

LET'S



PLAY BALL

ACTIVITY
BOOKLET



BASEBALL LINGO

Baseball has its own special language - “line drive,” “home run,” and “strike out” are all phrases that come from the game of baseball. Can you match the definitions to the words?

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| A. A left-handed pitcher | 1. Bag |
| B. Two games played between the same teams, on the same day, in front of the same crowd. | 2. Bases loaded |
| C. A base | 3. Dish |
| D. When there are runners on all three bases | 4. Doubleheader |
| E. A home run that’s hit while there are runners on all three bases | 5. Gap |
| F. The pitcher’s mound. | 6. Grand slam |
| G. The area of the outfield between the outfielders | 7. Hill |
| H. Home plate | 8. Homer |
| I. A home run | 9. Shoestring catch |
| J. A catch made just before the ball hits the ground | 10. Southpaw |



BASEBALL WORD SEARCH

E S S T D B E G Z R T O M I
H U G H T B R R C B R D D I
O S D D H A I A R N I H C I
M X F Z I S L N I O A O A I
E S I U R E S D J R R M P C
P S R M D H S S L E S E I U
L T S P B I B L R E B R T R
A U T I A T A A I L R U C V
T I B R S I T M F D O N H E
E A A E E U T L O G I L E B
U I S I S C E B U N T N R A
F I E L D E R D L S D L G L
T N S I D T B E R L R R C L
I N N I N G S T E A L D P M

