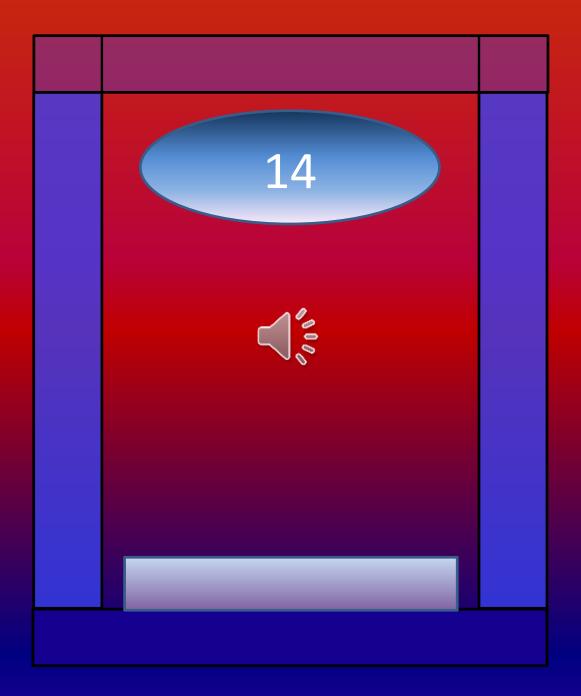


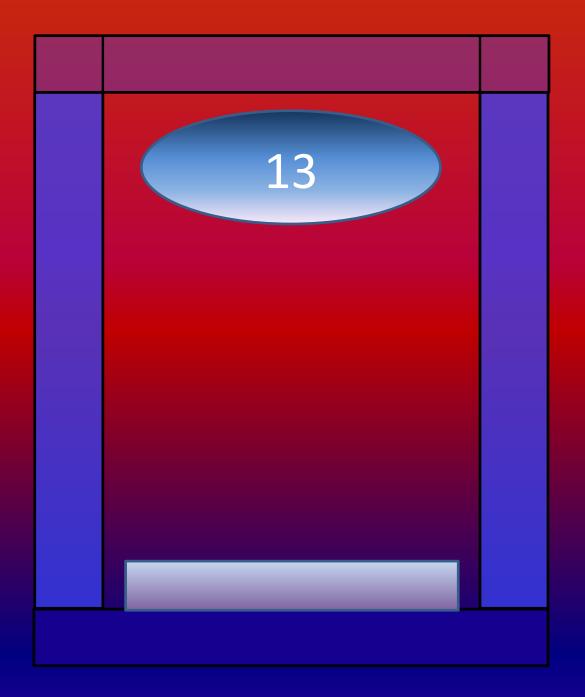


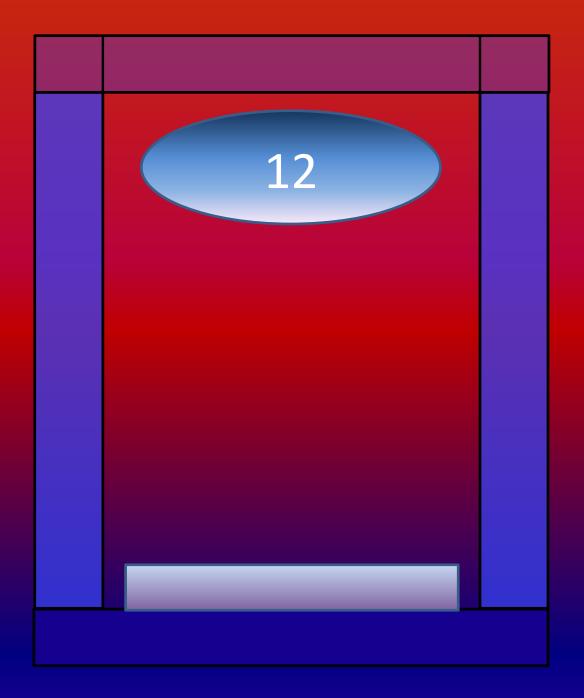


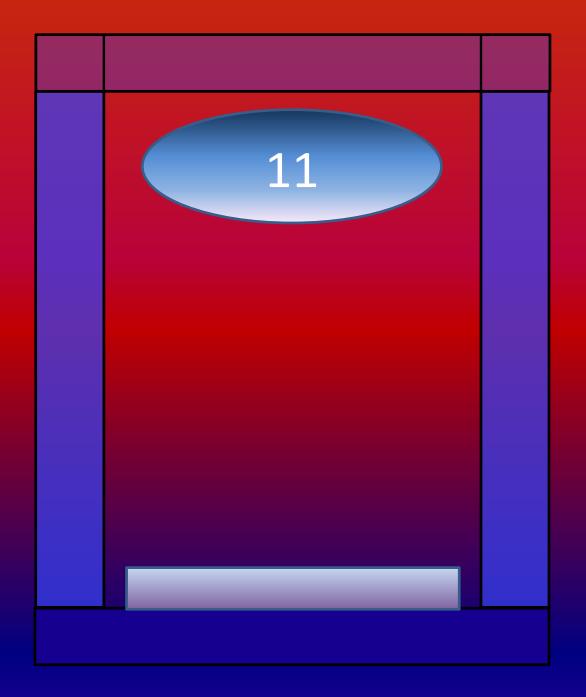


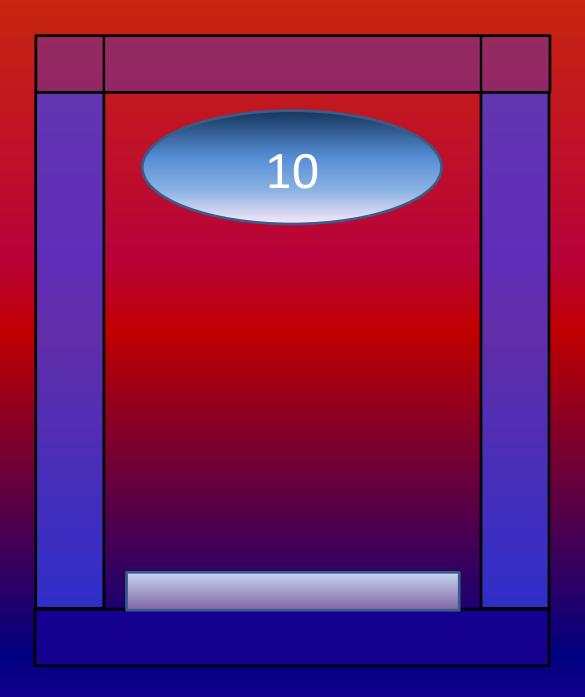


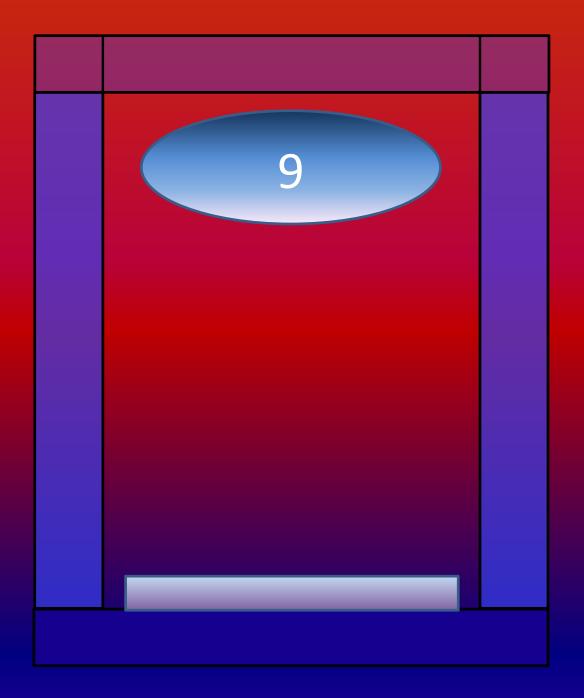


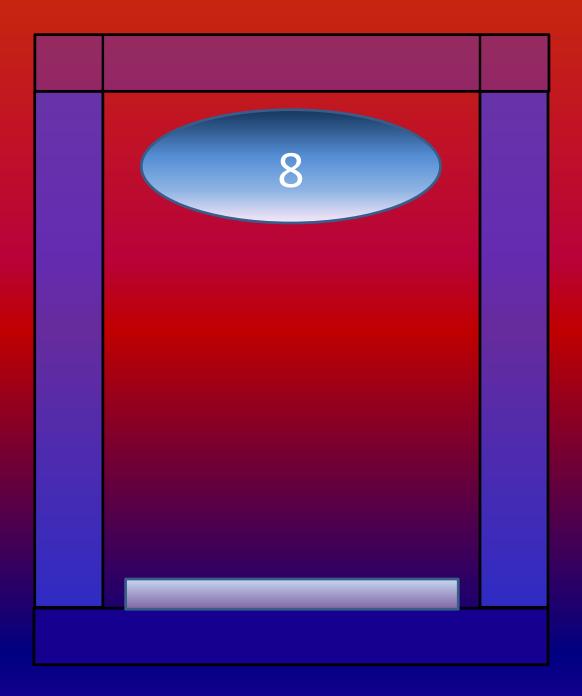


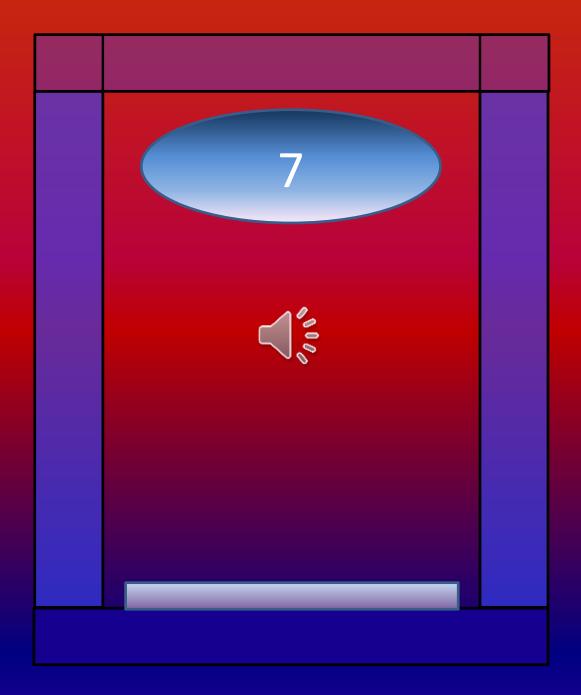


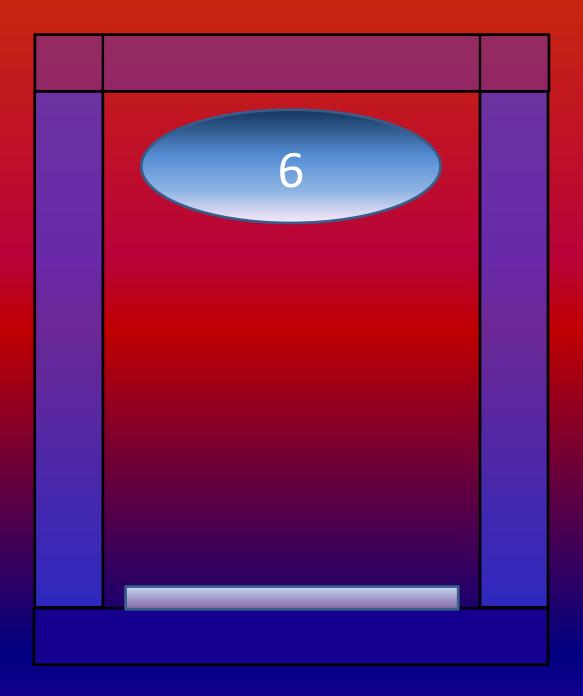


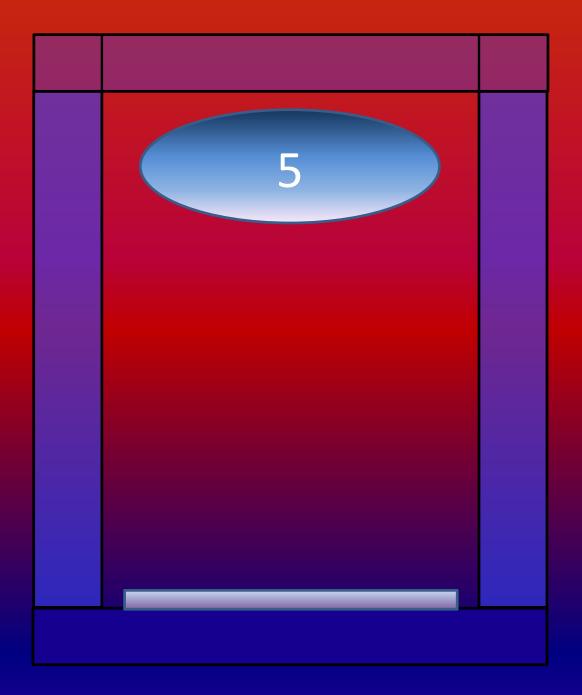


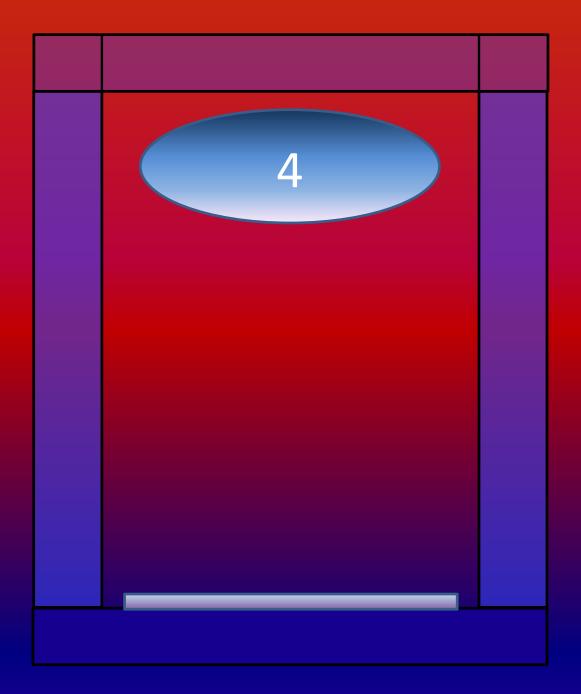


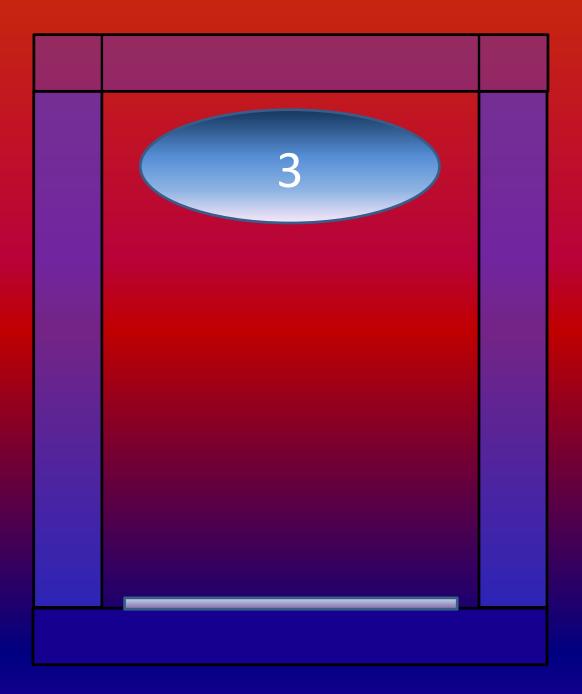


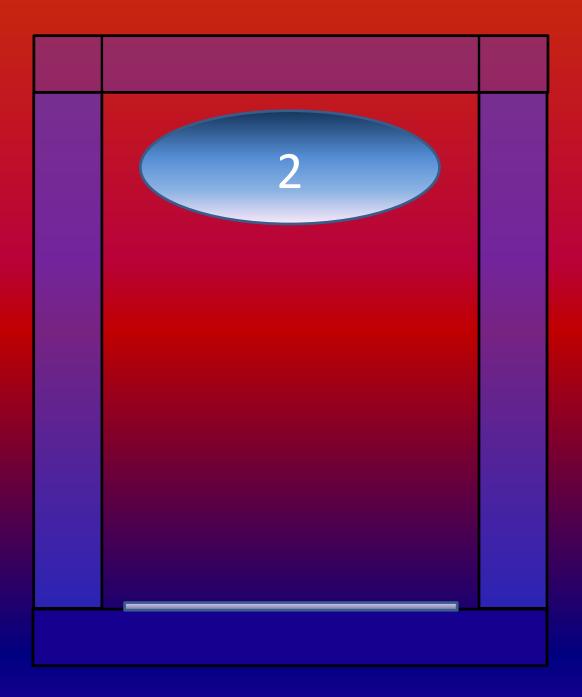


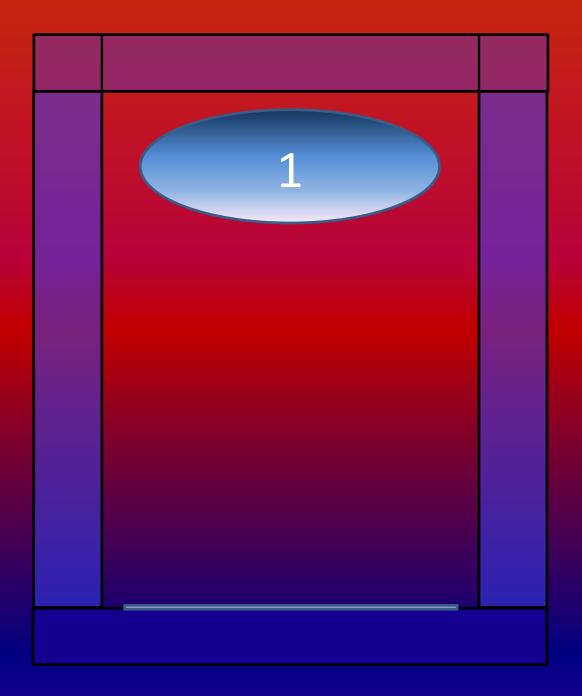


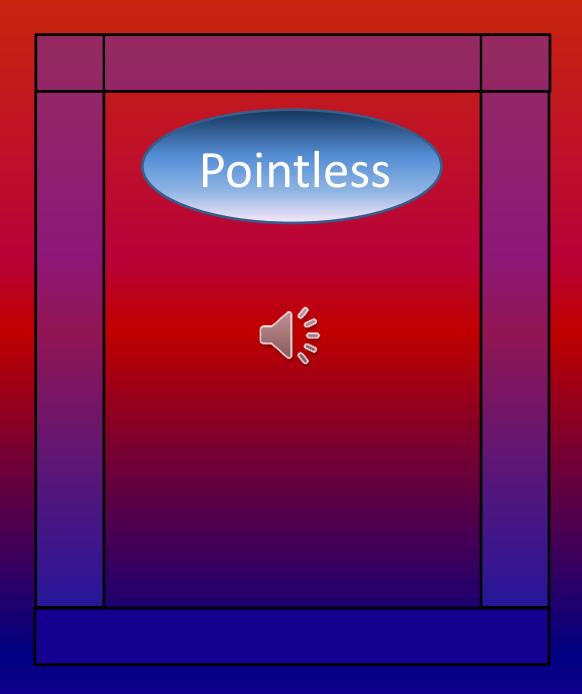


