

Play Ball!

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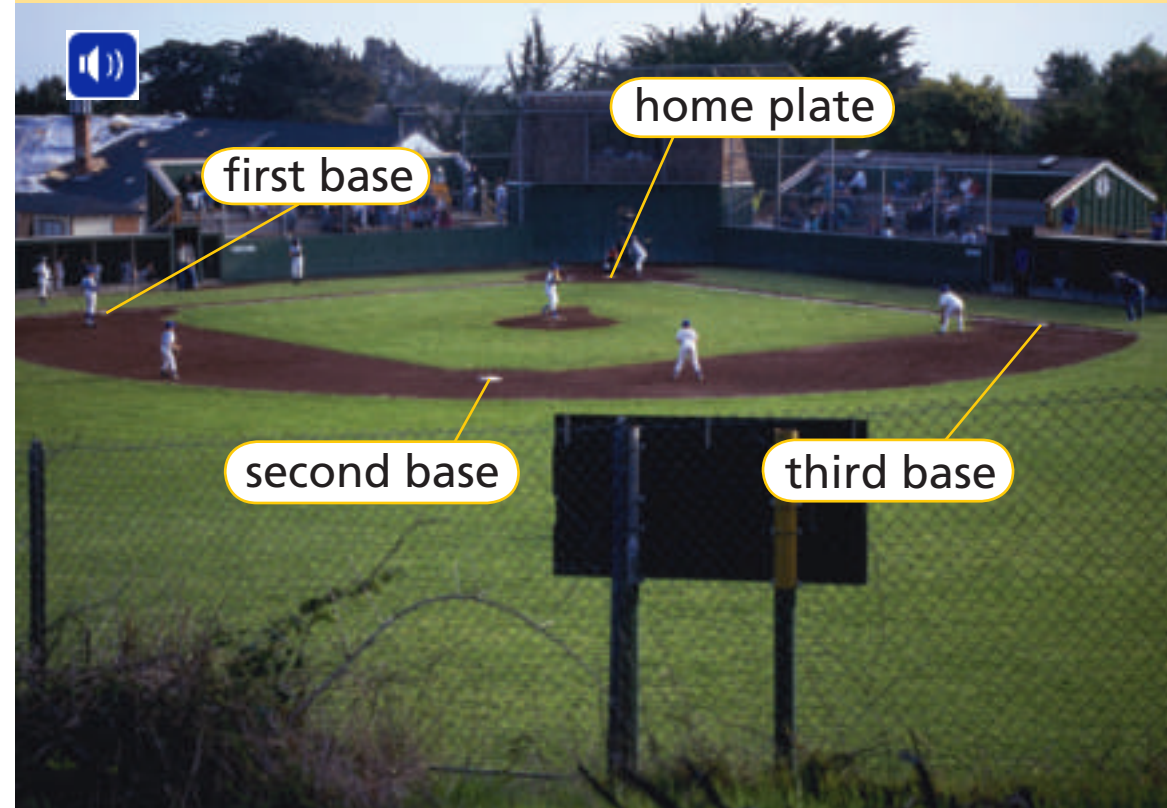
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So you want to play ball!
This is what you can do.
Find some friends to play with you.



So you want to play ball!
Look around and see.
Set up the bases—one, two, three.





So you want to play ball!
You will need a baseball bat.
Players hit the ball with that.



So you will play ball!
Two teams will play.
The other team starts in the field today.





Now you are playing ball.
It's your turn at bat.
You hit the ball far! Look at that!



So you run from base to base.
You run fast. You're doing great!
You try to run all the way to home plate.





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So you like playing ball!
Listen to the cheers!
It's the best sound that a player hears!



Talk About It

1. What are some of the things you need to play baseball?
2. Where would you play a game like baseball?

Write About It

3. Do you like playing on a team? On a separate paper write about what you like most in sports or games.

Extend Language

In baseball, some words have special meanings. The **batter** is the player who tries to hit the ball. **Home plate** is the place where the batter stands. **In the field** is where the players who try to catch the baseball stand. Which player holds a bat—a player at home plate or a player in the field?

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