



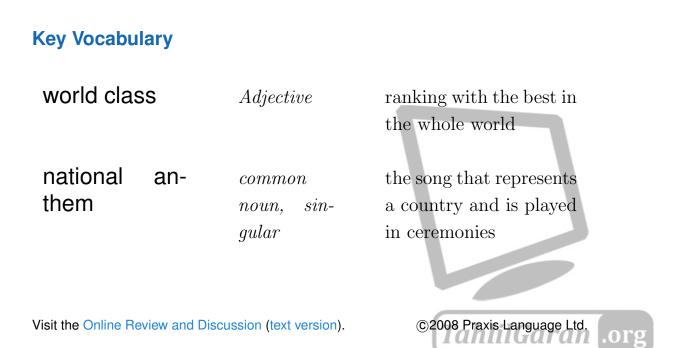
The Weekend - Baseball (C0085)

- A: Hello baseball fans, and welcome back to today's game! My name is Rick Fields and of course, I am here, once again, with the man that seals the deal, Bob Copeland.
- B: It's a beautiful day to see two world class teams face each other and fight for their right to be called champions.
- A: Well, the national anthem has just been sung, and the umpire has started the game. It's time to play ball!
- B: Roger Vargas is up at bat. The pitcher winds up and strike one!
- A: A very nice curve ball by the pitcher. The catcher gives him the sign, he winds up and Vargas gets a line drive!





- B: The players are scrambling to get the ball. Vargas gets to first base and he's still going! The outfielder throws it to second! Vargas slides! He's safe!
- A: Great play!
- B: We have a runner on third and up at bat is Brian Okami! There's the pitch, he hits it! It's going, going, that ball is gone!
- A: Home run by Okami! That puts this team ahead by two as we are at the bottom of the fifth inning here at Richie Stadium!





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umpire	common noun, sin- gular	a person who controls and judges a baseball game
up at bat	phrase	get ready to hit the ball
wind up	phrase	get the energy to throw the ball
curve ball	common noun, sin- gular	a ball thrown on a curve (i.e. not straight) that is hard to hit
pitcher	common noun, sin- gular	the player who throws the ball to the batter
catcher	common noun, sin- gular	the player behind home plate who catches the ball without being hit
line drive	phrase	a hit that travels low along the baseline
scramble	verb	do something quickly and in a disorganized way
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outfielder	common noun, sin- gular	a player who plays in the area that is rela- tively far from the pitch
safe	Adjective	successfully gets to the base
home run	phrase	a hit that strikes the ball out of the field
inning	common noun, sin- gular	a set of baseball con- taining a turn at bat and a turn in field for each side

Supplementary Vocabulary

up to bat	phrase	the next in line to do something
ballpark figure	phrase	an approximate number
hit it out of the park	phrase	to do something very well, or very success- fully
off the bat	phrase	immediately, with out delay

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screwball

common noun, singular

an unusual, crazy, or eccentric person

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