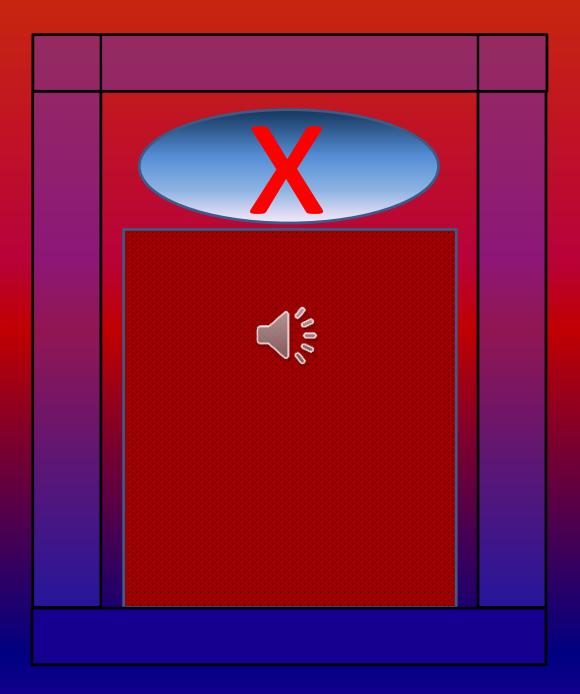


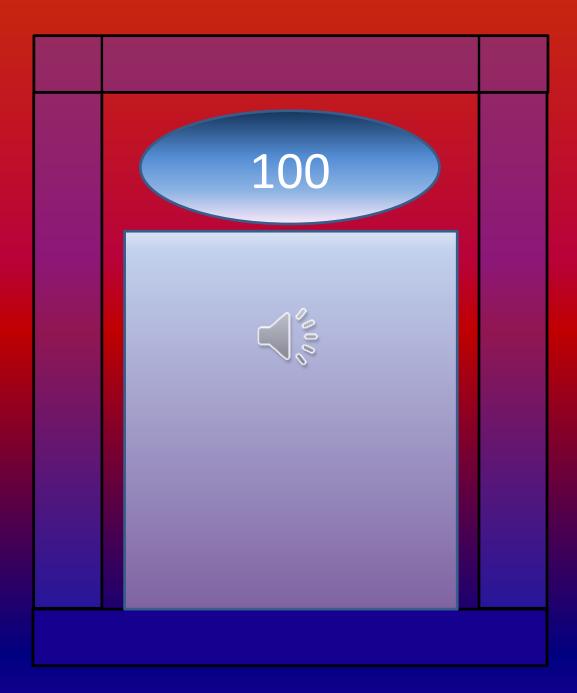


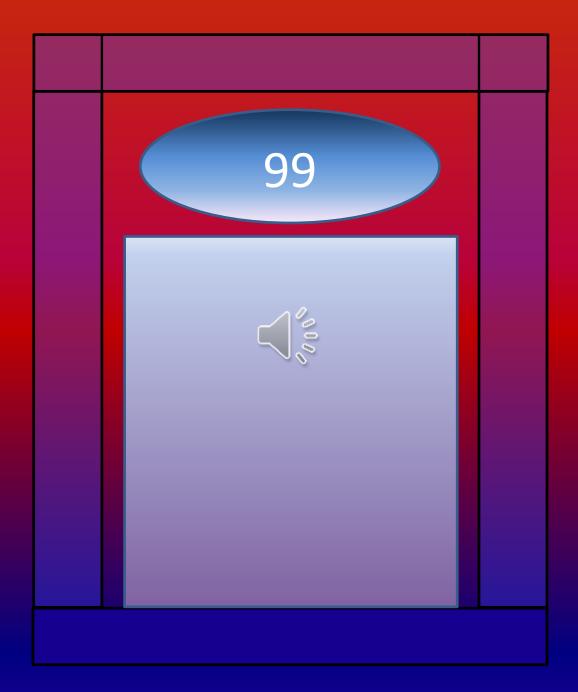


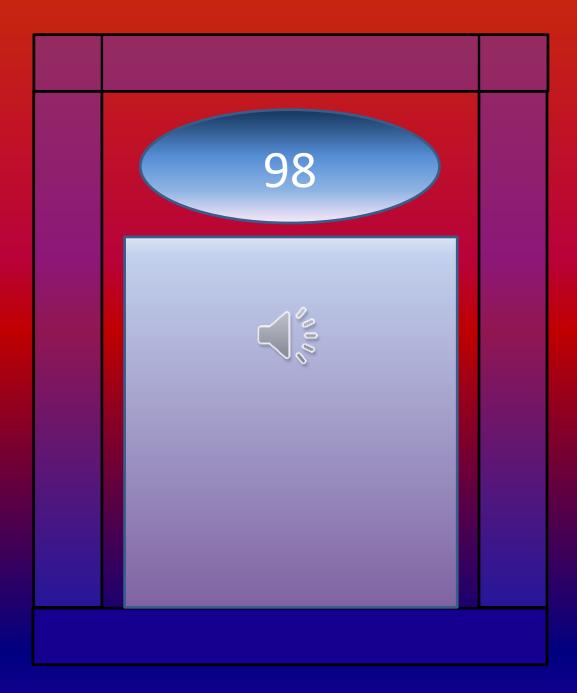


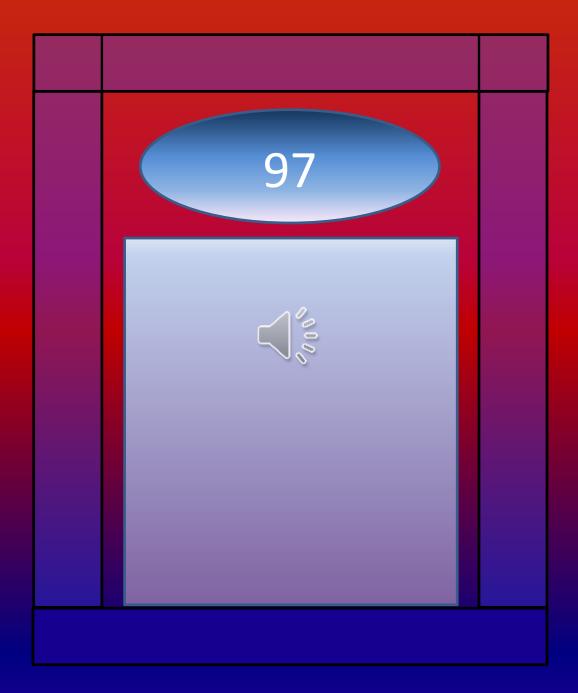


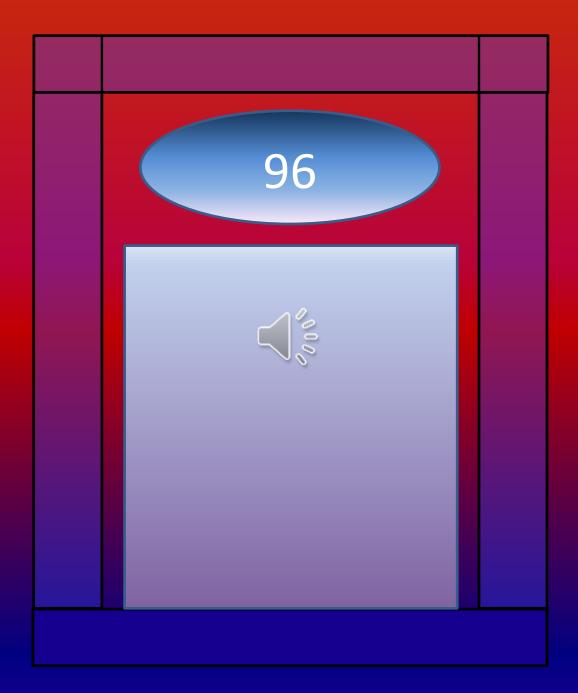


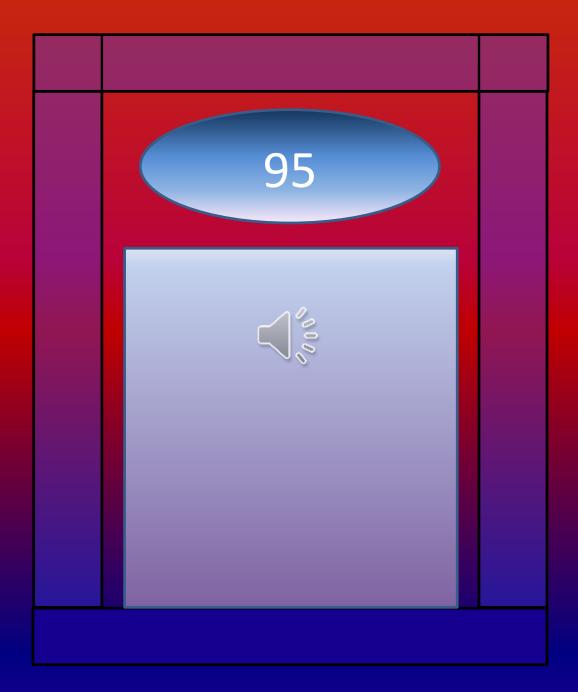


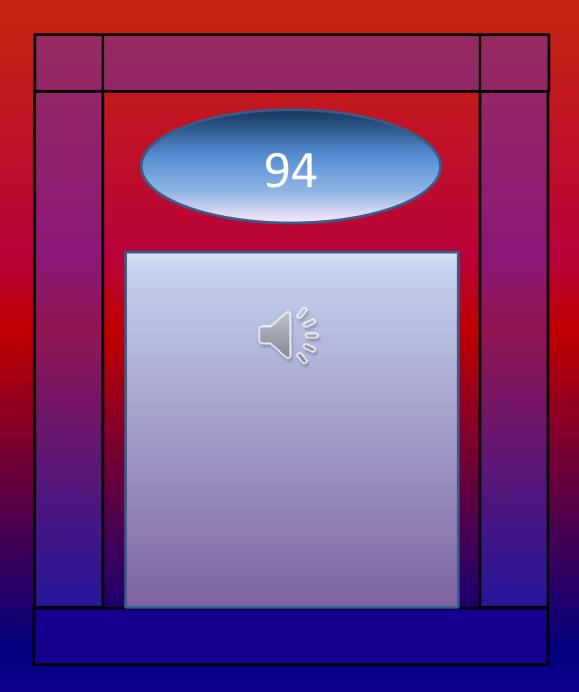


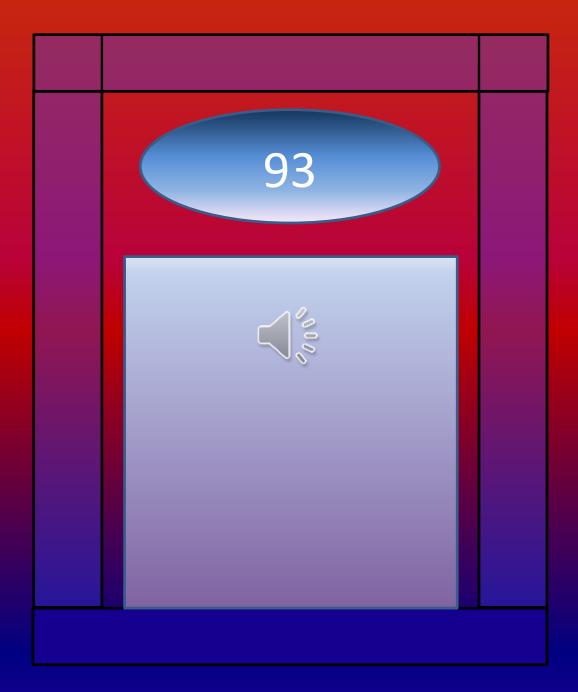


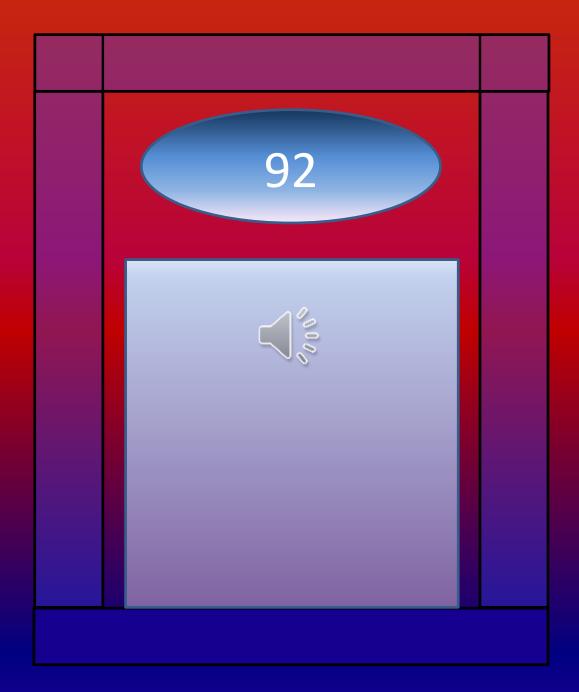




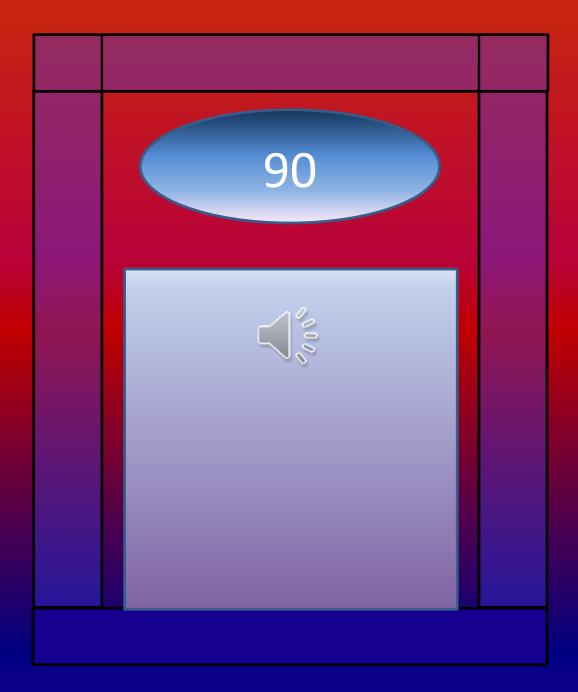


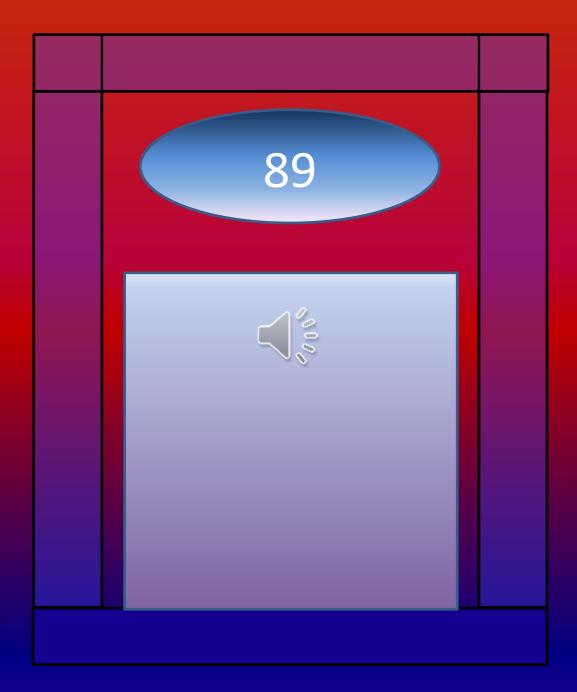


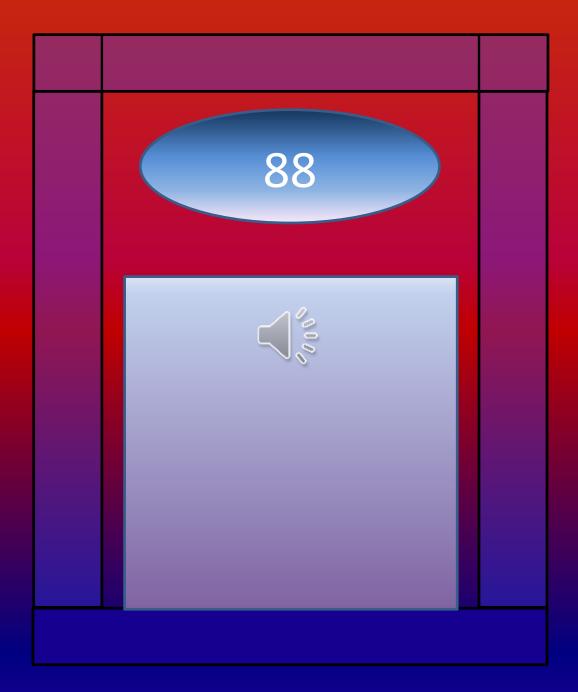


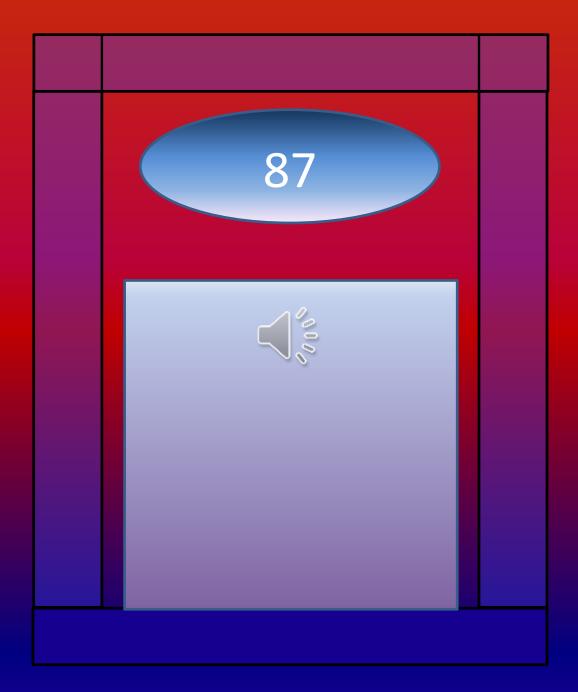


