# Unit 2 — English for Baseball



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#### Ball

A throw that is outside the strike zone.

"The pitcher threw four balls, so the batter walked."

#### **Base**

A white square that players run to after hitting the ball.

"He ran to first base after hitting the ball."

## Bat

A long stick used to hit the baseball.

"She held the bat tightly and hit the ball hard."

## **Batter**

The player who is currently trying to hit the baseball.

"The batter hit the ball over the fence."

## Catch

To take the ball in your glove or hand.

"She caught the ball before it hit the ground."

## Catcher

The player who catches the ball behind the batter.

"The catcher wore a helmet and caught the ball."

## **Dugout**

The place where players sit when they are not playing.

"The team cheered from the dugout."

## Field

The area where the game is played.

"There were many players on the field."

#### **Glove**

A padded leather hand cover used to catch the ball.

"The player caught the ball with his glove."

#### Home run

A hit that lets the batter run around all the bases.

"She hit a home run and scored a point."

#### Out

When a player has to stop playing for that turn.

"He was out after the third strike."

#### **Pitcher**

The player who throws the ball to the batter.

"The pitcher threw the ball very fast."

## Run

To move fast on foot, especially between bases.

"The player ran from second to third base."

## **Score**

To get a point by reaching home plate.

"The team scored three points in the first inning."

#### Slide

To fall or move smoothly along the ground to reach a base.

"He slid into home plate and scored."

#### **Strike**

A throw that the batter misses or doesn't swing at, in the strike zone.

"The batter had two strikes and one ball."

## **Swing**

To move the bat to try to hit the ball.

"He swung hard but missed the ball."

#### **Throw**

To send the ball through the air with your hand.

"He threw the ball to first base."

## **Umpire**

The person who watches the baseball game, makes calls, and enforces the rules.

"The umpire said the batter was out."

## Uniform

The standard clothing that players must wear during the game.

"The team had different uniforms for home and away games."