



Strategic Intervention Decodable Reader 23

Zack at Bat

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Phonics Skills

Compound Words

baseball	inside
ballpark	newsstand

Vowel Patterns ew, ue, ui

Blue	Crew	flew
cruise	newsstand	



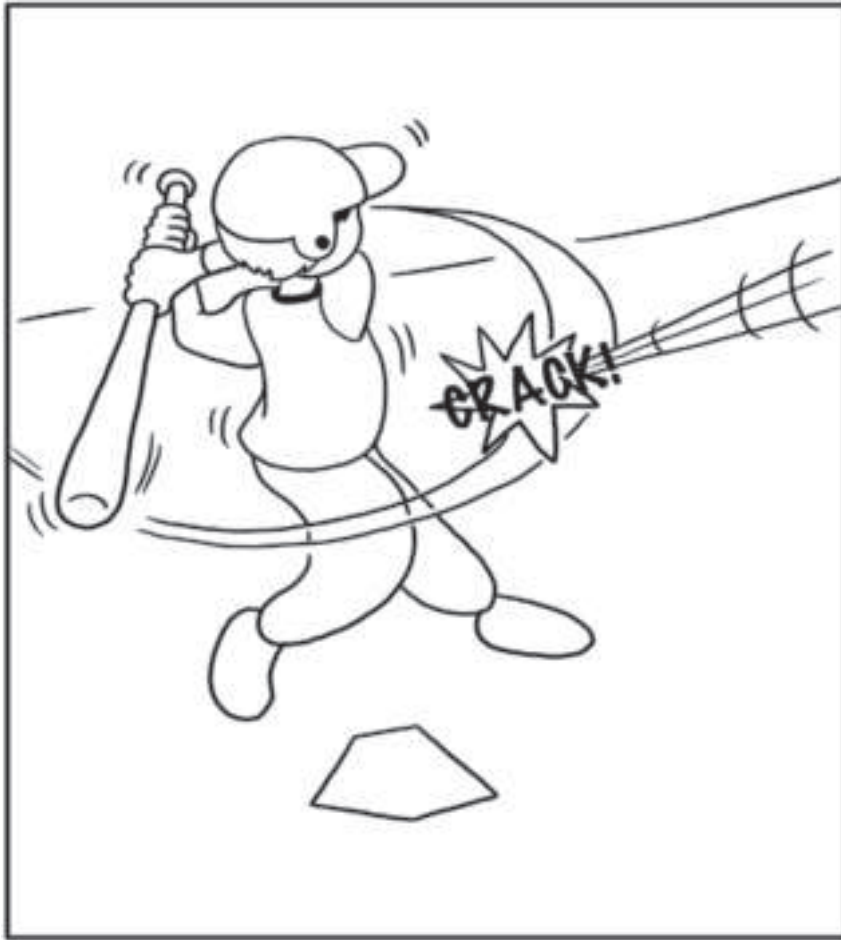


This is a big baseball game
for the Blue Crew.
Will the team be the champs?



It is Zack's last turn at bat.
He swings. He misses.
He swings again. He misses.



