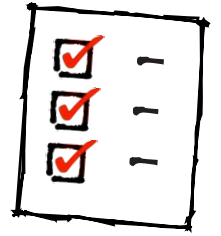


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The Red Sox Runt

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- with one of the best fielding percentages in the league
- His determination to overcome his size has made him
- Pedroia's confidence helped him stay strong
- He has surprised everybody along the way
- hides a player who works hard and respects the game
- of the season with a cracked bone in his hand

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Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

superstar

baseman

outstanding

overcome

everybody

himself



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Part 2: Last read

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Dustin Pedroia has been a superstar second baseman for the Boston Red Sox. He is a skilled hitter. He is an outstanding fielder, with one of the best fielding percentages in the league. Even though Dustin is a big star, he is actually a small player. 46

He is listed at 5'9", but is actually even shorter. His determination to overcome his size has made him an excellent player with a notorious attitude. 61
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Dustin is very competitive. An old scouting report talks about his trash-talking ways. "He's a mouthy, cocky kid who's only about 5'6"," it said. "But he can really play." Dustin's confidence helped him stay strong when other people thought he was too small. "He has surprised everybody along the way," says Dustin's high school coach. 85
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People who know Dustin say that his cocky attitude hides a player who works hard and respects the game. Former Sox manager Terry Francona says, "He shows up in the morning ready to do everything in his power to beat the other team." In 2007, Dustin revealed that he had played the last two months of the season with a cracked bone in his hand. "He has been proving himself every day of his life," says his mother. "That's what makes him who he is." 143
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Is Dustin Pedroia too cocky, or is it okay to be cocky if you can back it up? Explain.

Ask your partner about cocky people like Pedroia. Check the box that fits.

- My partner thinks it's okay to be cocky if you can back it up.
- My partner thinks it's not okay to be cocky.

What is your partner's reason?