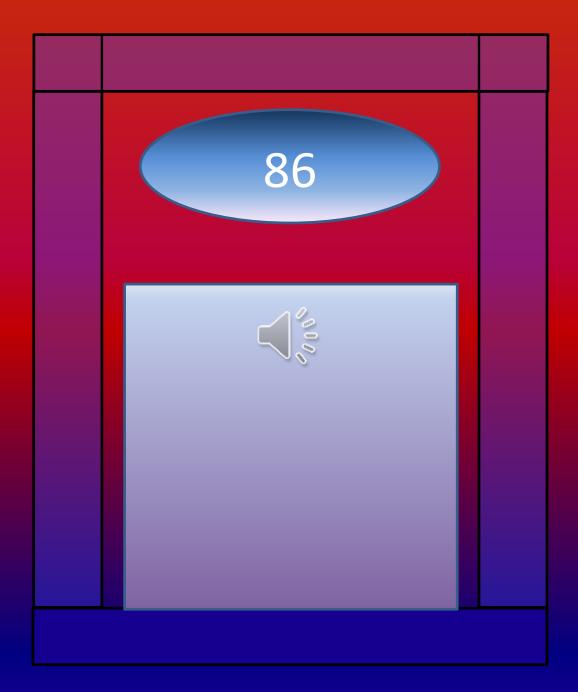


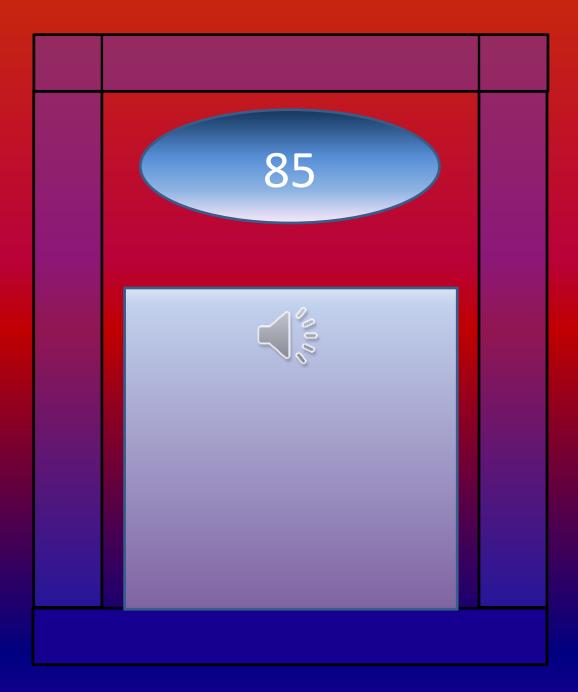


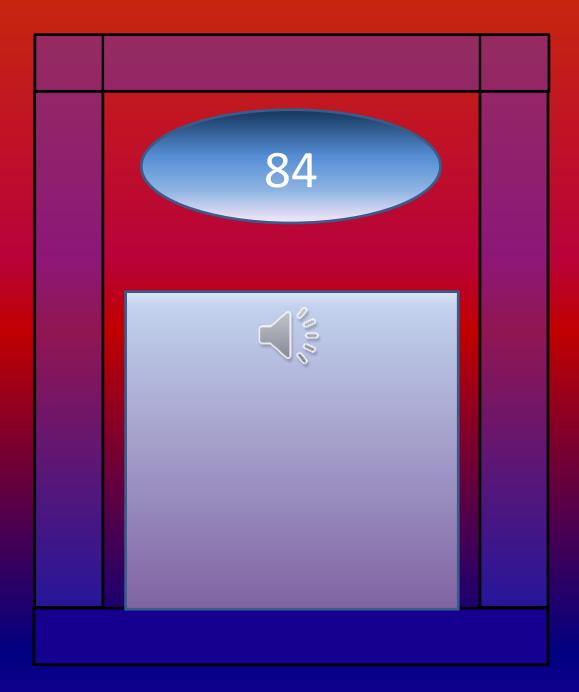


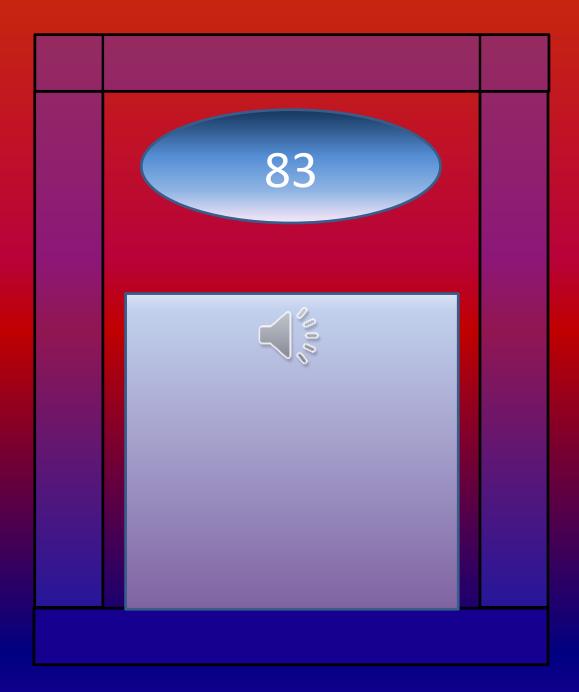


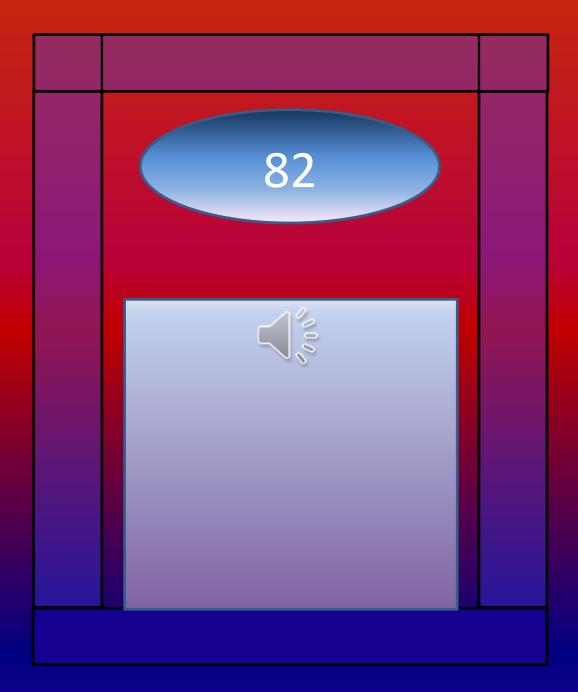


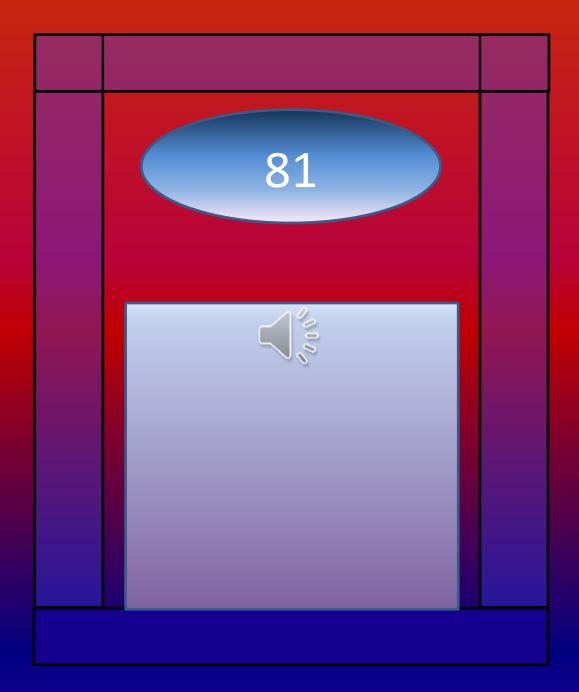


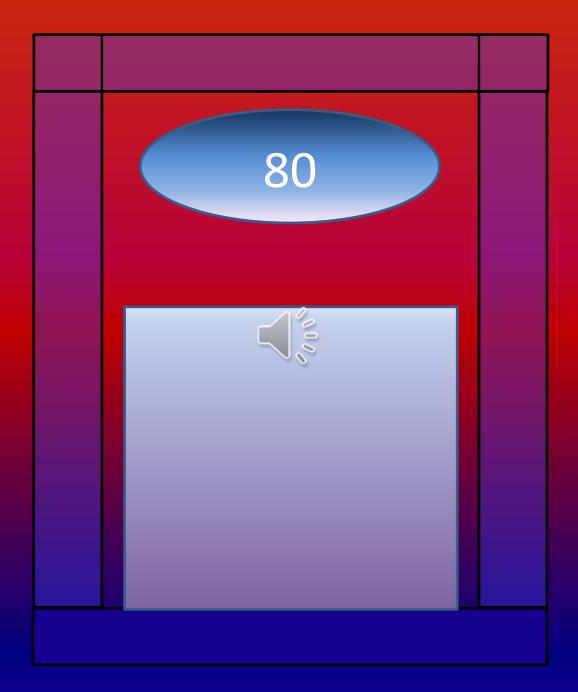


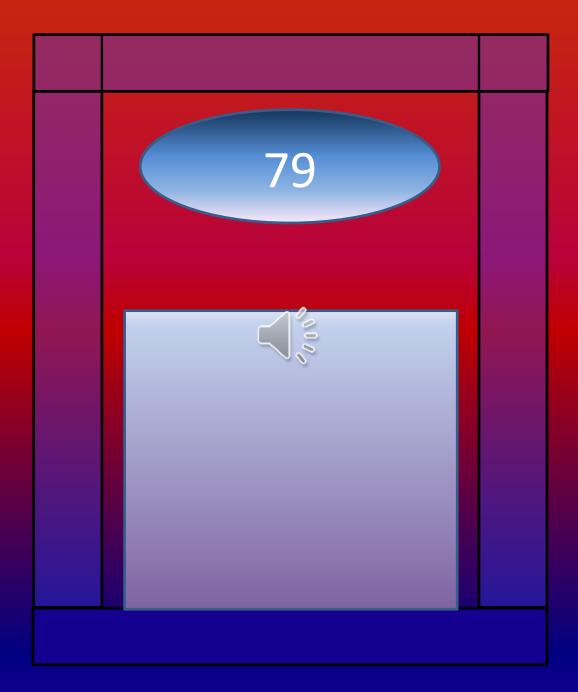


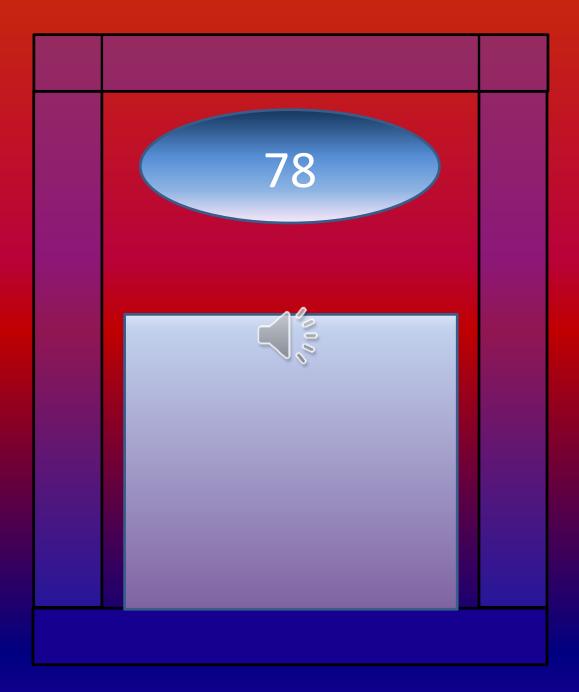


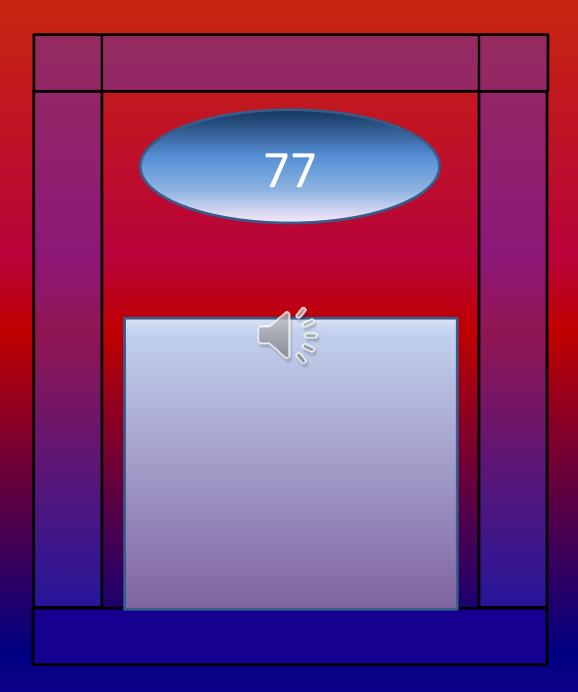


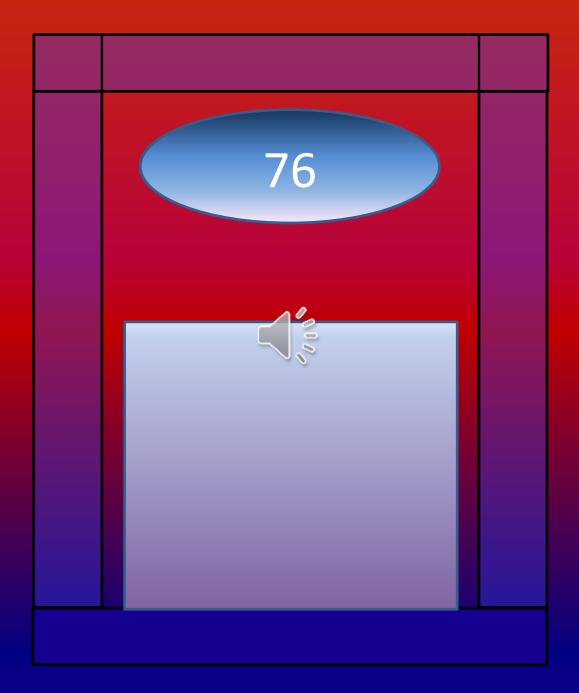


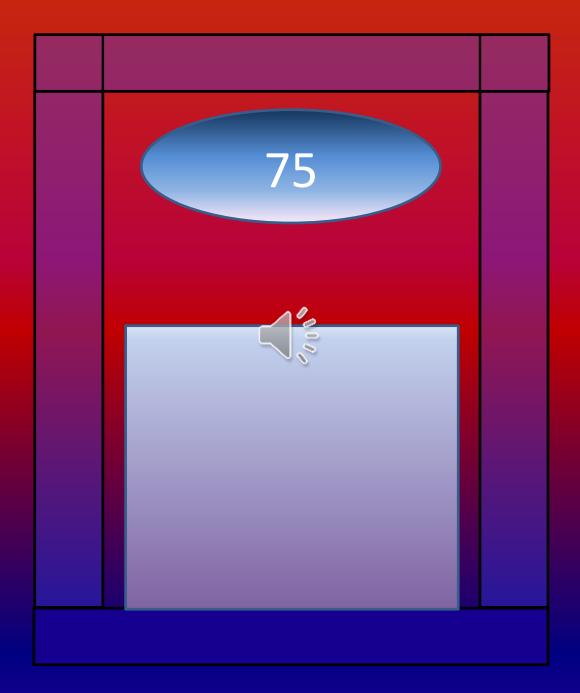


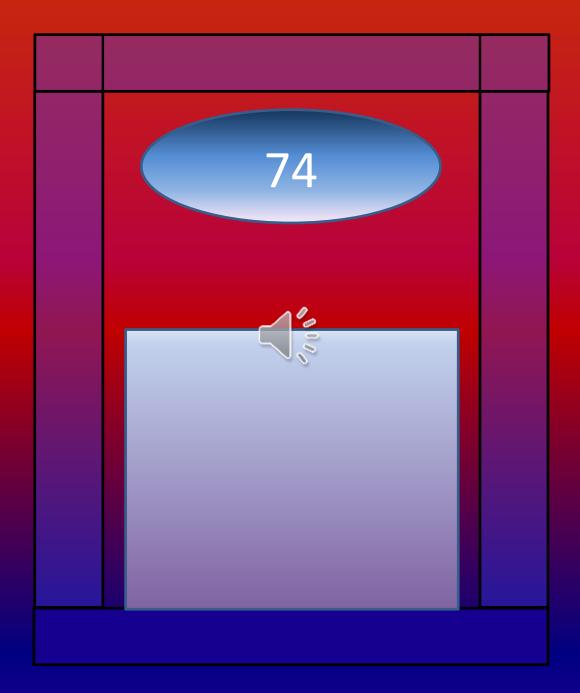


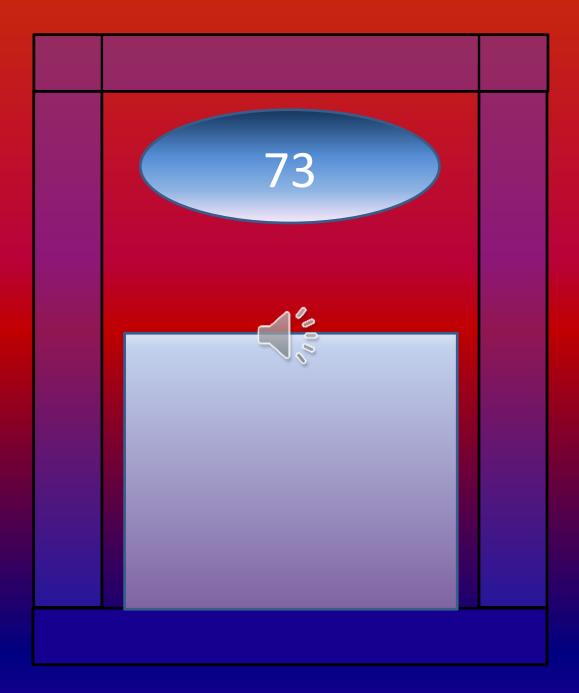


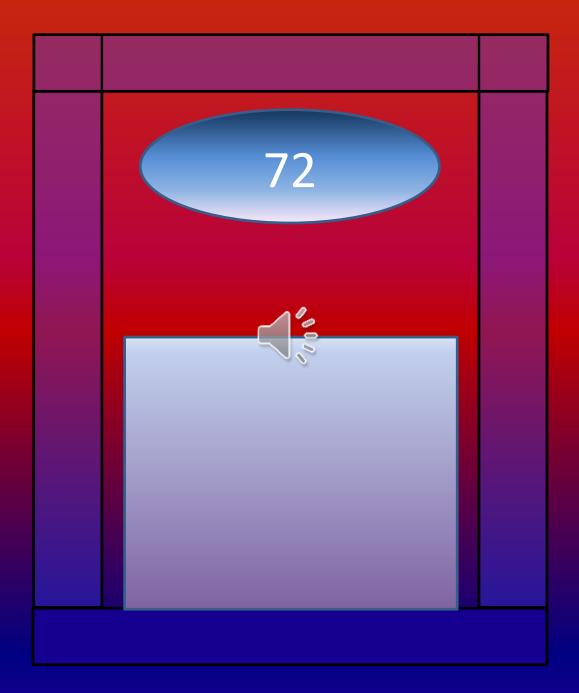


