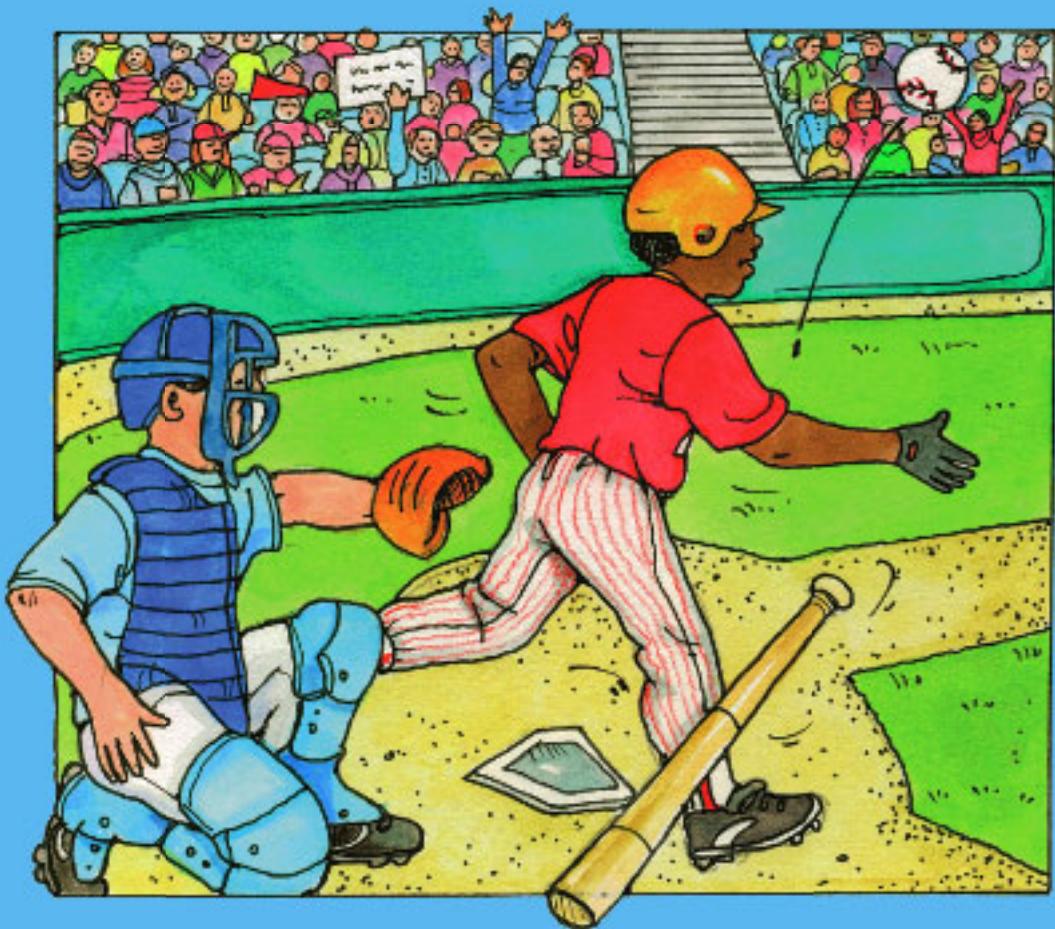


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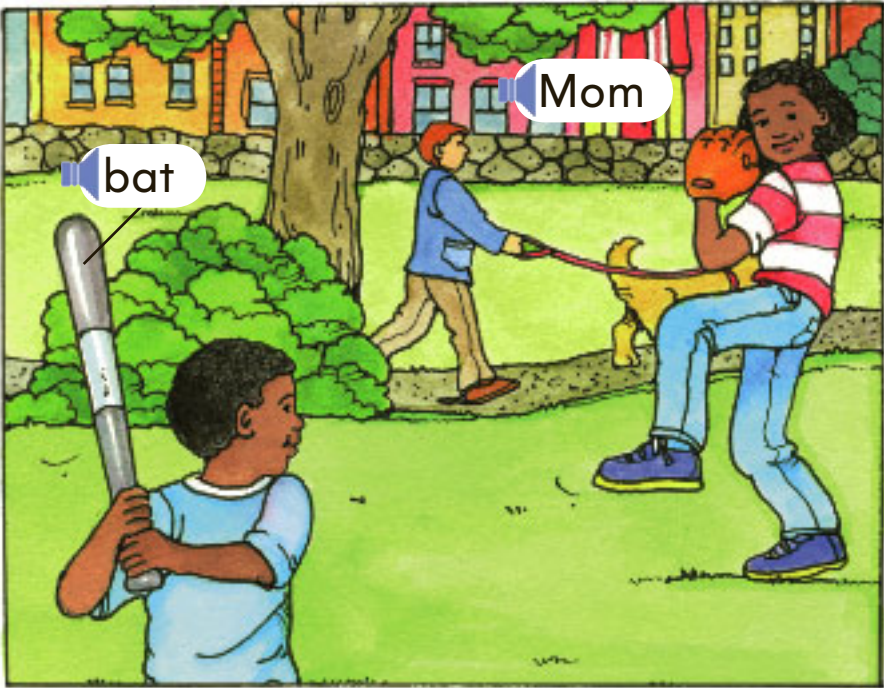
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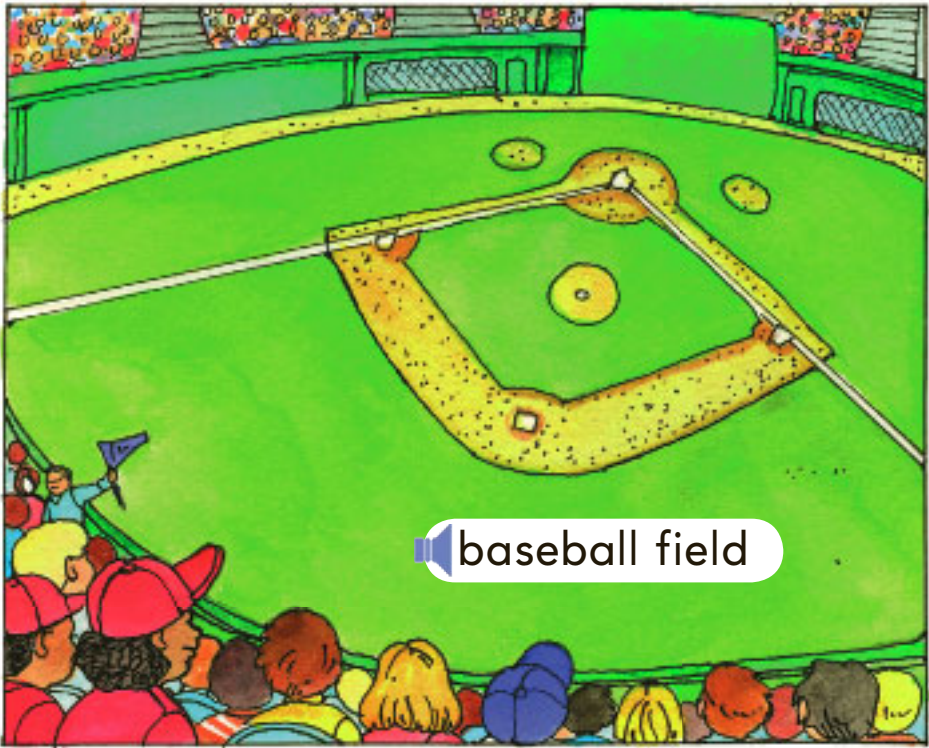


🔊 My mom loves baseball games. She tells me **stories** about the baseball games she saw when she was a child.

🔊 We **always** play baseball together. Mom throws the ball to me, and I hit it with my bat.



🔊 Mom and I are going to a baseball game today. We wear our baseball hats, and I bring my baseball glove. I want to use my glove to catch a baseball at the game.



🔊 Mom and I ride the bus to the game. Then we climb many steps to get to our seats. Our seats are up **high**. Mom and I sit in our seats and look down at the baseball field.



Everyone sings a song before the game. The baseball players stand on the field. They take off their hats and sing. It is a windy day. The flag flaps in the wind while we sing.



🔊 The players run onto the field after the song. Someone yells, “Play ball!” and the baseball game starts.

