



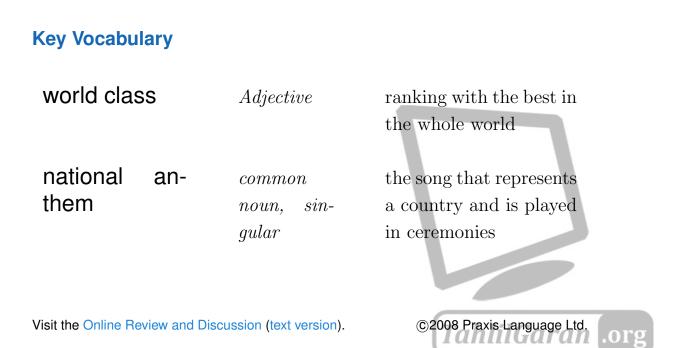
## The Weekend - Baseball (C0085)

- 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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