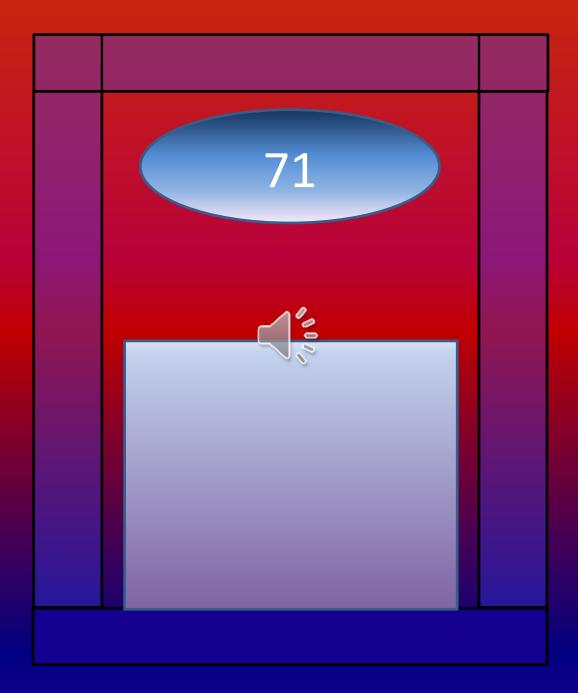


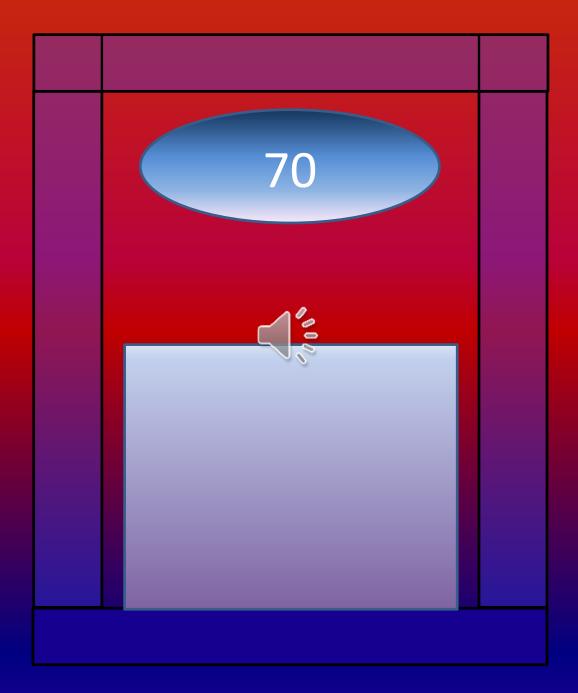


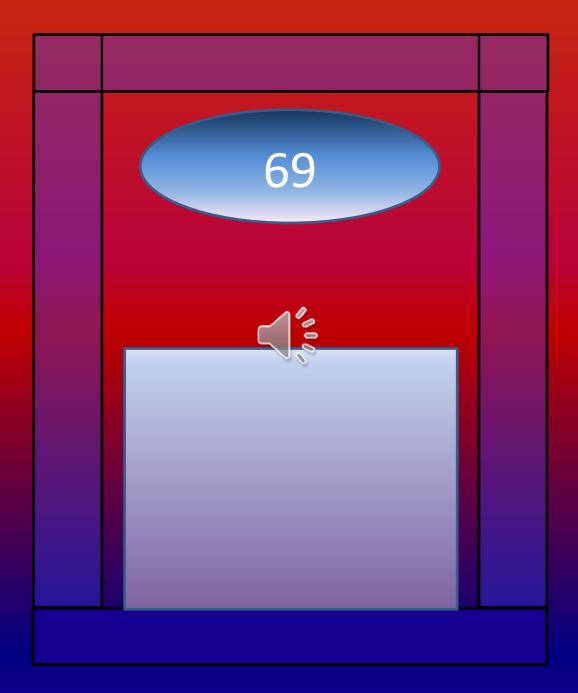


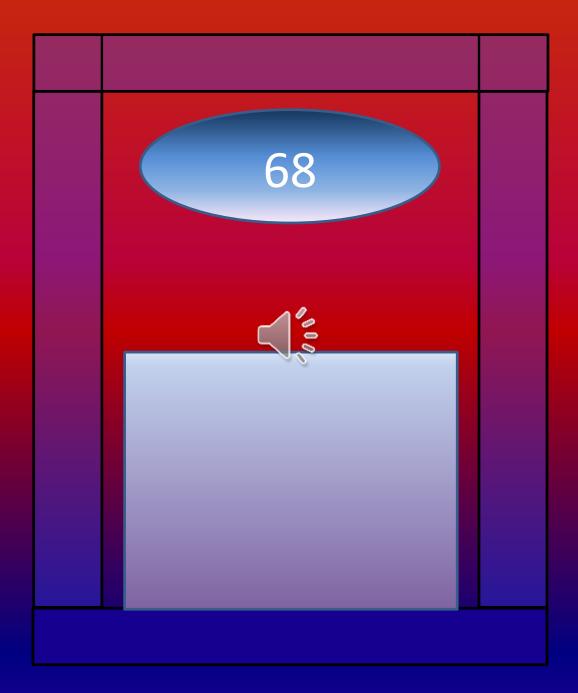


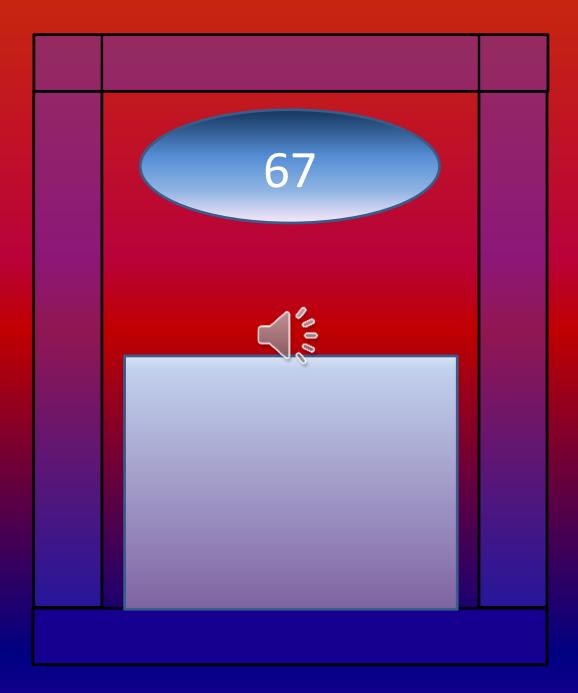


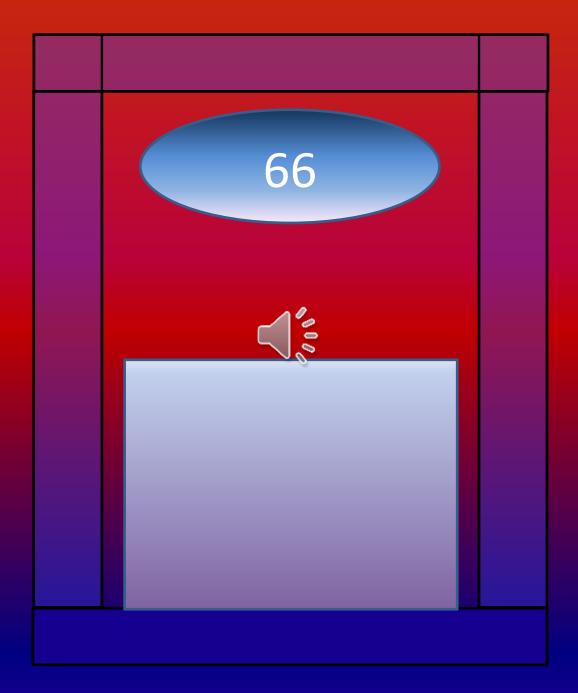


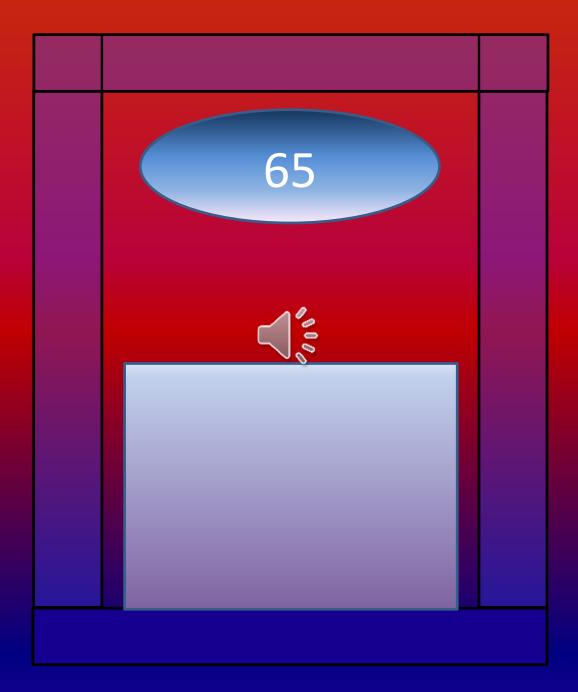


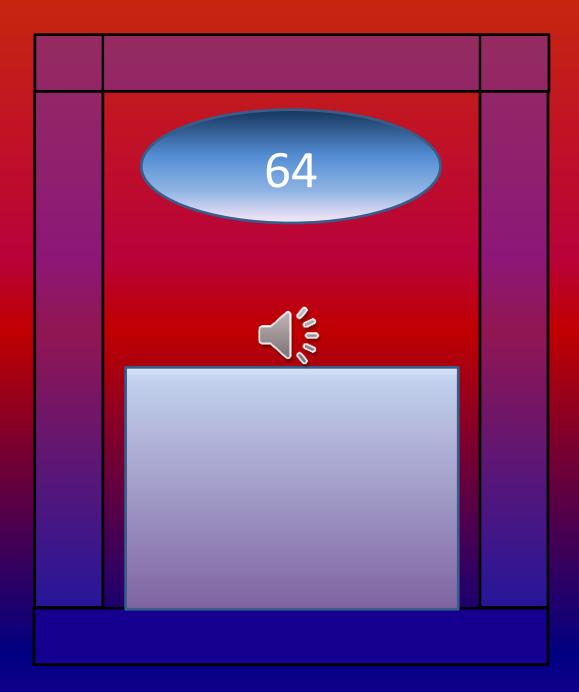


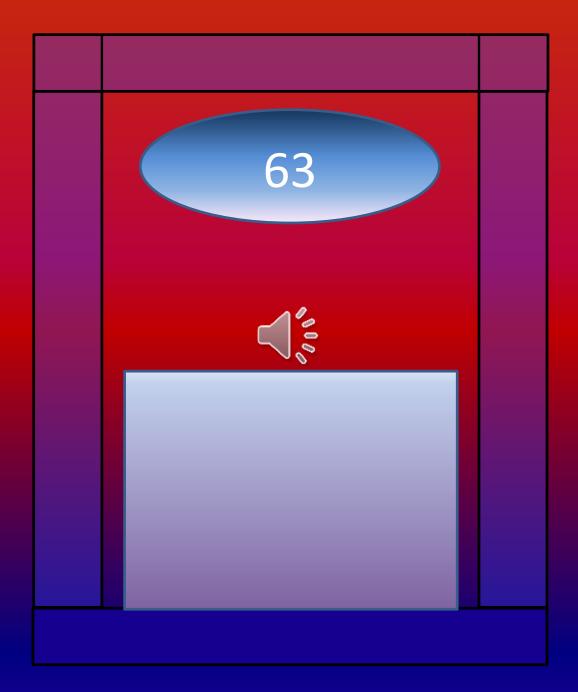


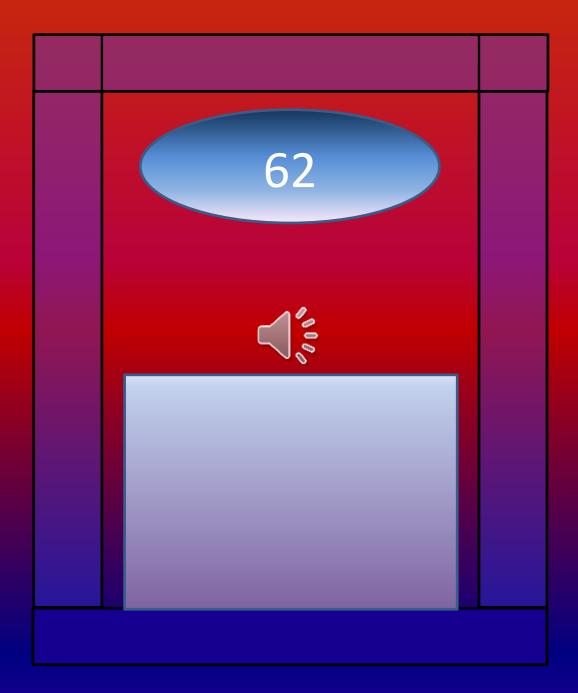


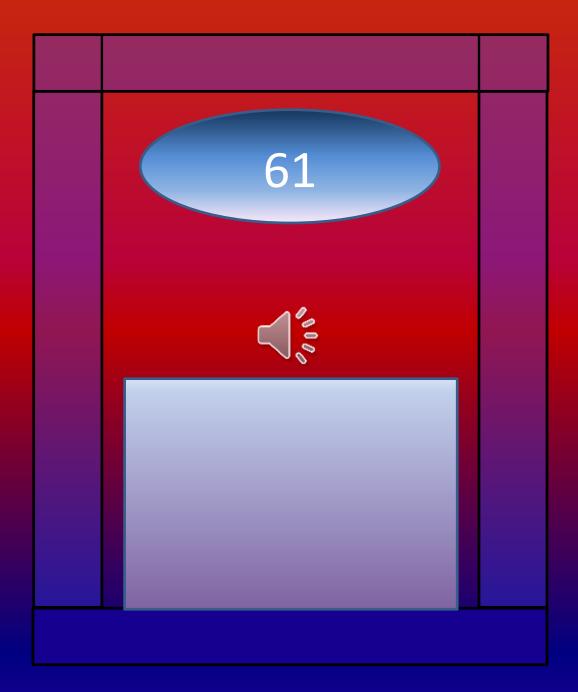


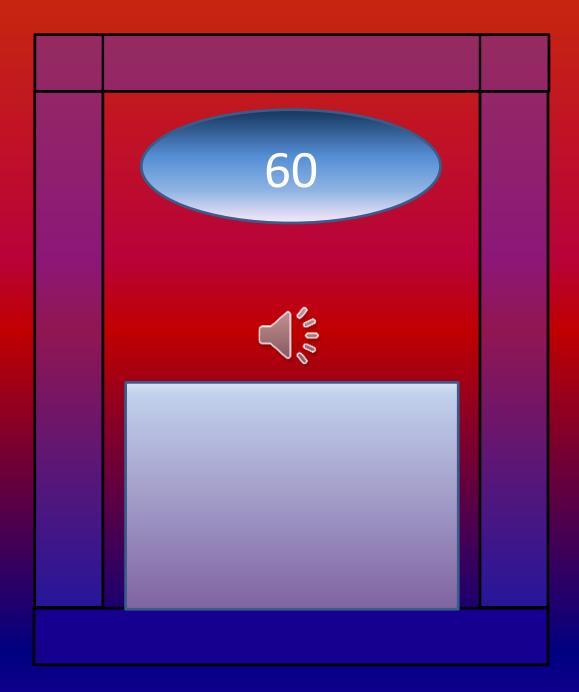


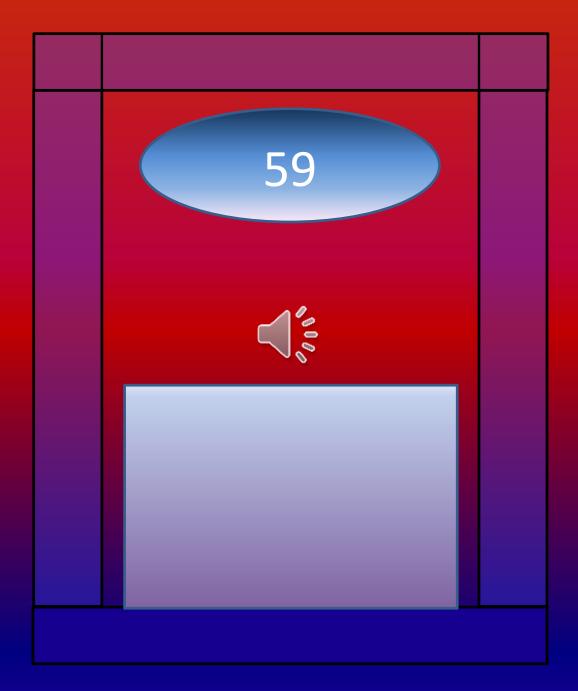


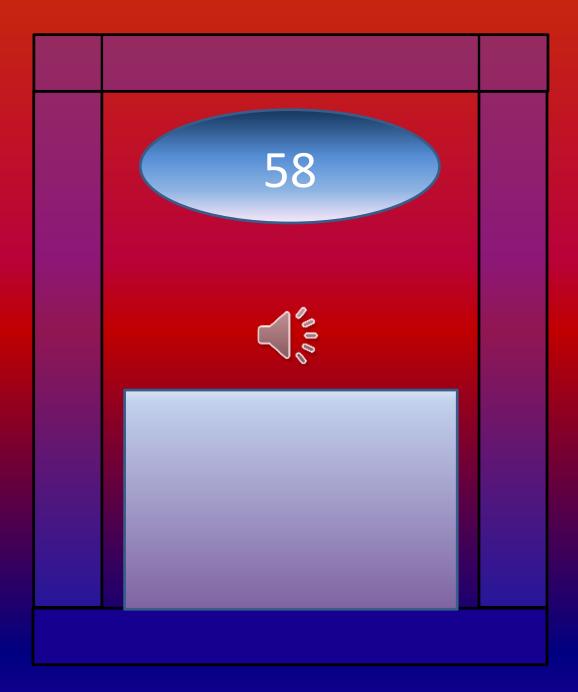


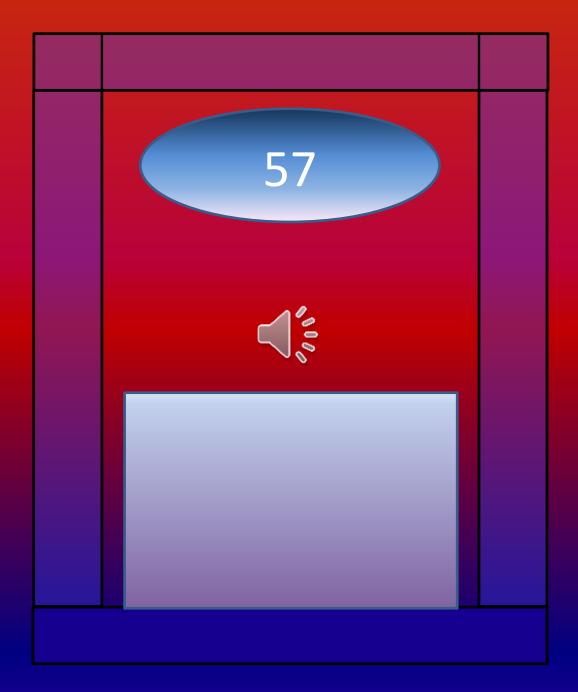


