

Name _____

ATHLETIC SHOES

sport running without rubber
improve shoes wear players



Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

When people come together to share ideas, they can _____
inventions. For example, let's take a look at athletic shoes.

The first _____ shoe appeared in 1908. These were the
Converse Rubber Shoes. They had canvas tops and _____ soles.
They came up over the ankles. They laced up the front. Soon basketball
_____ were wearing them.

By 1917 there were Keds for women. But that was just the beginning. In a
short time, there were _____ for all kinds of sports. And there were
different styles for different sports. Tennis shoes, aerobic shoes,
_____ shoes, and basketball shoes are just a few examples.

Today people _____ sport shoes all the time. These shoes come
in many colors. They feel good on our feet. What would we do
_____ them?

1. What were the first sports shoes called? _____
2. When did they appear? _____
3. Write a sentence from the story that describes them. _____