

The H.O.T. Spot

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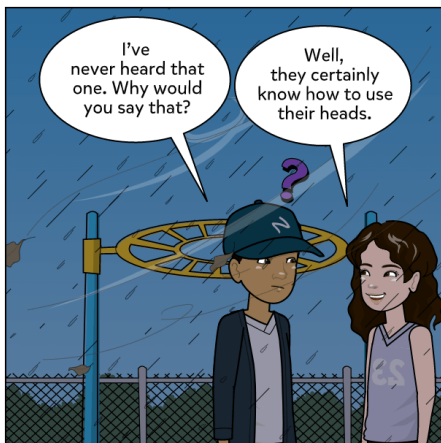
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CAUTION: Participation may lead to a lack of boredom and a tired brain!

FEATURED TOPIC THIS WEEK:

Baseball Bonanza





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Did You Know?

Last night, the L.A. Dodgers won the 116th World Series. The last time the Dodgers competed in and won a World Series was 32 years ago. The World Series is a seven game competition between the National League and the American League. The only major difference between the two leagues is that the American League allows a team to use a Designated Hitter (a person who hits for the pitcher), whereas the National League does not. To read more about the rules of baseball, click the word 'link' here → [LINK](#)

Help Wanted

A person who commentates a sporting event is known as a *sportscaster*.

Requirements

- Strong communication and speaking skills
- Complete an internship
- *(Not required, but recommended)* Earn a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting

Necessary Skills

- Communication skills
- Ability to improvise
- Work in a team environment

Daily Tasks

- Watch sports and announce play by plays
- Research sport statistics, history of the sport, etc.

Virtual Field Trip

Take a tour through a baseball glove factory to see how they are made:

www.viewpure.com/D77oe8ZzXWo?start=0&end=0

Would You Rather

Would you rather be the star of a bad sports team
OR an average player on an elite team?

Bio-Profile



Jackie Robinson (1919-1972) was the first African American to break the color barrier and play major league baseball with the Dodgers in 1947. He led the Dodgers to the World Series six times and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. To learn more about Jackie Robinson, click the word 'link' here → [LINK](#)

Mystery Picture of the Week

Can you name this famous baseball stadium?
After doing your research, turn your paper upside down to check your answer.



This is Yankee Stadium in Boston, Massachusetts. It opened in 2009 and holds over 54,000 people. To read 10 interesting facts about the stadium, click the word 'link' here → [LINK](#)



What do you think the featured topic should be next week? Email your teacher with your thoughts.

Project-Based Bonanza

Choose one or more of the projects below to complete this week.

CHOICE A

Baseball is also a sport many women enjoy playing. Click the link below to read about the top ten most famous women baseball players of all time.

[LINK](#)

When you are finished, create baseball cards for each person.

CHOICE B

A baseball player's batting average is calculated by dividing a player's hits by his or her total at-bats. The range for batting average is a number between zero (.000) and one (1.000). Calculate the batting averages for the following three players.

Player 1	400 @ bats	75 hits
Player 2	561 @ bats	195 hits
Player 3	627 @ bats	308 hits

CHOICE C

Visit the website linked below and try one of the three baseball related science experiments described here → [LINK](#)



Story Starters

Choose one of the story starters below!

- If I told you what happened, you would never believe me. I know how preposterous this sounds, but I just played a game of baseball with _____. I was so excited that...
- I don't care much for the game of baseball. I know many may find that surprising considering I am a baseball. I just don't appreciate being hit with a bat, thrown across a field at 75 miles an hour, or...
- Tell the story of your first time playing a game of baseball.

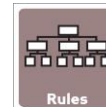
Brain Teaser of the Week

Can you solve this riddle?

Two baseball teams played a game. One team won, but no man touched a base. How could that be?

Digging Into Depth and Complexity

Based on what you have learned from this H.O.T. Spot about baseball, answer the following questions using the depth and complexity icons.



In your opinion, what are the three most important RULES of baseball?



Baseball is known as America's pastime due to its popularity. However, TRENDS in sports participation and viewing are changing. What are the most popular sports today?



List three or more baseball related terms.



What is your PERSPECTIVE on baseball? Do you like it, love it, hate it, or have no opinion either way?