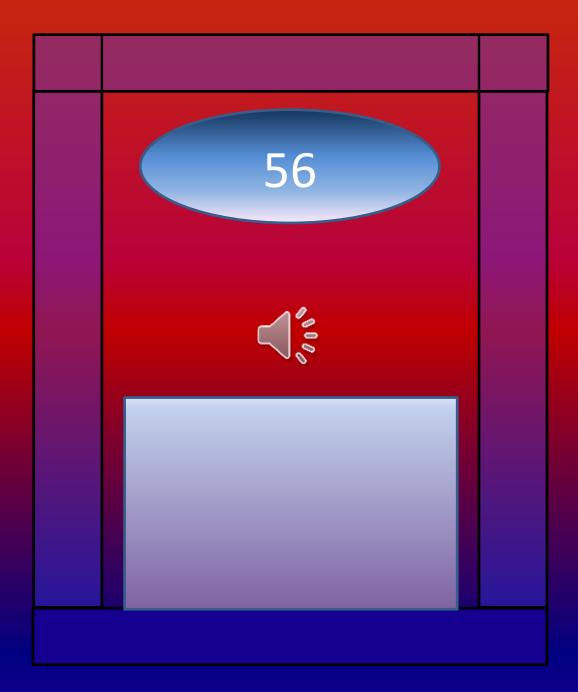


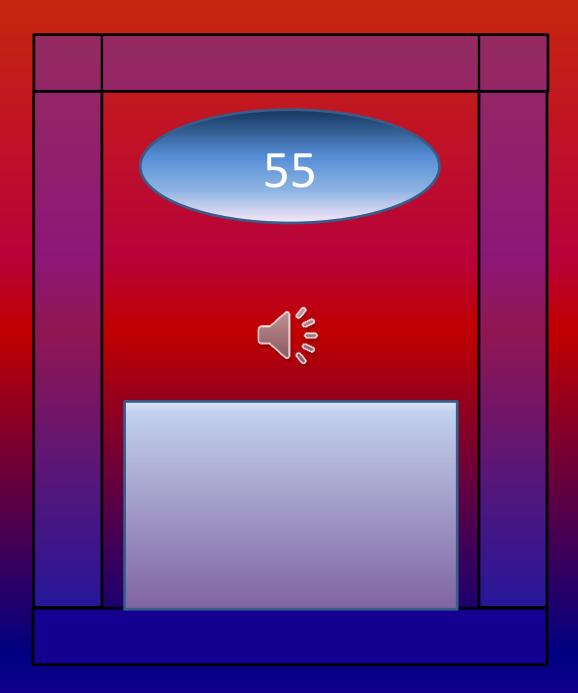


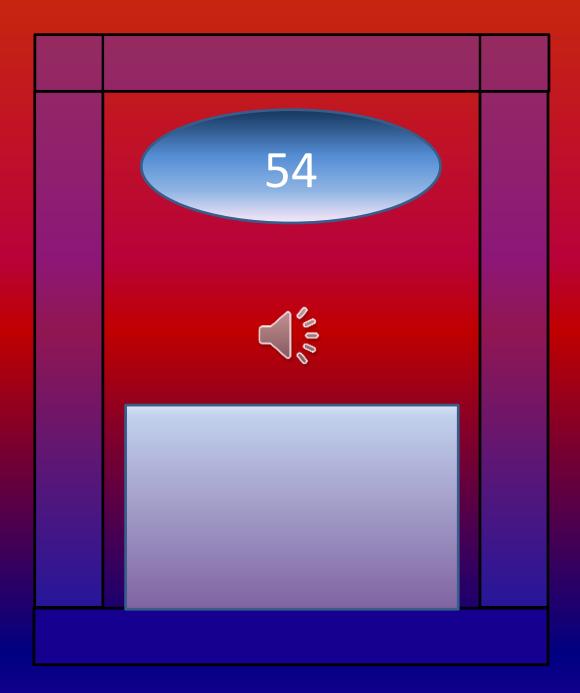


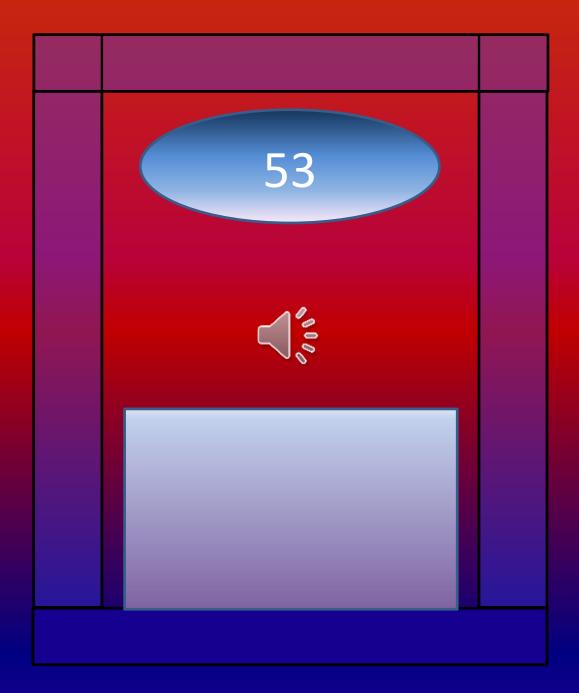


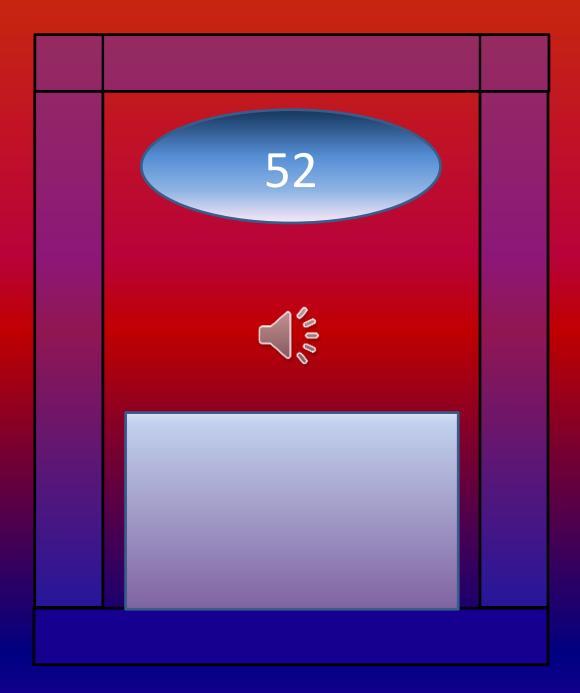


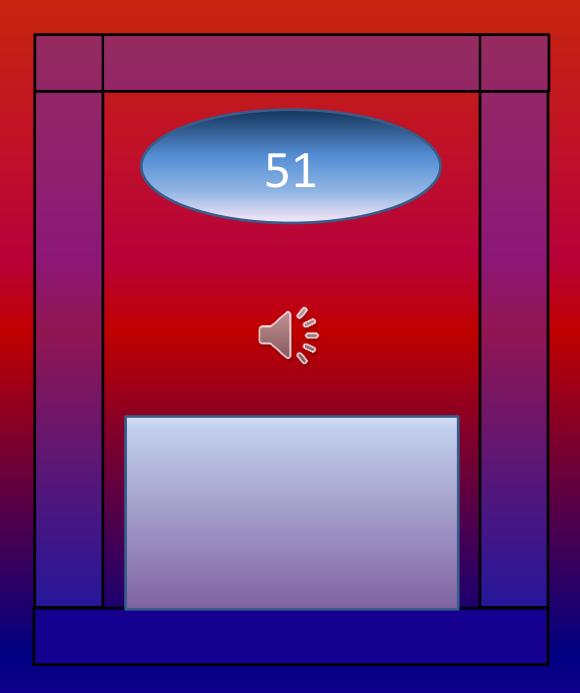


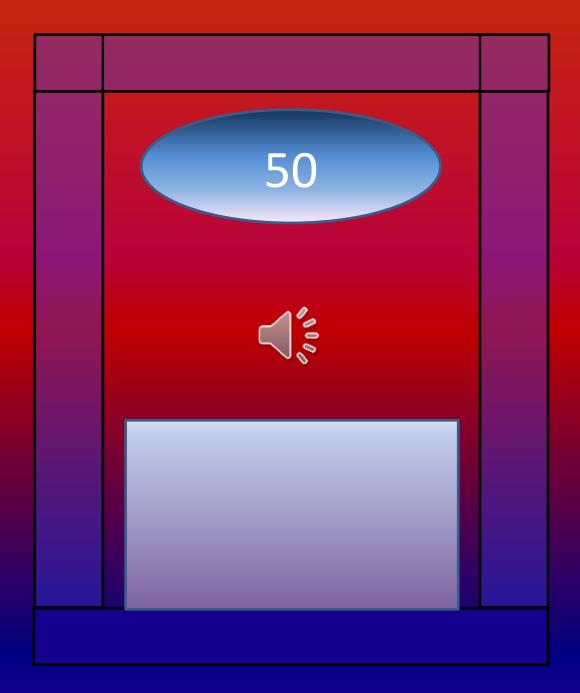


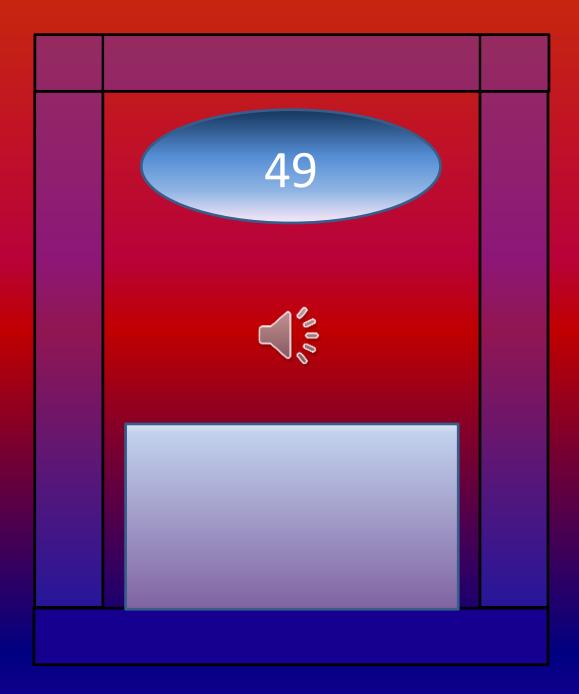


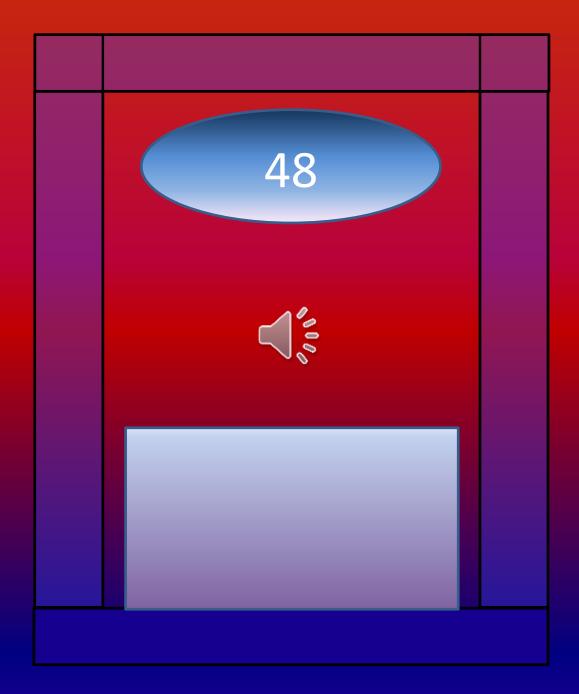


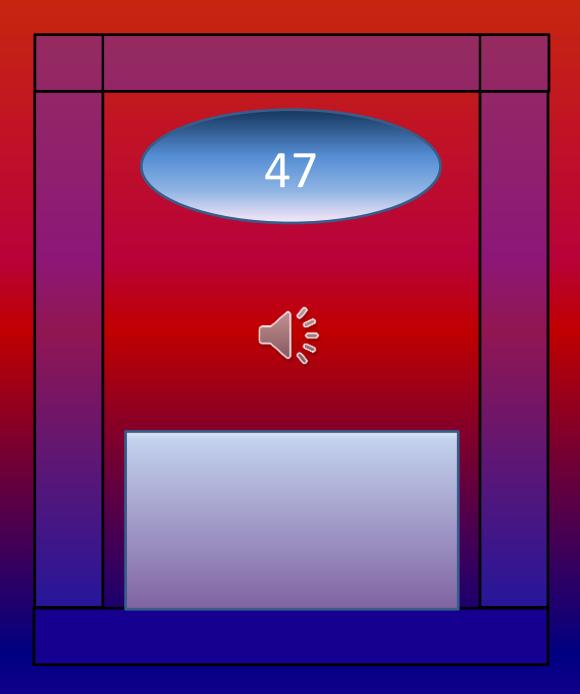


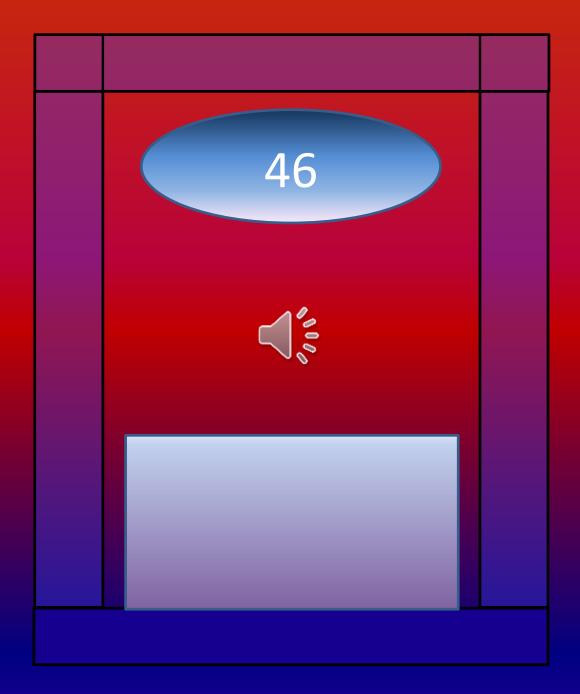


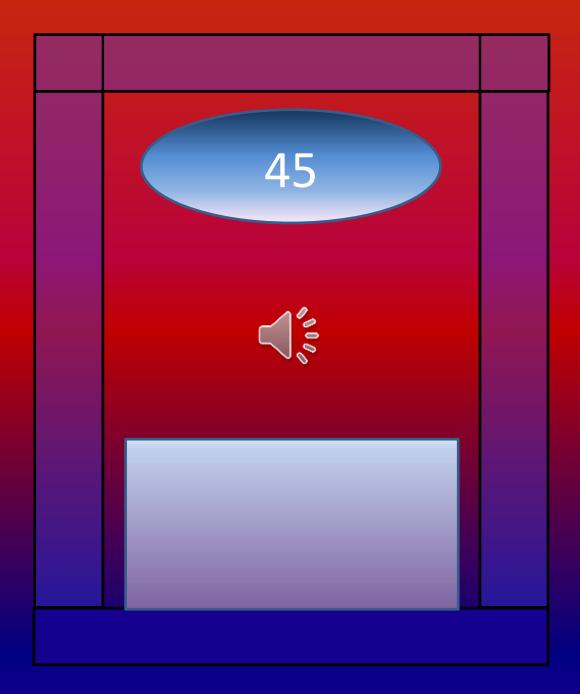


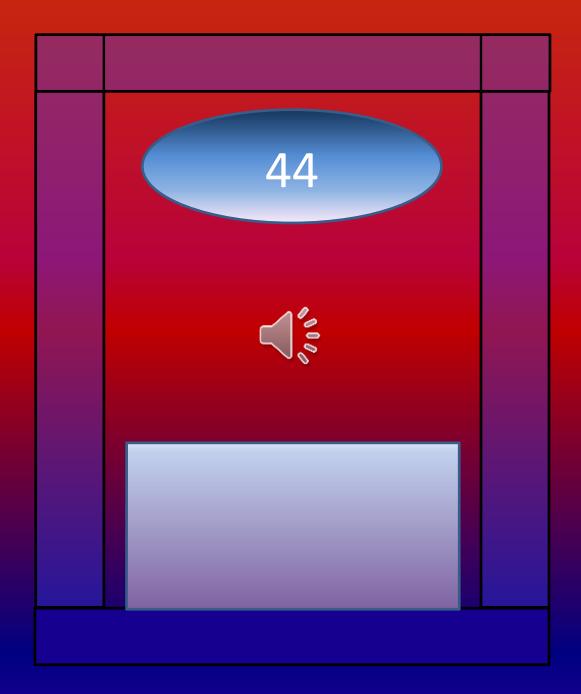


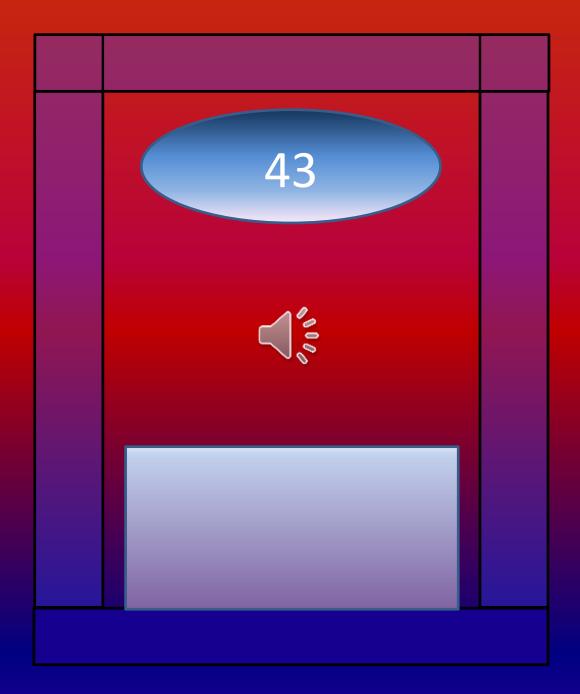


