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."