



The Intersection

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This week at the Center:

We focused on baseball. For many of our members, sports are important. They enjoy watching them, their kids play or they reminisce about when they played. Groups focused on vocabulary and topics related specifically to baseball. Hope to see some of you at Strike Out Stroke Day at National's park on Sunday 6/11!

What's right for you?

Finding a language task that is at the right difficulty level and is interesting is the key! Don't get bogged down in where the tasks you pick falls in the task order of complexity. The tasks listed first are the most complex progressing to less complex. You want practice that is engaging AND at a level that you get a language workout but not so frustrating that you give up! The Intersection is available to everyone at the Center so it covers a wide range of abilities. Pick what works for you today!!

A word about the name:

The Intersection is where home meets the Center. So many wonder what happens behind closed doors or how do I help at home or are lost as to where to even begin. Check out the Intersection for ways to keep using your language at home and keep moving on your road to recovery.

Member Portal:

These are now available on our website in the **Member Portal**. Try it out!

Password: survivor

Listening and Reading:

- Go on YouTube and find movie clips related to baseball. Watch the clip then summarize what you saw for someone else. Here is a good place to start: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baseball+movie+scenes
- Need a chuckle: Who's on first? https://www.google.com/search?q=who%27s+on+first&rlz=1C1EODB_enUS545US546&oq=who%27s+on+&aqs=chrome.0.0j69i57j0l4.5669j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
- Listen to this interview and answer the questions! <http://www.talkenglish.com/listening/lessonlisten.aspx?ALID=217>
- Read the sports page or buy a Sport's Illustrated.
- Instead of watching a baseball game, listen to it! Can you picture what is happening in your head?
- Not necessarily baseball (or sports) focused, but Sports Illustrated for Kids website has some great word games. You will need Flash installed. Don't get bogged down in the silly graphics. Here's the link: <http://games.sikids.com/>
- Take a baseball vocabulary quiz. This might take some work from a partner because sentence level reading is involved. <https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/sports-baseball-quiz-vocab.htm>
- Use pictures from the newspaper / magazines or the web and match their spoken or written name to the faces or the piece of sports equipment.

Talking and Writing:

- Many of the listening tasks above will also challenge your speech or writing.
- Say (or write) the answer to the quiz questions. <http://a4esl.org/q/h/lb/bt.html>
- Read the list of baseball terms in the link below. Say or write the definition, put them in ABC order, repeat each word after someone else says it or copy each

Supported Conversation:

We all need help! Many members at the Center benefit from their conversational partner giving them some help. This means always encourage use of gestures, or use of a communication book, have paper nearby for writing or drawing, and give choices. When you don't understand, say so!

Questions or suggestions:

This is a work in progress! Email me (Melissa) with questions or concerns. I am happy to help!

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word.

http://www.manythings.org/vocabulary/lists/c/words.php?f=baseball_1

You can also click on the "Things you can do with this list" for other great options. This is one of my favorite websites!

- Use pictures as needed. Have a partner say their first name, you fill in their last. Do this with famous baseball players such as: Babe _____, Hank _____, Cal _____.
- Get out a map and match each baseball field to its city. You can write out the park names or use pictures from the web.
- Practice writing, filling in the blanks or copying the vocabulary that goes with baseball.

Multi-modal (speech, gestures, writing)

- Use the YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baseball+movie+scenes and have a supported conversation. Ask questions like on a scale of 1-10 how much did you like it, or how funny was it, or which actors / actresses did you see?
- Sing Take Me Out to the Ballgame or how many of these baseball themed songs do you know? https://www.google.com/search?q=baseball+songs&rlz=1C1EODB_enUS545US546&oq=baseball+songs&gs=chrome..69i57j0l5.2438j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Do something together!

- Go to a baseball game. Getting to National's Park too much? Every high school and local baseball diamond is packed this time of year. Find a safe spot to just sit and watch. Pack a snack.
- Have a baseball themed meal. Not sure what that means to you...but to me...Hebrew National dog with spicy mustard and sauerkraut, maybe a beer (remember non-alcoholic beer is an option) and cracker jacks for dessert. Meal of champions!