



# Rules of Baseball

## Basic Baseball Vocabulary

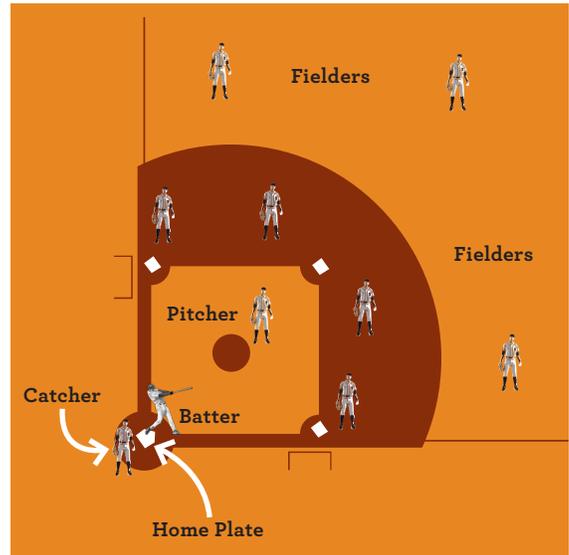
**Inning:** An inning is a turn hitting and a turn defending in the field for each team. There are nine innings in a game.

**Out:** An out is when a player tries to reach a base but is unsuccessful. Each team gets three outs in an inning.

**Strike:** A strike is a pitch that the batter swings at and misses, or a pitch that is thrown through the strike zone that a batter doesn't swing at. A batter is allowed three strikes— if they don't hit the ball and get on base before they get three strikes, they are out.

**Run (point scored):** When a player touches first, second and third base in order and then touches home safely.

**Home Run:** A home run is when a batter hits a ball over the fence in fair territory and runs around all the bases to score a run. If there are other players on base when the batter hits the home run, they get to score, too.



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- Two teams play each other. The teams switch sides between offense (batting) and defense (outfield) during each inning.
- There are nine innings in a game, and each team gets three outs in each inning.
- If the pitcher throws three strikes past the batter, the batter is out.
- A team scores a run when a player runs gets to home plate, after safely touching first, second and third base.
- The team with the most runs at the end of nine innings wins.
- If the score is tied after 9 innings, the game will continue until one team scores again (with each team having equal turns at bat).

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