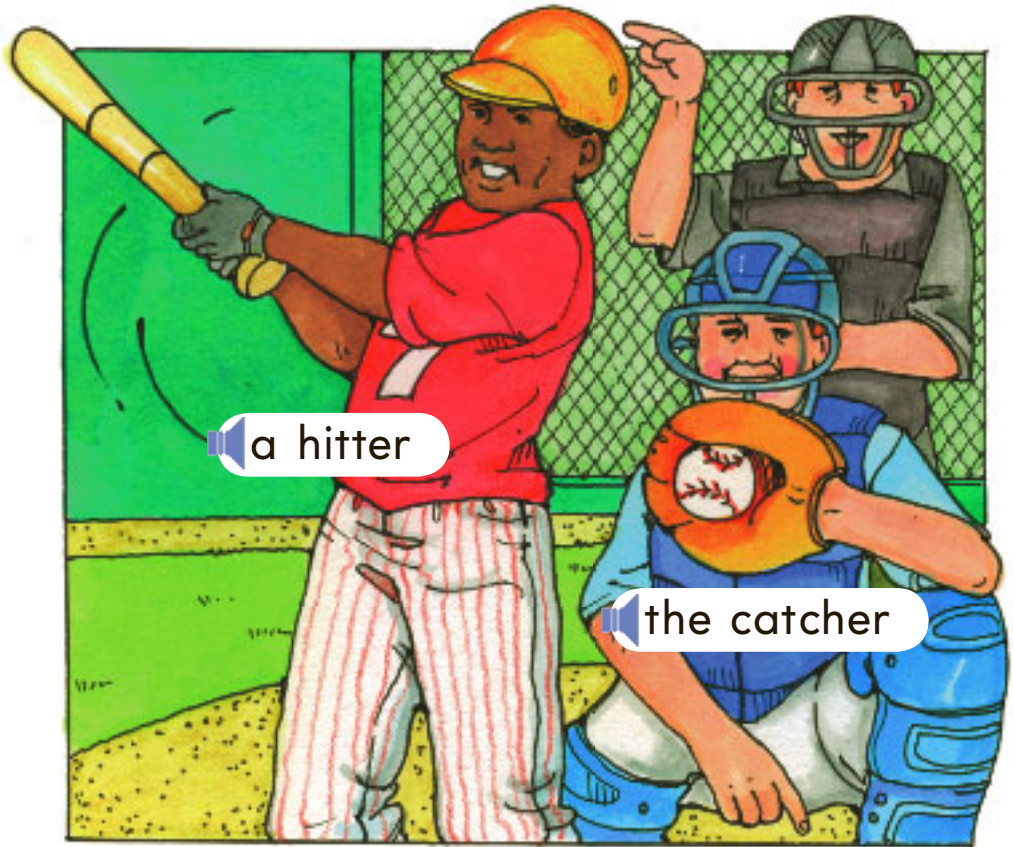
🔊 We watch **different** players hit the ball, catch the ball, and throw the ball.



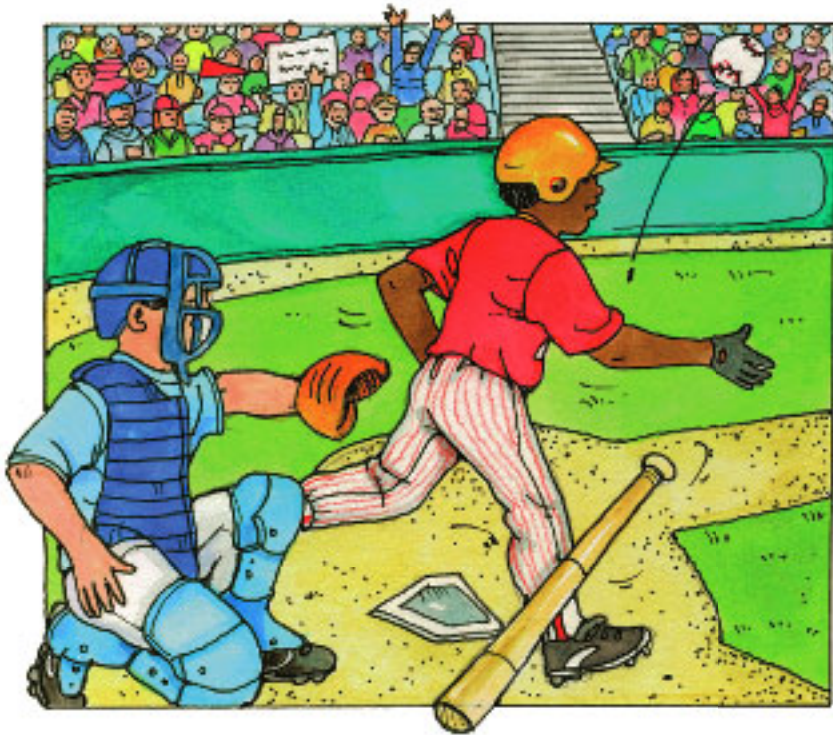
🔊 A woman **near** us shouts,  
“Peanuts! Peanuts for sale!”

