

Baseball Pig

There is a little pig. The pig wants to be a baseball player. Everyday, he practices baseball. He practices hitting a baseball. He wants to be a **big hitter**.

After 10 years of practice, the pig decides to **try out for** the New York Yankees-- the most famous baseball team in America. He takes a **direct flight** to New York, then rents a car and drives to Yankee Stadium.

He **tries out** for the Yankees, but the Yankees **reject** him. The Yankees' manager says, "I'm sorry. You are an amazing baseball player, but we can't let a pig join our team."

The pig is very unhappy. He goes home and cries everyday. Finally, his friend says to him, "**Come on, get a grip!** Stop crying and try again with another team."

The pig listens to his friend. He stops crying. He practices baseball everyday.

One day, he is reading the newspaper and he **finds out** that the San Francisco Giants need new baseball players. The pig immediately flies to San Francisco.

He **tries out** for the Giants. The Giants are very **impressed with** the pig. The manager says, "Wow, you are the best **hitter** I have ever seen". The Giants **hire** the pig and pay him 2 dollars.

In his first game, the pig hits 5 **home runs!** Everyone in San Francisco loves the pig! The Giants give him a big **raise**. They pay him 540 million dollars!

The pig is rich, famous, and happy.

Vocab/Phrases

big hitter: someone who can hit a baseball very far (ie. a strong hitter)

to try out (for): to try to get a job (usually used in sports or other performance jobs)

direct flight: a flight with no stops, (an airplane trip with no stops)

to reject: to say "no" to, to refuse

"come on": (idiom) "hurry", "do [something] now"-- (always used as a command)

get a grip: control your emotions, calm down (be calm), control yourself

to find out: to learn, to discover (new information)

impressed with: think (someone/something) is great

hitter: a person who hits

to hire: to give a job (to someone)

home run: the biggest hit in baseball, (idiom) a very big success

a raise: a pay increase, an increase in money (for a job)