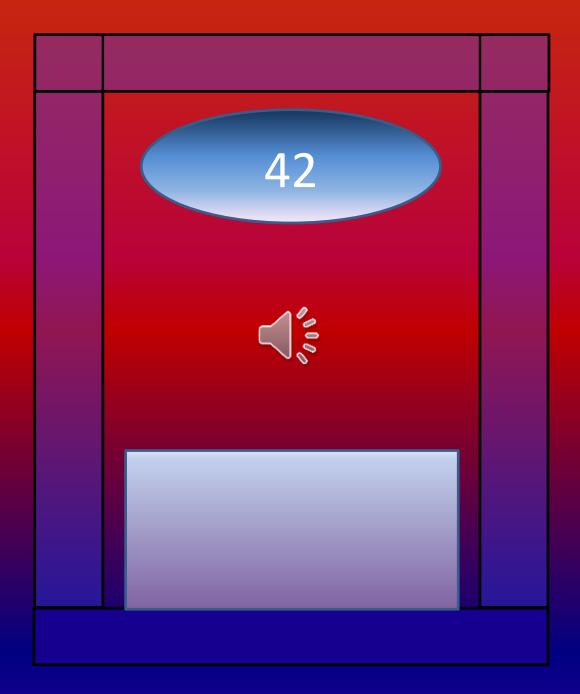


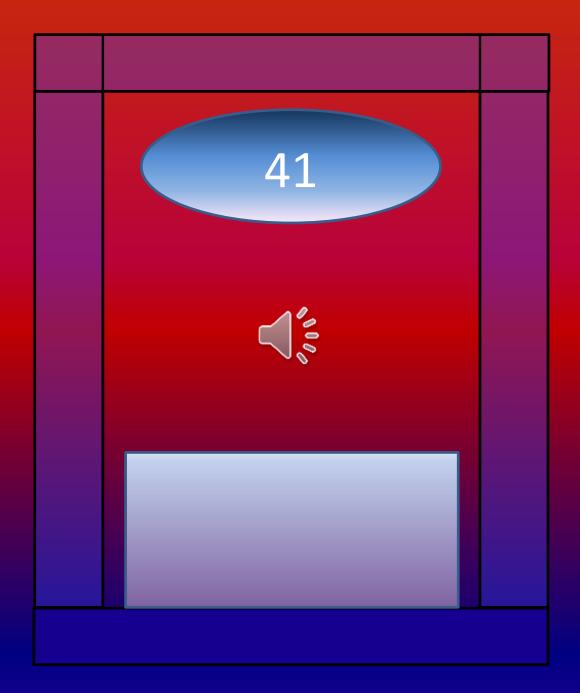


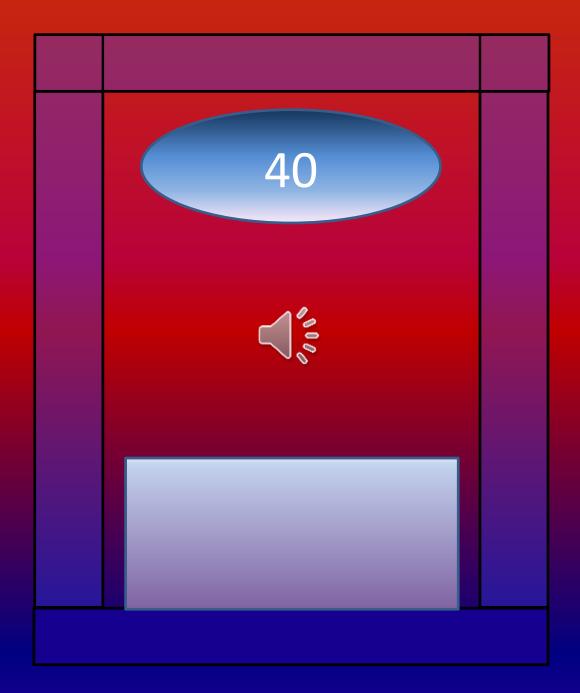


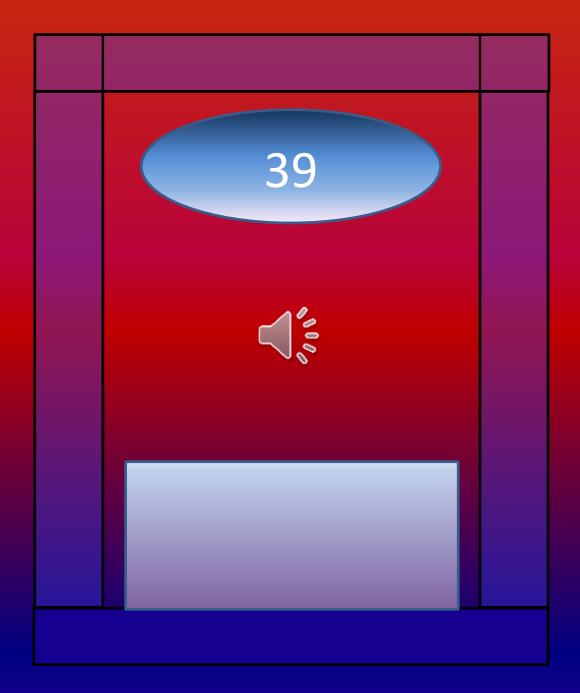


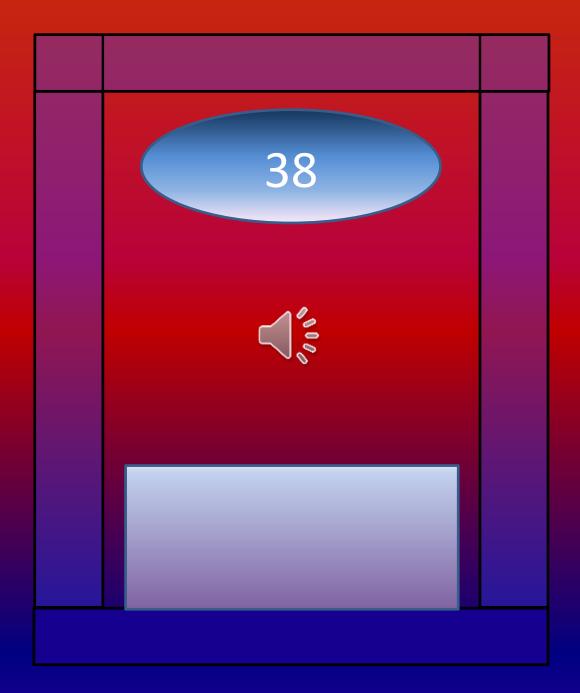


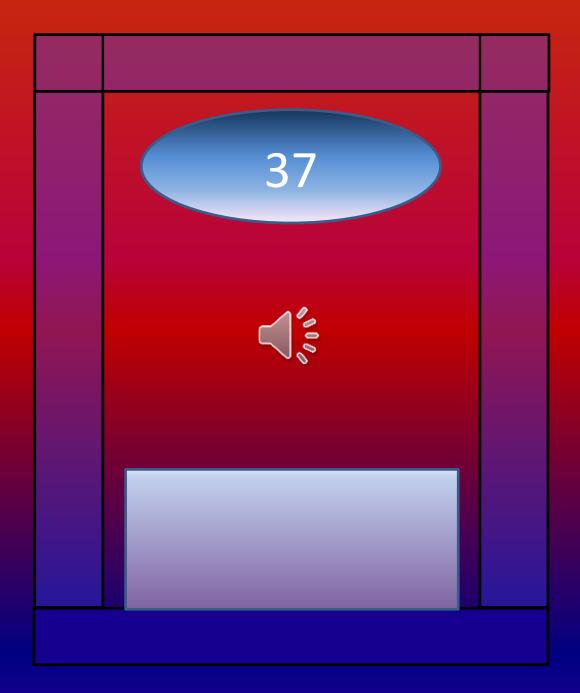


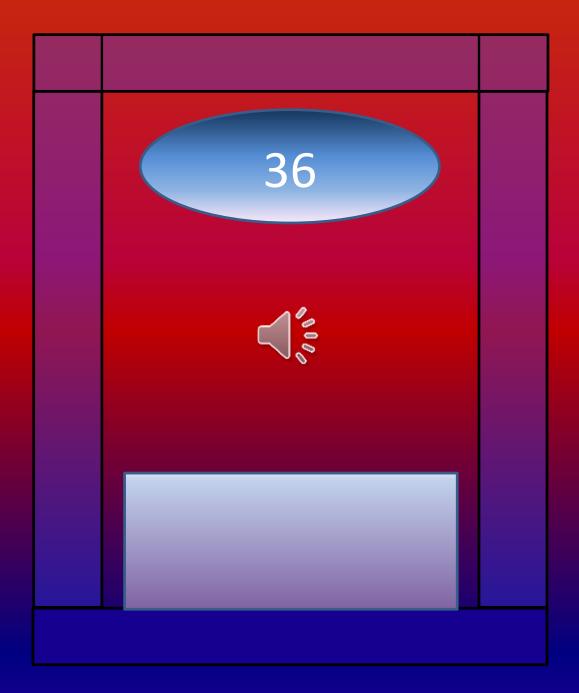


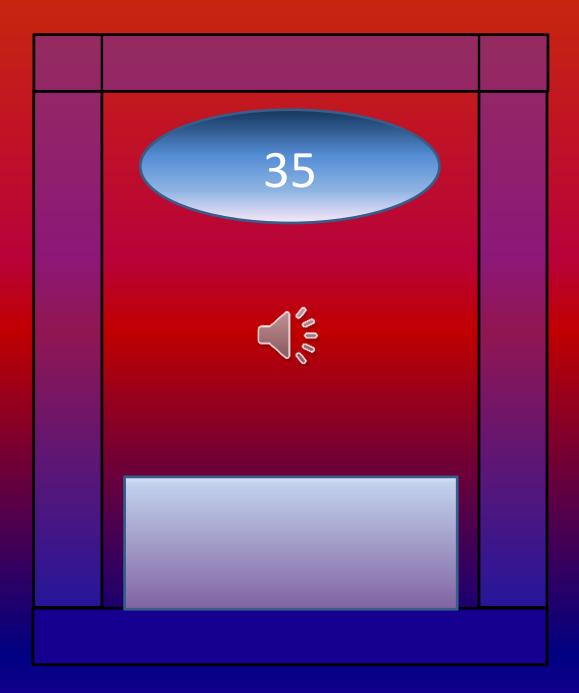


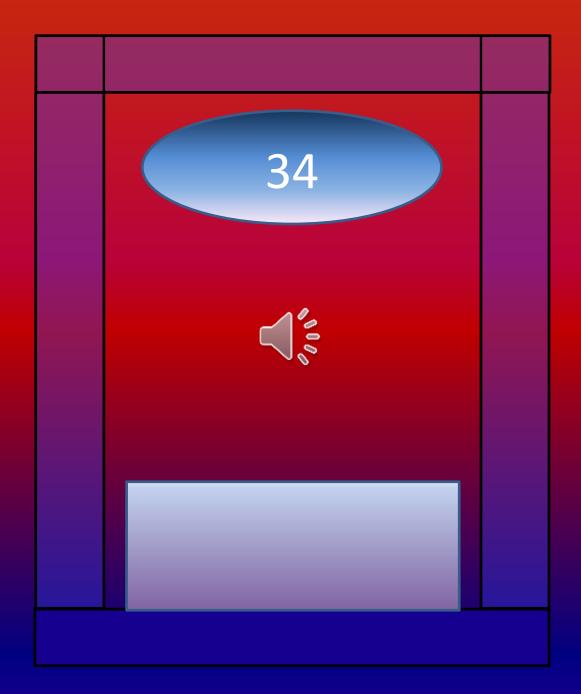


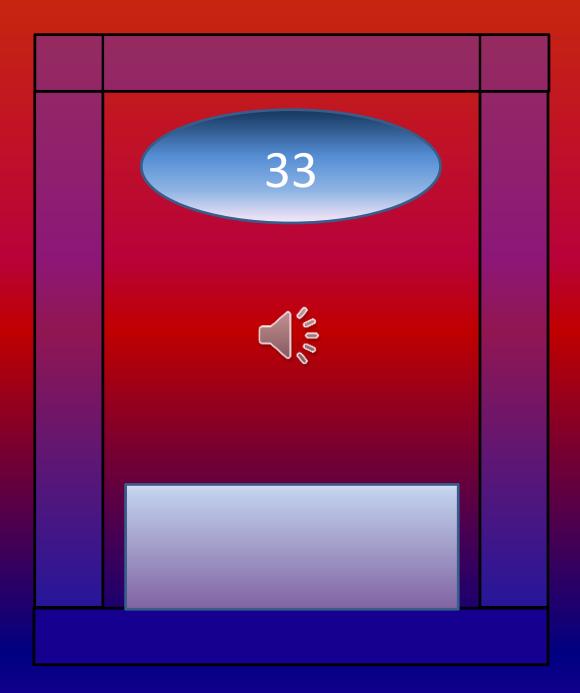


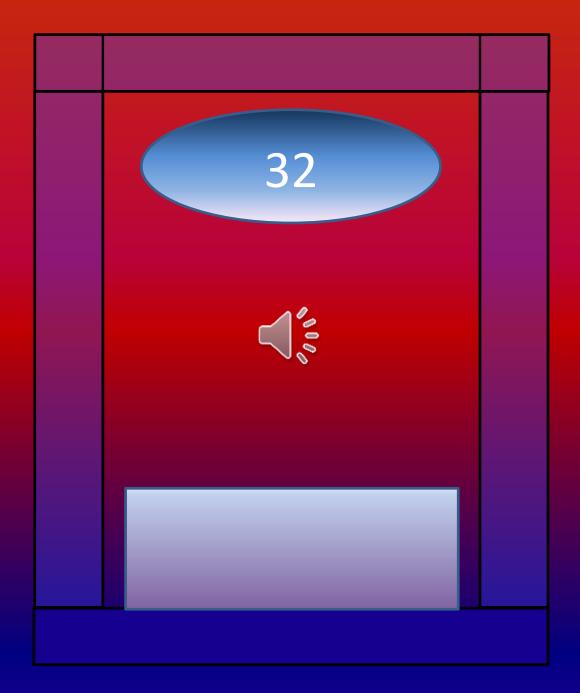


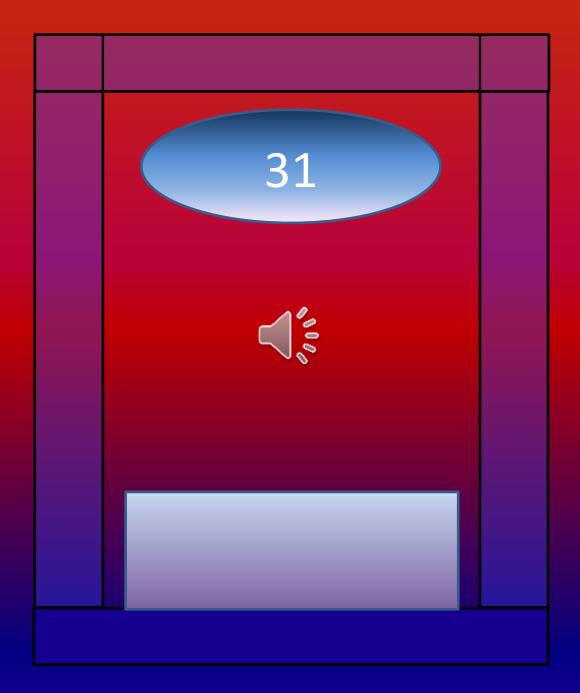


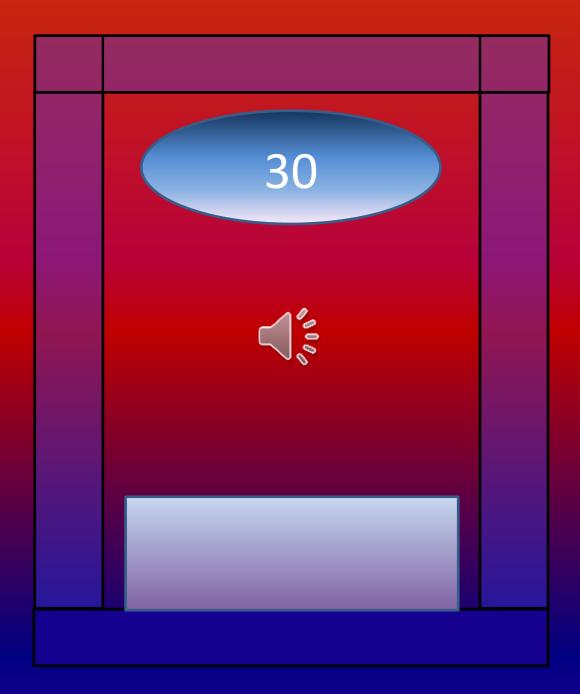


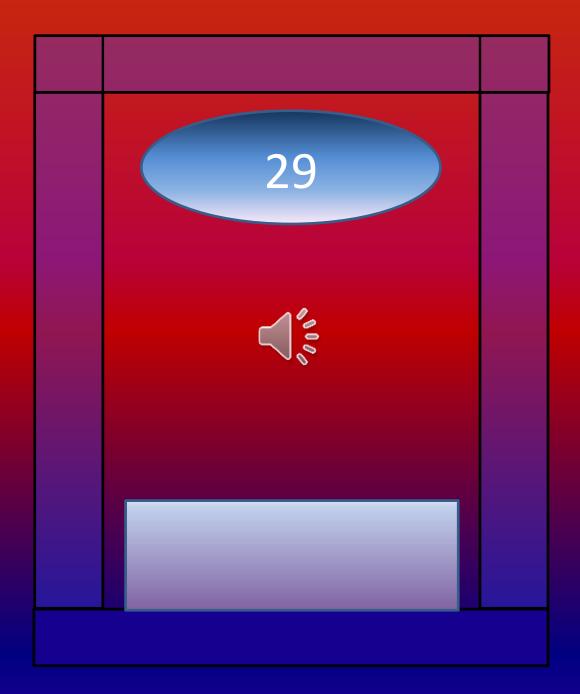


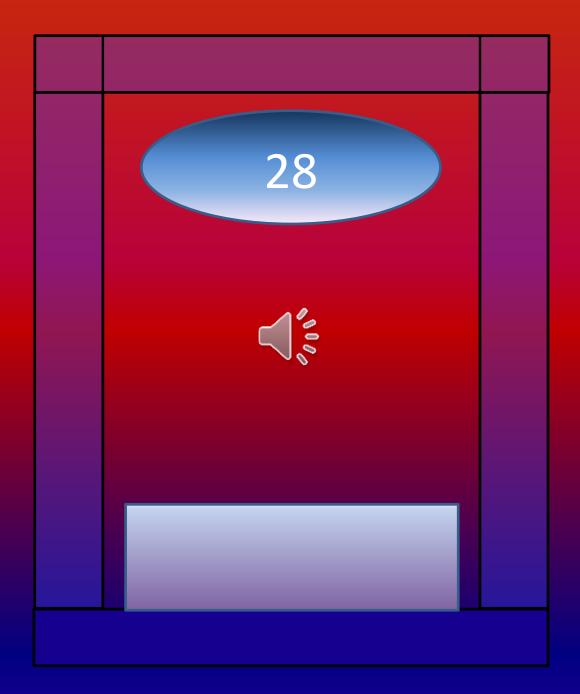


