

Baseball Worksheet 4

Listed below from 'A to Z' are just a few of the many 'baseball words' that you might hear or say while watching or playing in a baseball game. A 'baseball definition' for each word is listed to the right.

- Ace**A baseball team's best pitcher.
- Batting order** ...Numbered order of how a team's nine players will bat in a game.
- Cycle**When a batter hits a single, double, triple and home run in the same game.
- Doubleheader** ...Two games played by a team in the same day.
- Error**A mistake made by a fielder.
- Fall Classic**Another term for Major League Baseball's World Series.
- Grand slam**A home run hit with runners on all three bases. Four runs score!!!
- Hot corner**Another term for 'Third base.'
- Inside corner**The area of the strike zone that is closest to the batter.
- Journeyman**A player that has been on several different baseball teams in his career.
- Knuckleball**A pitch thrown when a pitcher grips the ball with his knuckles.
- Longball**Another word for 'home run.'
- Meatball**An easy pitch to hit, usually slow and right down the middle of the strike zone.
- Nailbiter**An exciting game where the score is close until the end.
- On deck**Batter waiting to hit next is 'on deck.'
- Phenom**A young player with great skill.
- Quick pitch**A pitch thrown before the batter is ready to hit.
- Rabbit**A player who can run really fast.
- Shutout**A game in which one team is held scoreless by another team.
- Triple play**A rare case, in which three outs are made on one play.
- Umpires**Officials that rule on plays during the ball game.
- Visitors**Team that travels to play in the opposing team's home ballpark.
- World Series** ...Set of seven games to determine Major League Baseball's champion.
- X-factor**Something that gives a team an advantage over their opponent.
- Yakker**Another word for 'curveball,' a pitch that curves and bends.
- Zero**Number of runs scored in a shutout.

MLB Word Search

The MLB season begins every April with Opening Day and ends with the World Series every October

Now see if you can find these words in the Major League Baseball Word Search below. All of the words are contained within the Word Search. Words may be written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward and forward. Mark off the words at the bottom of the page as you find them.

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QUICK FACTS

- ◆ **Ferguson “Fergie” Jenkins** is the only Canadian-born MLB player in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He is also the only pitcher in MLB history to throw more than 3,000 career strikeouts while allowing fewer than 1,000 career walks.
- ◆ **Larry Walker** was selected to five **All-Star** teams and won the **National League's Most Valuable Player Award** in 1997.
- ◆ **Adam Stern**, who now plays for the Milwaukee Brewers, hit an inside-the-park home run while playing for Team Canada in the inaugural **World Baseball Classic**. An **inside-the-park home run** occurs when a batter scores a home run without hitting the ball out of play. Only very fast players can usually achieve such a feat.
- ◆ In 2006, rookie **Russell Martin** and veteran **Eric Gagné** became the first French-Canadian battery in MLB history. A **battery** is what the catcher (Martin) and pitcher (Gagné) are called together.
- ◆ **Team Canada** won two out of three games in the first round of the inaugural World Baseball Classic, including an exciting win over a highly favoured Team USA.
- ◆ **Justin Morneau** tied Larry Walker's single-season record for Canadians with 130 RBIs in 2006.
- ◆ In 2009, Left-fielder **Jason Bay** was named to his third All-Star game while winning the **Silver Slugger** award as the best hitter at his position in the American League.
- ◆ Pitcher **Eric Gagné** holds the MLB record for consecutive saves. A pitcher is credited with a **save** when he “saves” the lead for his team at the end of the game.
- ◆ In 2010, **Joey Votto** finished the season in contention for the Triple-Crown. A player wins the **Triple-Crown** if they lead the league in batting average, home runs and runs batted in.
- ◆ In 2010, there were 13 Canadian-born players featured on Major League Opening Day Rosters. How many current Canadian players can you name?

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