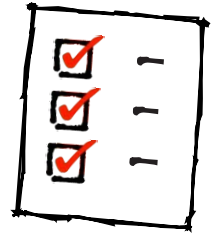


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Day Two

Ernie Banks and the Negro Leagues

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- For decades the Negro Leagues
- the major leagues rejected African American players
- attracted talented African American players
- the major leagues began hiring the best Black players
- The last of the Negro Leagues folded

- struggles **STRUH** | gulz
- Monarchs **MAHN** | arks
- Negro Leagues **NEE** | groh **LEEGZ**
- attracted uh | **TRAK** | tid



Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Underline the time prefix – the prefix comes before the base word. The first one is done for you.

foretell

recalled

prejudged

refreshing



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Ernie Banks is one of the Chicago Cubs’ most loved players. He joined the Chicago Cubs in 1953. He was the team’s first African American player. Who could foretell that Ernie Banks would play for the Cubs for 18 years? Banks hit more than 500 home runs during this time! 50

It was hard to be the first Black player for the Cubs. Ernie Banks later recalled going through “painful struggles just to play baseball.” People prejudged him because of his race. Some White players refused to shake his hand. Some White fans shouted racist things. 68
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But Banks’ fans called him “Mr. Sunshine.” They say that he always had a refreshing smile. Fans also remember Banks as a great baseball player. In 1977, Banks entered the National Baseball Hall of Fame. 111
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Ernie Banks first played for the Kansas City Monarchs. The Monarchs were part of the Negro American League. For many years, the major leagues rejected African American players. So Black baseball players played in separate leagues called the Negro Leagues. 146
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For decades the Negro Leagues attracted talented African American players. Black baseball became known for its speed and exciting play. But players did not make much money. In the 1950s, the major leagues began hiring the best Black players away from the Negro Leagues. African American stars made more money and played bigger games in the major leagues. Fans followed their favorite players. The last of the Negro Leagues folded in the 1960s. 182
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you were Ernie Banks, would you choose to stay with the Monarchs in the Negro Leagues? Or would you go play for the Cubs in the major leagues? Why?

- Stay with the Monarchs Go play for the Cubs

Share ideas with your partner.

- We agree about this. We disagree about this.