

# America's National Pastime

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## APPENDIX A: List of Idioms for Class

Idiom	Meaning
Three strikes you're out <i>Look, I've given you two chances to hand in your late paper. Don't forget that three strikes and you're out!</i>	No more chances
A ballpark figure <i>Can you give me a ballpark figure on the cost of a week's holiday at Disney World?</i>	A rough estimate
To strike out <i>She tried her best on the final exam but struck out by earning an F!</i>	To fail even though you have tried
To go to bat <i>When I needed help, my best friend went to bat for me.</i>	F To support someone
To drop the ball <i>She forgot to bring the plates for our end of semester party. She really dropped the ball on that one!</i>	O To make a mistake
To take a rain check <i>Oh, I'm sorry I can't make it. I'll have to take a rain check.</i>	L To postpone to another time
To be out of your league <i>He didn't ask her out for a date because he said she was out of his league!</i>	D To be beyond your ability; not your equal
To be out in left field <i>Her strange remarks make me think she's always out in left field.</i>	To be crazy, odd, strange
To throw a curve ball <i>My supervisor threw me a curve ball when she asked me to work this weekend.</i>	To surprise someone, usually with something difficult
To make a pitch <i>Used car salesmen usually make a strong pitch by pointing out countless desirable features of the car they want to sell.</i>	To propose and/or sell something

**APPENDIX B: List of Idioms for Homework**

Idiom	Meaning
To hit a home run	
To get your turn at bat	
To be on the ball	
To bat a thousand	
To step up to the plate	
To play hardball	
To be off base	
To touch base	

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