🔊 I want to eat peanuts, so Mom  
buys a bag of peanuts from the  
woman. There are many peanuts  
in the bag. There are **enough**  
peanuts for Mom and me to eat.



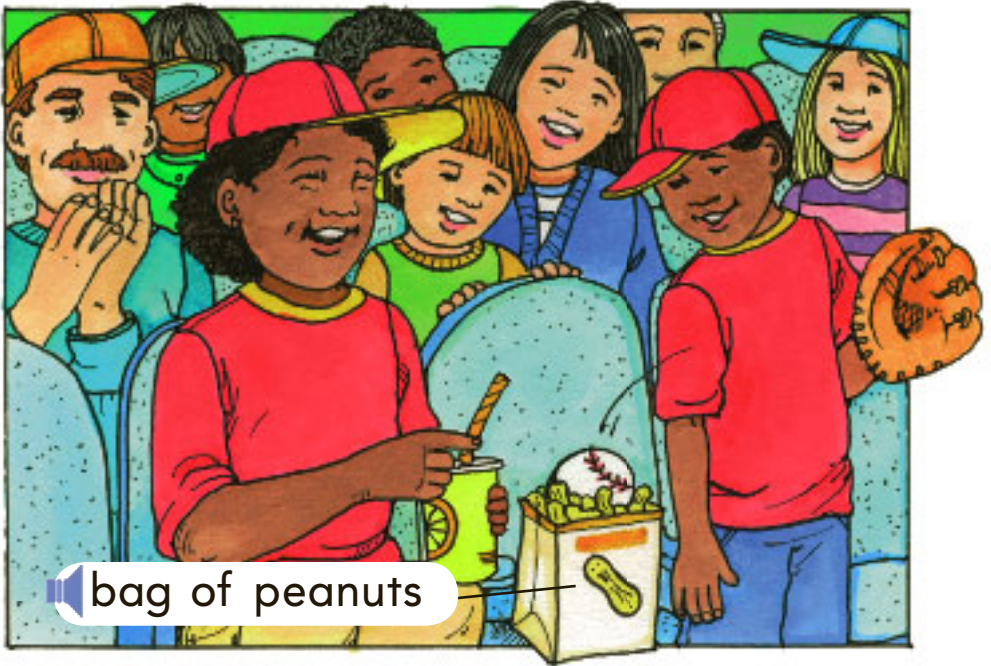


My favorite player tries to hit the ball with his bat. But he does not hit the ball. The ball flies past him. Another player catches the ball in his baseball glove.



🔊 My favorite player swings his bat **once** more. This time he hits the ball. The ball flies through the air.

🔊 The ball flies near me! It comes closer and closer! I hold up my baseball glove to catch it.



🔊 I look in my baseball glove. There is no ball in the glove. I did not catch the ball. Then I look in my bag of peanuts. The ball is in the bag!

🔊 That ball makes me feel **happy**. This baseball game is fun!

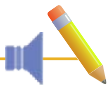
# 🔊 Responding



## TARGET SKILL

### Text and Graphic

**Features** Find two pictures from the story. How do they help you understand this story? Make a chart.

### Talk About It

**Text to Text** What other stories did you read about sports games? What happened at those games? Which sports story do you like more? Why?



## WORDS TO KNOW

always

different

enough

happy

high

near

once

stories



## TARGET SKILL

### Text and Graphic

**Features** Tell how words work with art.



## TARGET STRATEGY

### Analyze/Evaluate

Tell how you feel about the text, and why.



**GENRE** Informational text gives facts about a topic.

**Level:** H

**DRA:** 14

**Genre:**  
Informational

**Strategy:**  
Analyze/Evaluate

**Skill:**  
Text and Graphic Features

**Word Count:** 376

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