

## 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!

## Key Vocabulary

world class	<i>Adjective</i>	ranking with the best in the whole world
national anthem	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the song that represents a country and is played in ceremonies

umpire	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a person who controls and judges a baseball game
up at bat	<i>phrase</i>	get ready to hit the ball
wind up	<i>phrase</i>	get the energy to throw the ball
curve ball	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a ball thrown on a curve (i.e. not straight) that is hard to hit
pitcher	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the player who throws the ball to the batter
catcher	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the player behind home plate who catches the ball without being hit
line drive	<i>phrase</i>	a hit that travels low along the baseline
scramble	<i>verb</i>	do something quickly and in a disorganized way

<b>outfielder</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a player who plays in the area that is relatively far from the pitch
<b>safe</b>	<i>Adjective</i>	successfully gets to the base
<b>home run</b>	<i>phrase</i>	a hit that strikes the ball out of the field
<b>inning</b>	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a set of baseball containing a turn at bat and a turn in field for each side

## Supplementary Vocabulary

<b>up to bat</b>	<i>phrase</i>	the next in line to do something
<b>ballpark figure</b>	<i>phrase</i>	an approximate number
<b>hit it out of the park</b>	<i>phrase</i>	to do something very well, or very successfully
<b>off the bat</b>	<i>phrase</i>	immediately, without delay



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## screwball

*common  
noun, singular*

an unusual, crazy, or eccentric person