
the catcher

in baseball, the player who catches the ball from the pitcher if nobody strikes it first

the pitcher

the player who throws (i.e. pitches) the ball in a baseball game

right/left fielders

outfield players who are positioned at a distance from both the pitcher and the catcher with the aim of catching or stopping the ball

a bat

a specially shaped piece of wood used for hitting the ball in games such as baseball or cricket

a glove

a piece of clothing which is worn on the hand to keep it warm or to protect it; in baseball, it has a large, extended leather surface to help players catch the ball

to hit a home run

to hit the ball so far with the bat that a player has time to run all the way round the four corners of the playing field (also known as bases) before it is returned

to take a rain check

to get a ticket that allows you to see a baseball match at a later time if bad weather stops the game from being played; outside baseball, to delay doing something until a later date or time

to touch base

to contact somebody to talk in order to (re-)establish communication

to throw a curve ball

to pitch the ball in such a way that it curves as it moves towards the player with the bat;
outside baseball, to surprise and, as a result, deceive or trick somebody

three strikes (and you're out)

the rule in baseball that the player attempting to hit the ball must leave the game if she or he fails to strike ball three times; outside baseball, the law in some places that makes a harsh sentence compulsory if a person is convicted of a third crime