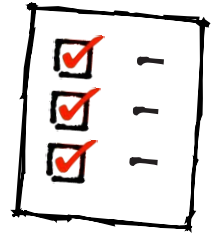


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Baseball Nation

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Slugger David Ortiz from the Red Sox
 - Even in the home of the Tampa Bay Rays
 - you don't have a local MLB team to root for
 - The Yankees are big in North Carolina
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- Ortiz or | **TEEZ**
 - Tampa **TAM** | puh
 - Alaska uh | **LASS** | kuh
 - Nevada nuh | **VAD** | uh
 - San Diego **SAN** dee | **AY** | goh
 - Bronx **BRONKS**



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes. The first one has been done for you.

sixth

slugger

towering

excitement

hometown



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

It was the sixth inning. Slugger David Ortiz from the Red Sox had hit a towering home run. The crowd went crazy with excitement. But wait a minute. They weren't in Boston. This baseball game was being played in Florida! Who were all those Red Sox fans who were cheering? 50

Welcome to Red Sox Nation. Fans of the team can be found all over the U.S. Even in the home of the Tampa Bay Rays, Sox fans fill many seats. Looking around the park, you can see almost as many red shirts as shirts of Tampa blue. 69
85
98

Fans can even be found in Alaska. Here, 3,000 miles from Boston, is the Far From Fenway Fan Club. Maria is a member. "I come from a Red Sox family," she says. "We pay a lot to be able to stream all their games." 114
131
142

If you're like Maria in Alaska, you don't have a local MLB team to root for. All over the South, people tune in to Atlanta Braves games. In Nevada, there are no hometown MLB teams. Baseball fans cheer for San Diego. There are other surprises, too. The Yankees are big in North Carolina and Florida. That's hundreds of miles from the Yankees' home in the Bronx. 160
175
189
203
208

Teena is 12. She lives in Dallas. She has never been to Fenway. Still, she wears her pink Sox cap with pride. "My brother loves the Rangers. I hate them!" she says. "Go Sox!" 225
241
242

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Can you be a true fan if your team is from somewhere else? _____

Why or why not? _____

Check in with your partner.

- We feel the same way about this.
- We feel differently about this.