

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE



A Player's Equipment

Lesson Plan for *Baseball*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students identify differences between two texts about baseball equipment.

Things Needed

- *Baseball* book
- Access to the “Baseball” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/kids-sports/baseball/>

Before the Activity

Read *Baseball* out loud to students. Open the “Baseball” web page in your internet browser. Pull up the “Explore Links” tab and click on the DK Findout! web page, “Baseball.” This page can also be found here:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/us/sports/baseball/>

Activity

To start, open the book to Chapter 3 (“Equipment”) and use the following questions to review that chapter’s main ideas:

- What kind of equipment is needed to play baseball? (Answer: a uniform, a glove, a bat, a ball, and cleats)
- What does the uniform include? (Answer: a cap and long pants)
- How does the uniform help the players? (Answer: The cap keeps the sun out of the player’s eyes. The long pants protect the player’s legs.)
- How does the glove help the players? (Answer: It helps them catch the ball.)
- How do cleats help the players? (Answer: They help players avoid slipping on the ground.)
- What is the bat made of? (Answer: either wood or metal)



Then, read through the information on the DK Findout! web page. Ask the students to list information they already knew from the book. Sample answers include the following:

- Players have uniforms that include long pants.
- Players wear gloves to help catch the ball.
- Baseball bats are made out of wood or metal.

Next, ask students to list the new information they learned from the web page. Sample answers are listed below:

- Many batters wear thin leather gloves to prevent blisters from forming on the hands.
- A baseball is 3 inches (7.5 cm) across.
- High-quality balls are made from animal skin and are hand-stitched.
- A catcher's mask is made from thick wire coated in strong nylon with padding inside.
- Batters wear a plastic helmet to protect the head from baseballs thrown at high speeds.
- Some baseball pants have stirrups at the end.
- A stirrup is a type of sock traditionally worn over the player's regular sock.

Evaluation

Could students answer questions about baseball equipment based on the information in the book? Could they identify the similarities and differences between the book and the web page?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.3).