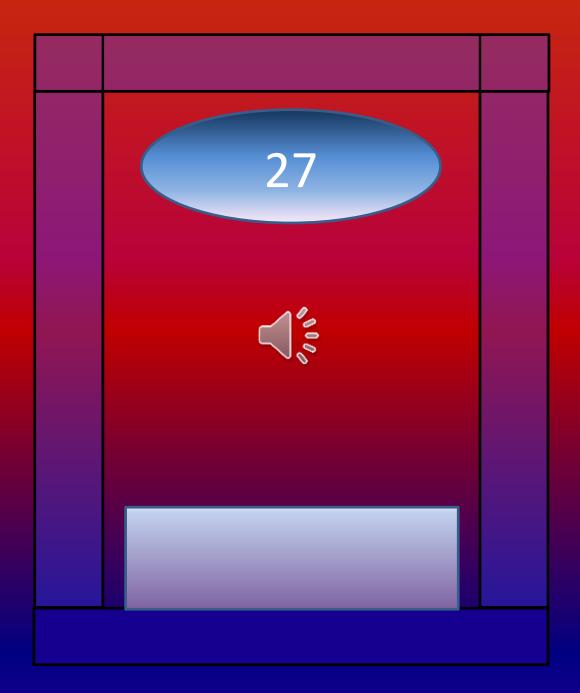


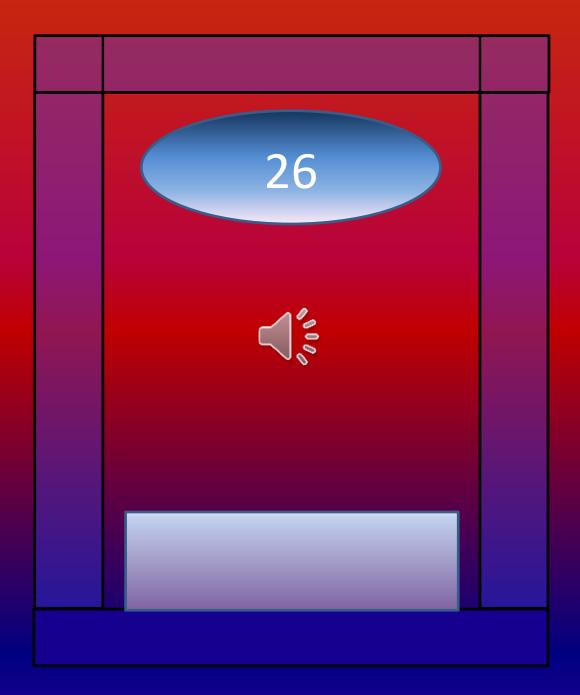


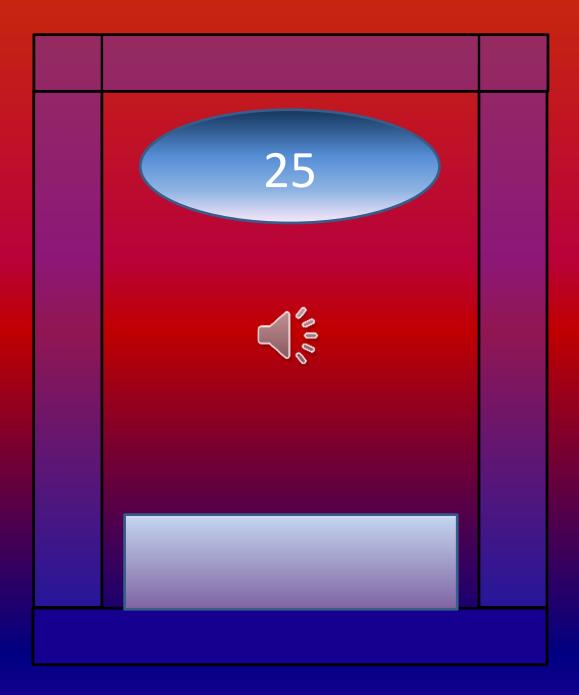


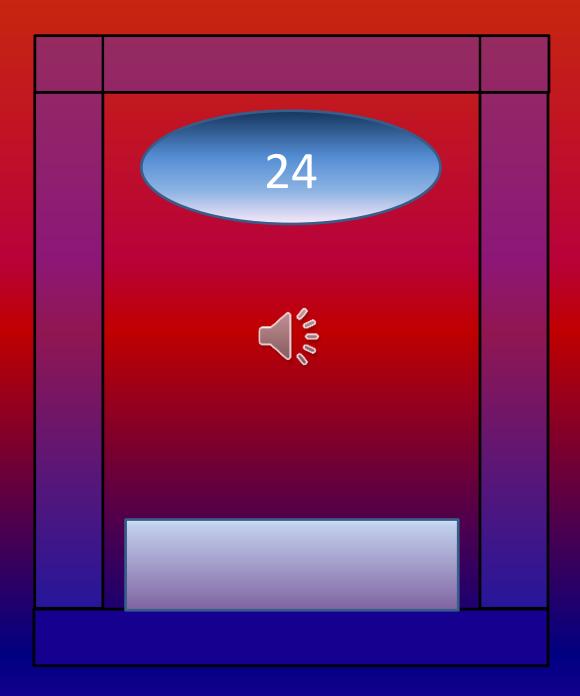


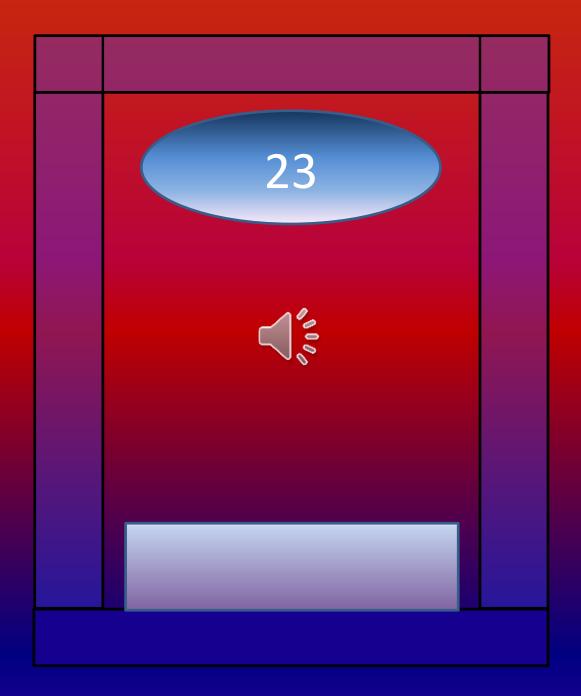


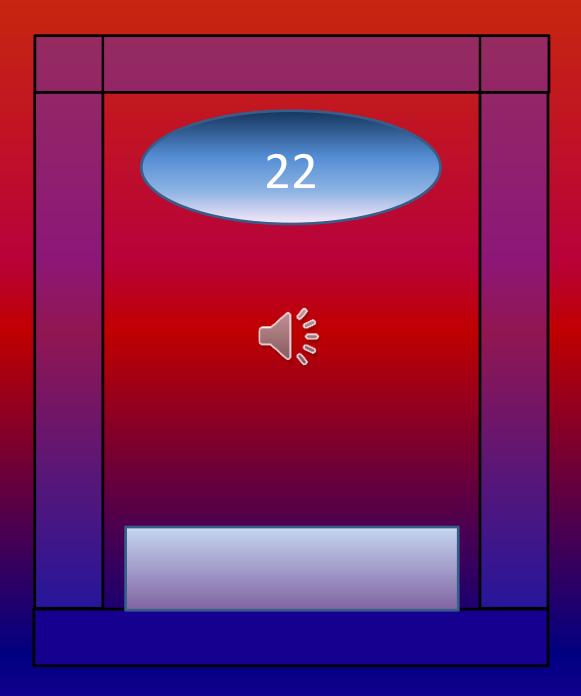


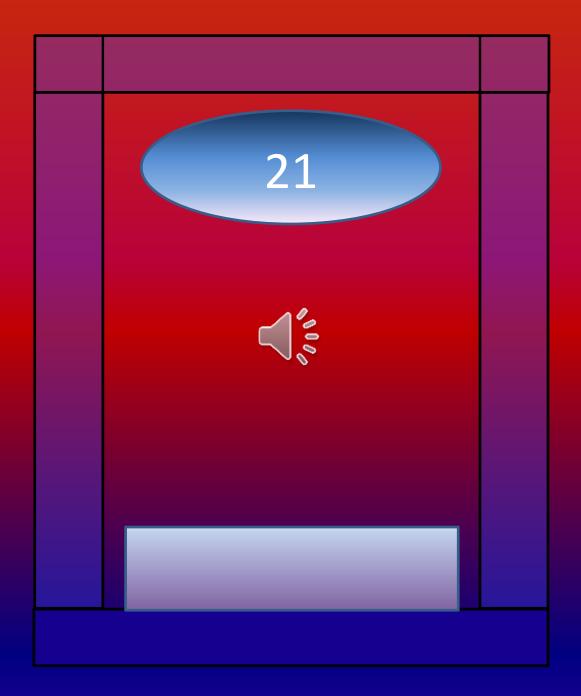


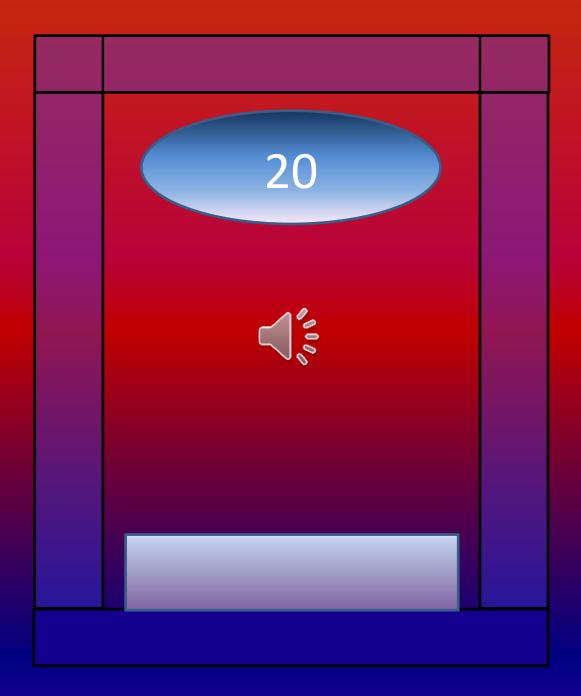


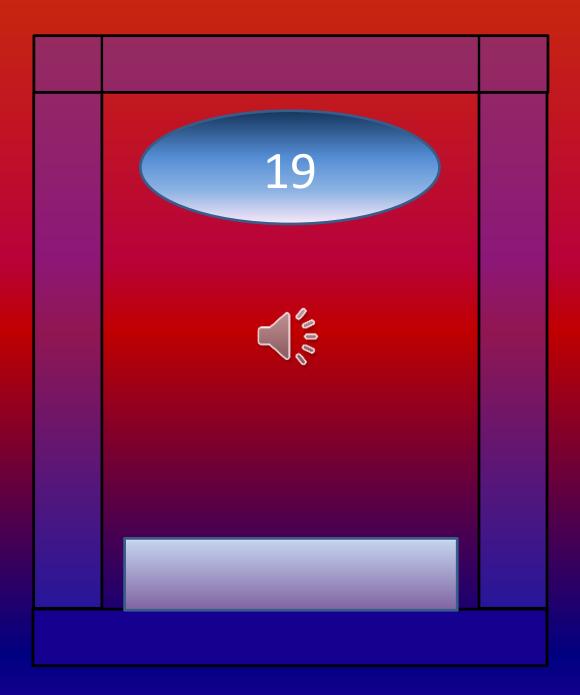


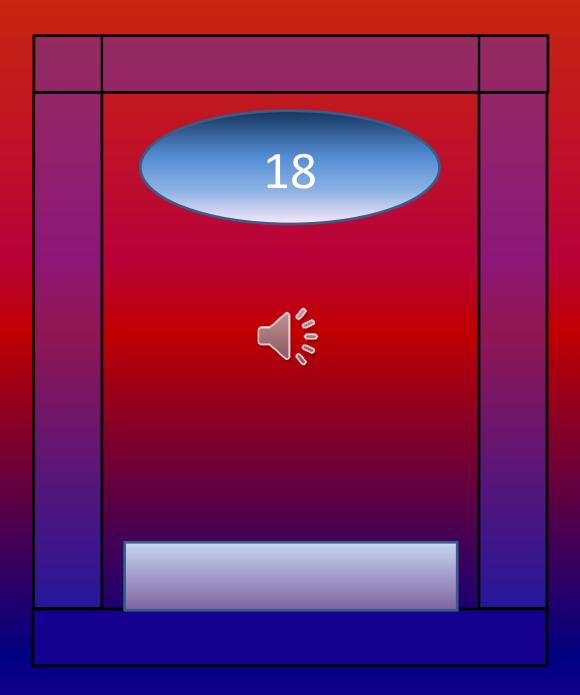


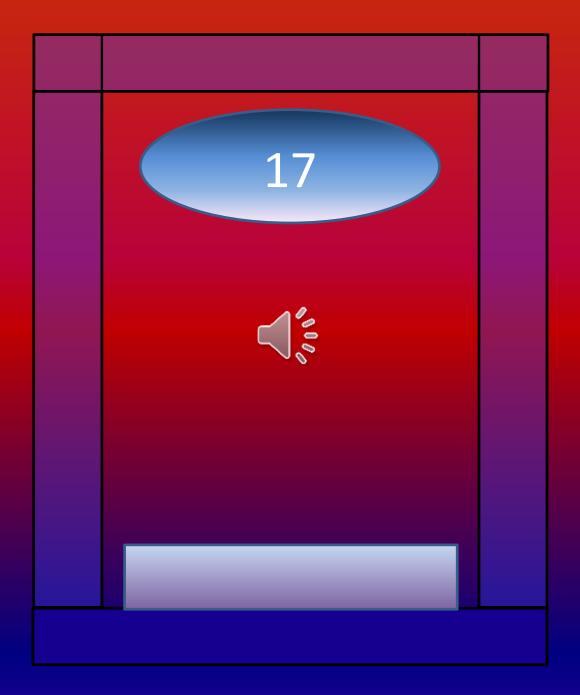


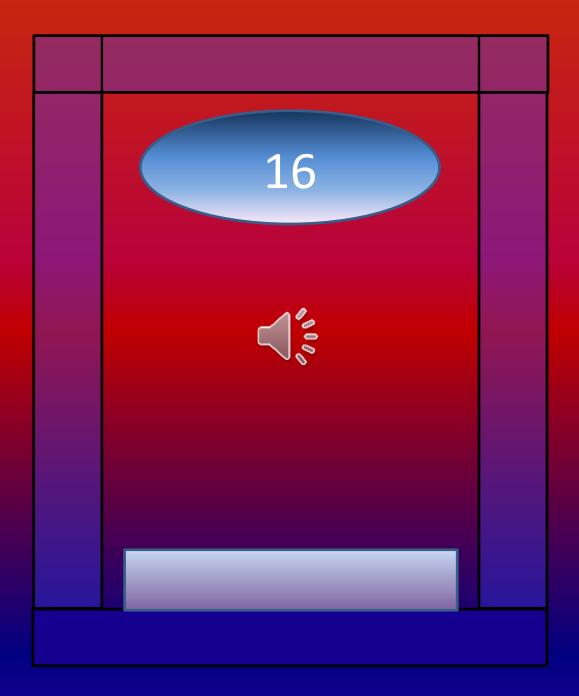


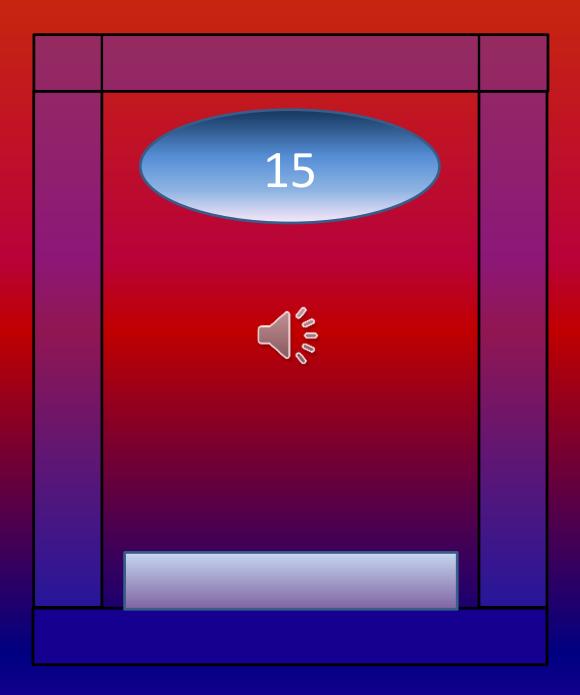


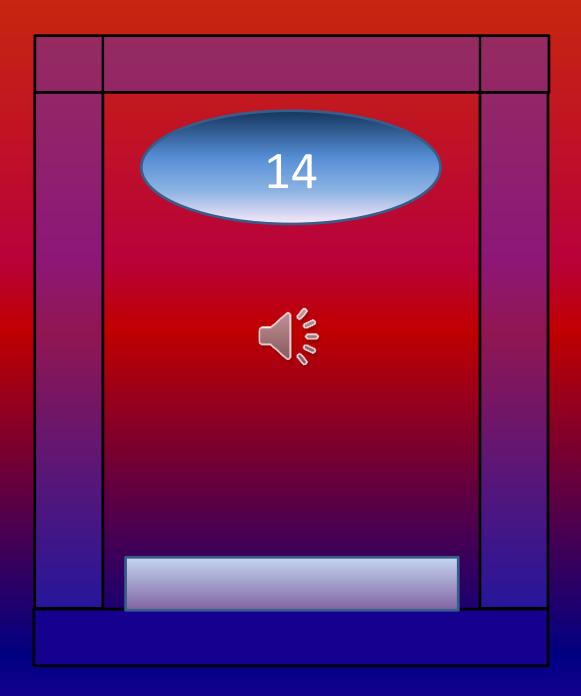