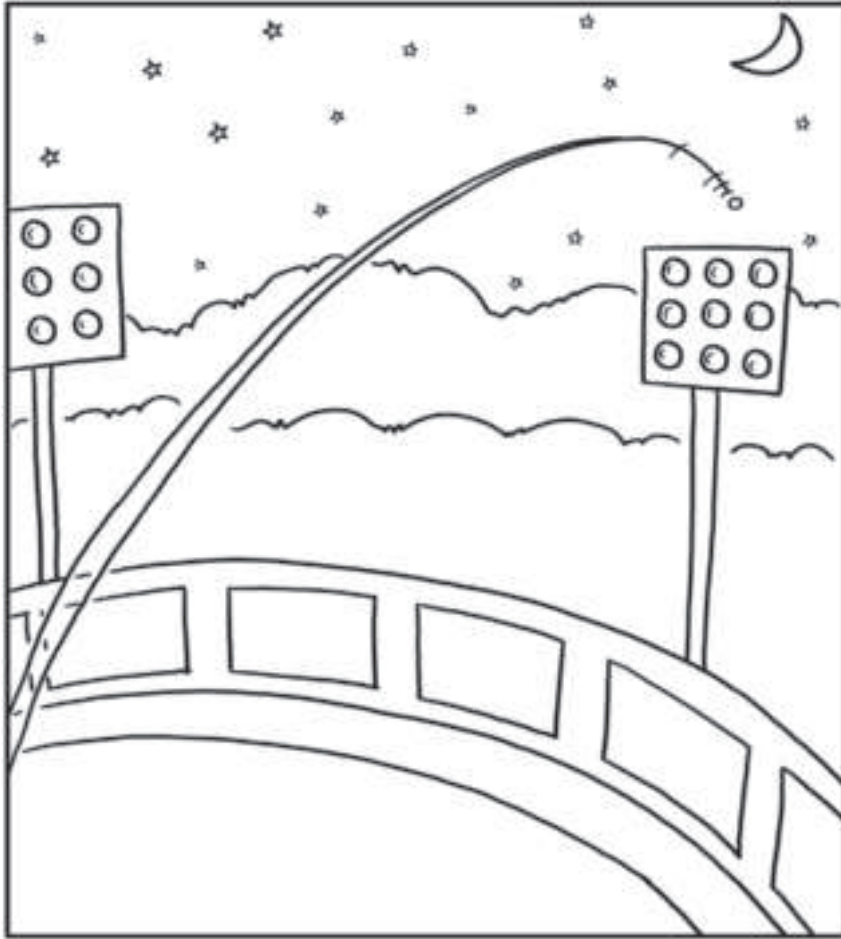


Will Zack get a hit?
Will Zack cruise the bases?
He grips his bat.
Zack swings hard. Crack!

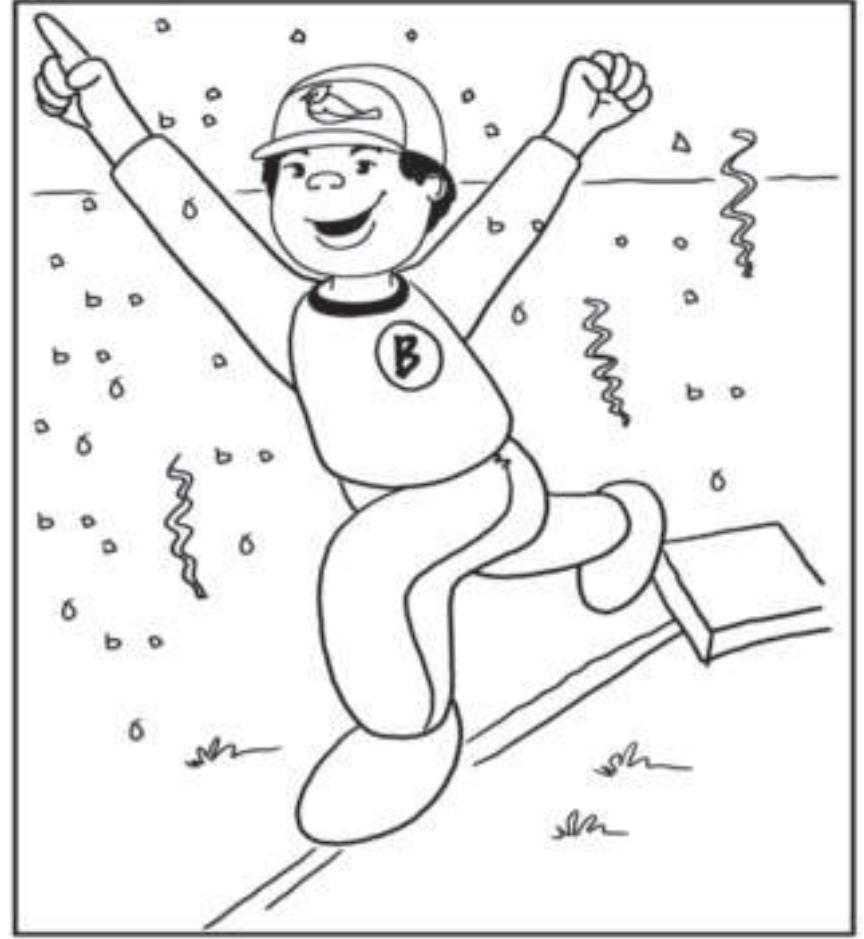


Dads and moms jump up.
Where did that ball go?





That ball is not
inside the ballpark.
That ball flew
above tall trees.



That is Zack's first hit!
The Blue Crew wins.
They are the champs!





Zack stops at the newsstand
the next day.
His picture is in the paper.
Zack is a baseball star!