BASE HIT

BATTER

BUNT

CURVE BALL

DIAMOND

DUGOUT

ERROR

FIELDER

FIRST BASE

FOUL

GRAND SLAM

HOME PLATE

INNINGS

OUT

PITCHER

SLIDING

STEAL

THIRD BASE

UMPIRE



BASEBALL TRIVIA

1. When was the first World Series ever played?

- A. 1904
- B. 1906
- C. 1905
- D. 1903

2. What American League team was called the Red Sox?

- A. Minneapolis
- B. Chicago
- C. Boston
- D. Pittsburgh

3. Who was the founder of the American League?

- A. John McGraw
- B. William C. Temple
- C. Al Spalding
- D. Ban Johnson

4. How old was Cy Young when he pitched in his first World Series?

- A. 30
- B. 36
- C. 26
- D. 20

5. Who hit the first-ever World Series home run?

- A. Honus Wagner
- B. Jimmy Sebring
- C. Patsy Dougherty
- D. Brickyard Kennedy

6. Which player ended their career with exactly 3,000 hits?

- A. Tony Gwynn
- B. Roberto Clemente
- C. Rod Carew
- D. Sam Rice

7. Which one of the following players did not have at least 2,000 walks in their career?

- A. Babe Ruth
- B. Ted Williams
- C. Harmon Killebrew
- D. Barry Bonds

8. Which of the following retired with over a thousand career steals?

- A. Rickey Henderson
- B. Ty Cobb
- C. Lou Brock
- D. Pete Cobb

9. Which of these pitchers had the most wins?

- A. Nolan Ryan
- B. Walter Johnson
- C. Phil Niekro
- D. Cy Young

BASEBALL TRIVIA CONTINUED

10. Who has set a mark of most career walks pitched?

- A. Cy Young
- B. Nolan Ryan
- C. Steve Carlton
- D. Roger Clemens

11. Who had a career leading 309 triples and was the first player with over 300?

- A. Sam Crawford
- B. Honus Wagner
- C. Rickey Henderson
- D. Ty Cobb

12. Ted Williams hit a career .344 and had over 500 home runs.

- A. True
- B. False

13. Dennis Eckersley had over 200 wins and 300 saves in his career.

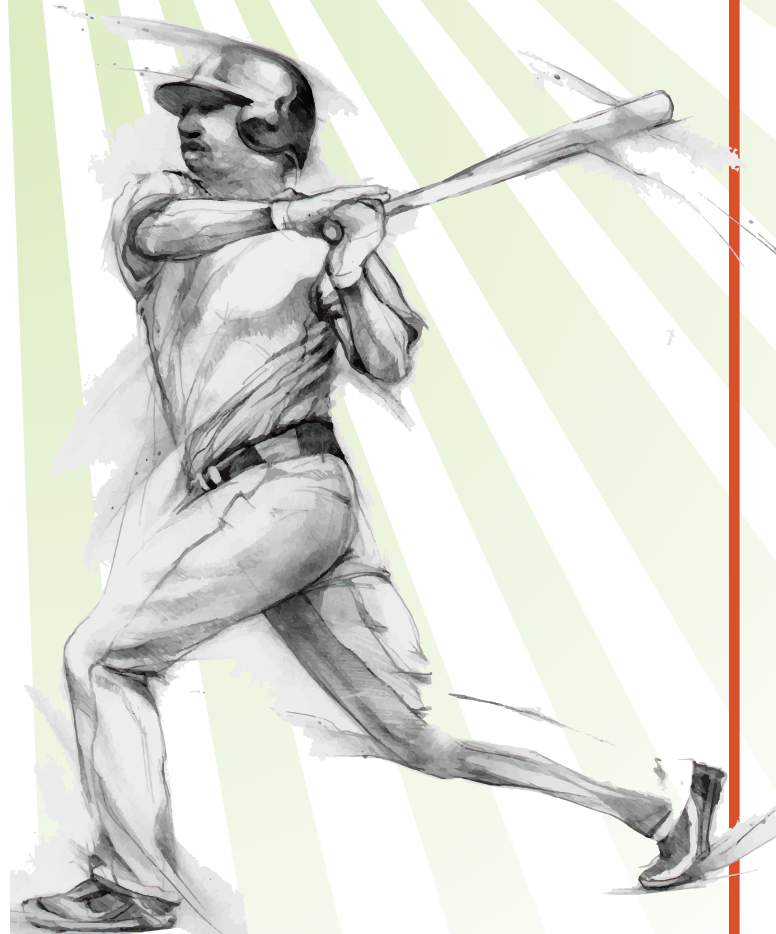
- A. True
- B. False

14. After Cy Young, who was the second pitcher to throw over 6,000 innings?

- A. Pud Galvin
- B. Warren Spahn
- C. Phil Niekro
- D. Jim Palmer

15. Ty Cobb was the first player with over 4,000 career hits. Who was the second?

- A. Paul Molitor
- B. Wade Boggs
- C. Rickey Henderson
- D. Pete Rose





BASEBALL IDIOM MATCHING

Write the letter of meaning next to its idiom.

1. _____ out of left field
 2. _____ strike someone funny
 3. _____ ballpark figure
 4. _____ on the ball
 5. _____ a smash hit
 6. _____ the game is up
 7. _____ touch base
 8. _____ off base
 9. _____ get the ball rolling
 10. _____ right off the bat
 11. _____ playing games
 12. _____ cruising into home base
- A. Get something started
 - B. A rough estimate
 - C. When a lie or other secret has been discovered
 - D. Unexpected
 - E. To be wrong
 - F. Immediately, the first thing
 - G. To talk to someone
 - H. To seem funny to someone
 - I. Returning to your home
 - J. To be alert or quick to catch on or understand
 - K. Fooling or keeping the truth from someone
 - L. A big success

BASEBALL TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. D. 1903, Two years after the emergence of the American League in 1901.
2. C. Boston
3. D. Ban Johnson was also the first commissioner of the American League in 1901.
4. B. 36, In 1903 he was tagged for 4 runs in the first inning. He lost the game 7-3.
5. B. Jimmy Sebring, This Pittsburgh player went down in history for his 7th inning shot.
6. B. Robert Clemente, Tony Gwynn- 3141, Rod Carew- 3053, and Sam Rice finished just 13 hits shy of 3,000 with 2987. Clemente played with the Pirates.
7. C. Harmon Killebrew of the Twins had just 1559 career walks.
8. A. Ricky Henderson, Lou Brock was second with 938. Rickey had 1,406!
9. D. Cy Young was a career 511-316, both marks setting a record.
10. B. Nolan Ryan Had 962 more than second-most Steve Carlton.
11. A. Same Crawford, Ty Cobb was five short of 300.
12. True, Williams of the Red Sox hit 521 home runs in his career.
13. False, He had 197 wins and 390 saves as a closer and starter.
14. A. Pud Galvin pitched 6003.1 innings and went a career 364-310 with a 2.86 ERA.
15. D. Pete Rose had a career of 4,256 hits and Ty Cobb had 4,189.