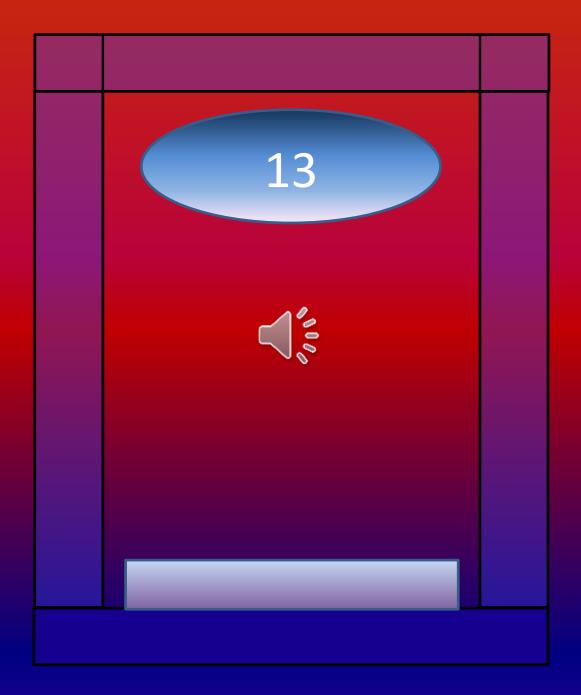


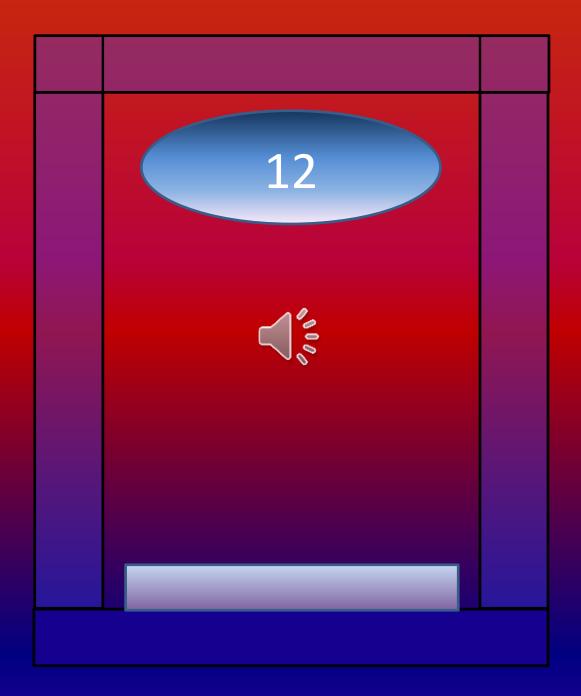


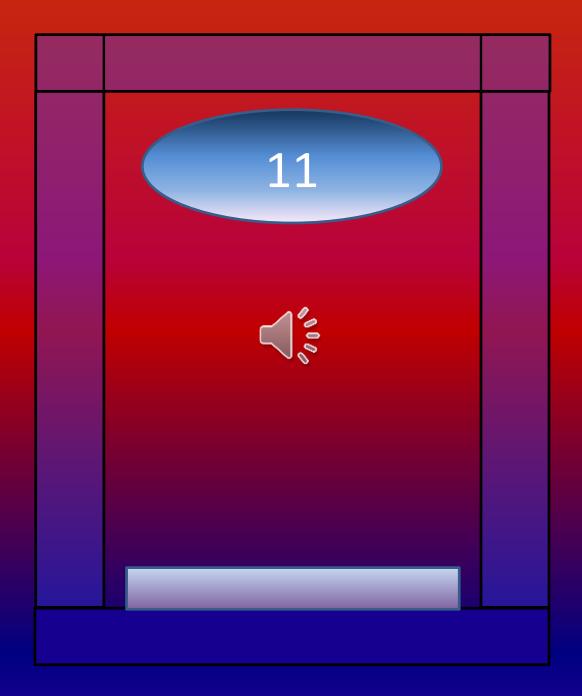


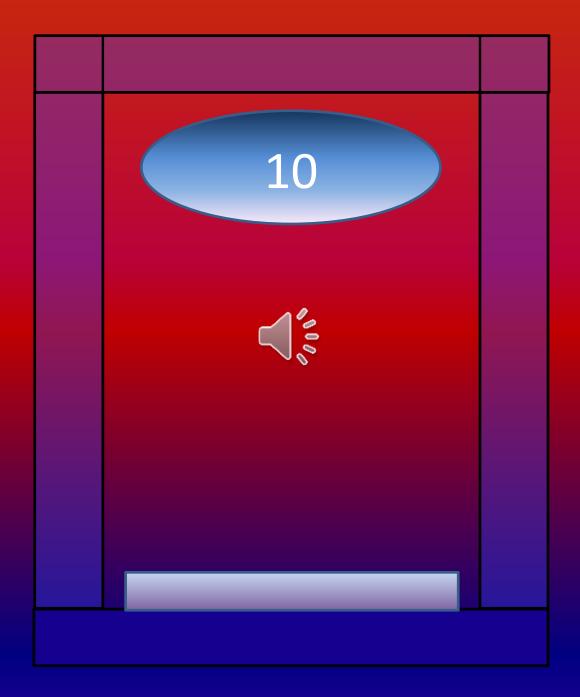


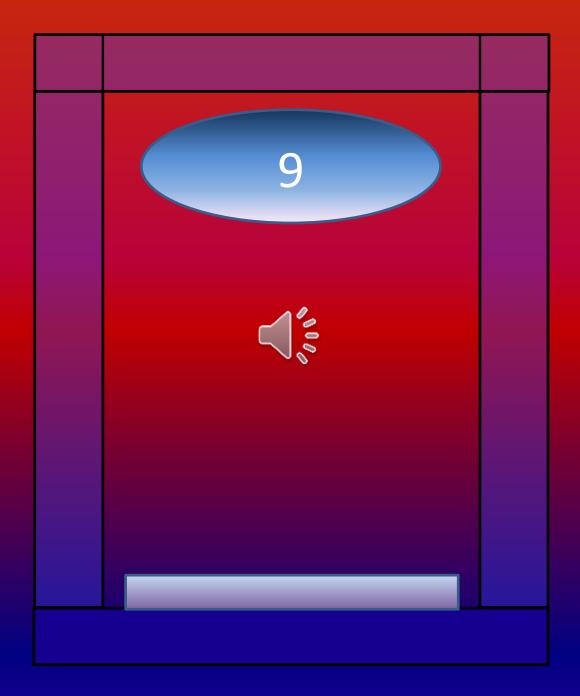


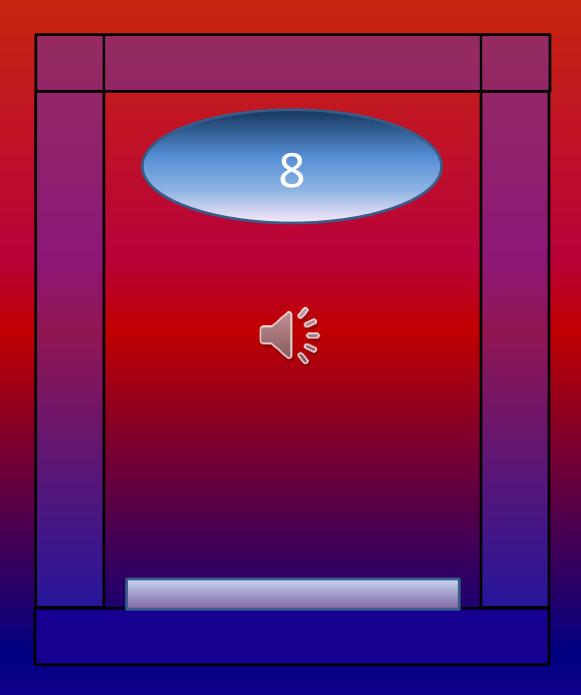


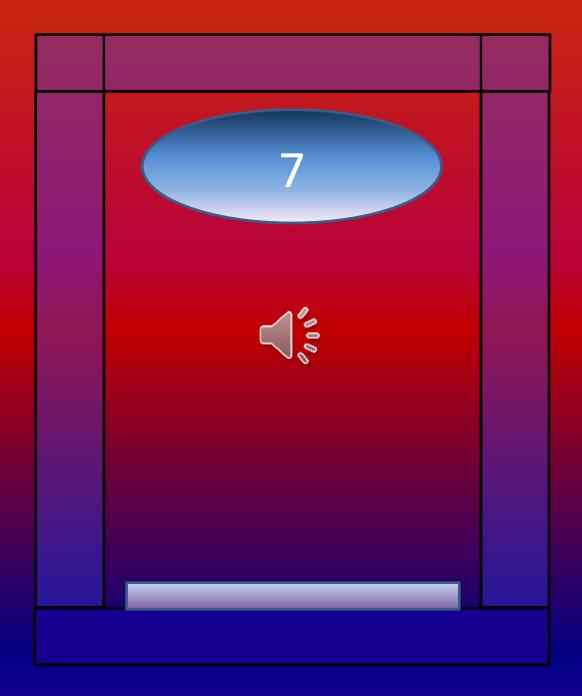


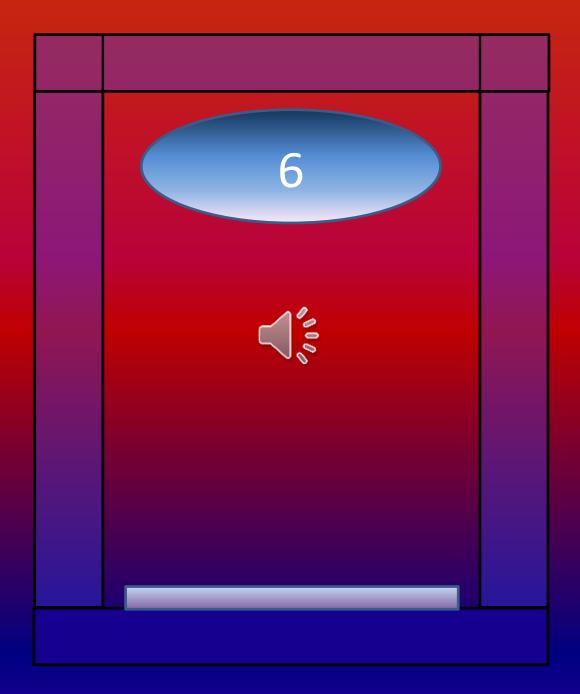


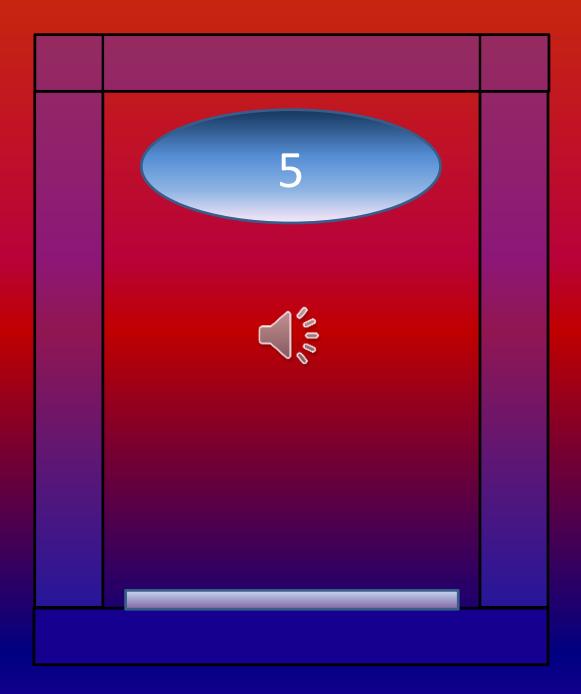


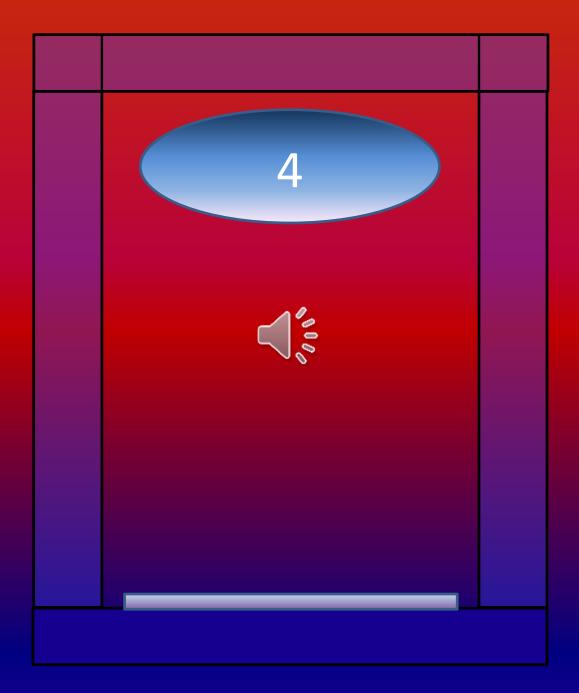


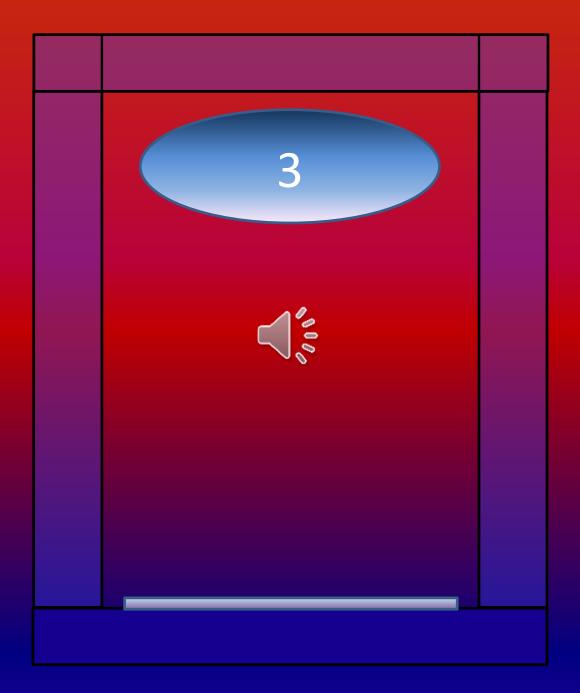


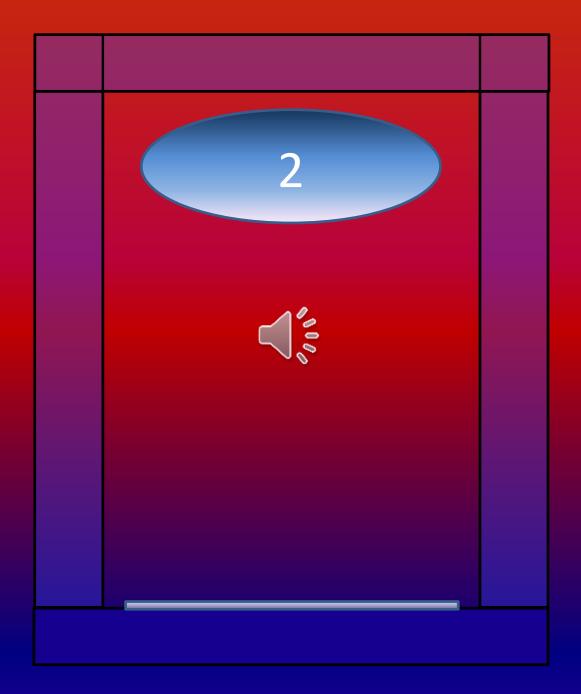


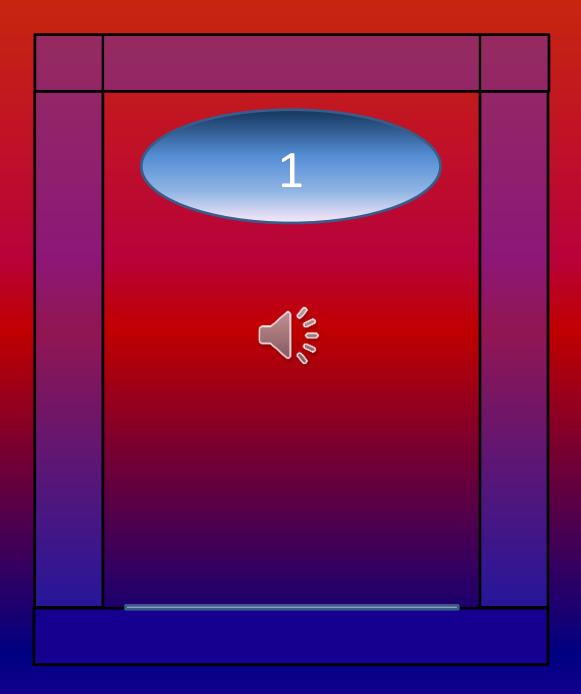


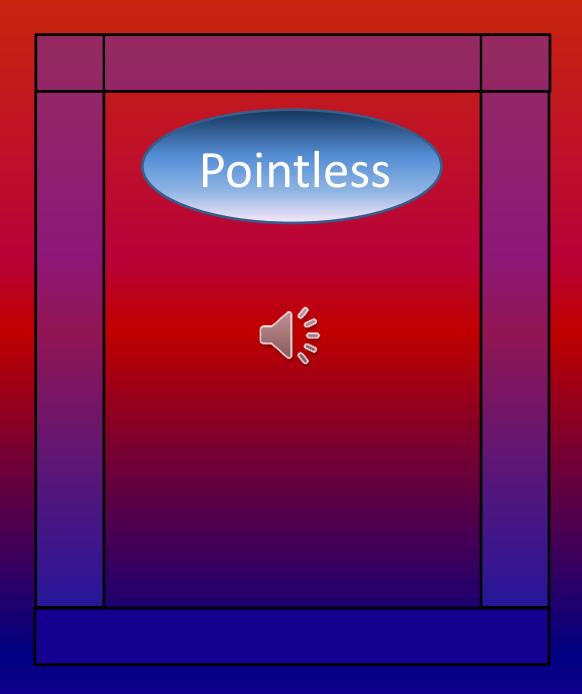












Thank you for playing Pointless SPaG