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## **World Series Word Problems**

Lesson Plan for *Superstars of the World Series* Grade 1

# **Objective**

To help students identify key details in a text and practice solving word problems involving using addition and subtraction to find unknowns.

# **Things Needed**

- 4 copies of the Superstars of the World Series book
- Paper and pencils

## **Before the Activity**

Read Superstars of the World Series out loud to students. On page 8, make sure to point out that the sentence "The Astros won 5–1 in Game 7 . . . " shows that the Astros scored five points and the other team only scored one point.

## **Activity**

Divide students into four groups. Give each group a copy of *Superstars of the World Series*. Each student should also have a pencil and a piece of paper. Explain that you will ask a series of questions. Some of the answers can be found in the *Superstars of the World Series* book. Students in each group can work together to find these answers and write them down. For other questions, students will have to add or subtract to find the answers.

Read each of the following questions out loud, giving students time to locate or calculate the answer to each one before moving on to the next question:

- 1. How many teams play against each other in the World Series? (Answer: two, p. 4)
- 2. The first team to win how many games is the Major League Baseball champion? (Answer: four, p. 4)
- 3. How many games were played in the 2017 World Series? (Answer: seven, p. 8)



- 4. The Astros won four games in the 2017 World Series. How many games did they lose? (Answer: three, because 7–4=3)
- 5. How many points did the Astros score in Game 7? (Answer: five, p. 8).
- 6. How many points did the other team score in Game 7? (Answer: one, p. 8)
- 7. Compared to the other team, how many more points did the Astros have? (Answer: four, because 5-1=4)
- 8. In total, how many points did both teams score? (Answer: six, because 5+1=6).

#### **Evaluation**

After you have asked all the questions, read the correct answers out loud and have students correct their answers. Then collect their papers. Give students 1 point for each answer they located in the text and 3 points for each word problem they correctly solved, for a total of up to 14 points.

#### **Standards**

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1), and math standards, grade 1 (CCSS. MATH.CONTENT.1.OA.A.1)

