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Fact and Opinion Chart

Statement	Fact or Opinion	How Can You Tell? Explain.
page 585 _____ _____	Fact	_____ _____
page 586 _____ _____	Fact	_____ _____
page 589 _____ _____ _____	Opinion	_____ _____
page 590 _____ _____	Fact	_____ _____
page 594 _____ _____	Opinion	_____ _____
page 597 _____ _____	Opinion	_____ _____
page 598 _____ _____ _____	Fact	_____ _____ _____

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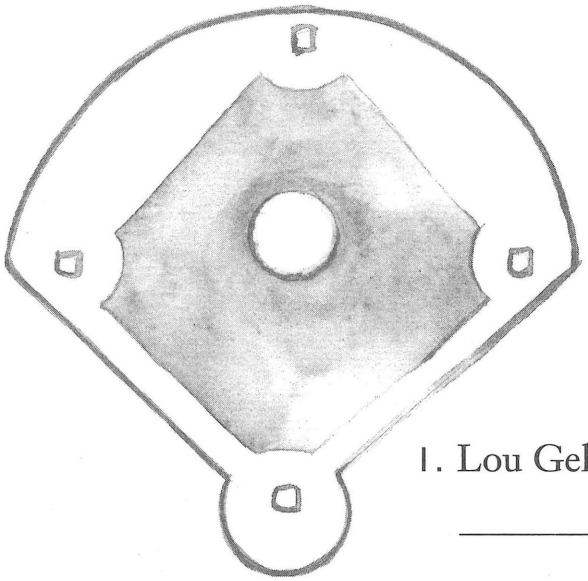
Lou Hits a Home Run

Start at home plate and round the bases. Add words to complete each sentence that tells about an important event in Lou Gehrig's life.

3. Lou played 2,130 consecutive games for the _____.

4. Lou had to stop playing baseball because _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.



2. He was a star on his high school's _____ _____.

1. Lou Gehrig was born on _____.

5. Lou was inducted into the _____ _____ in December 1939 and is remembered for his _____ _____.

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Check Your Facts

Read the story. Then complete the chart on the following page.

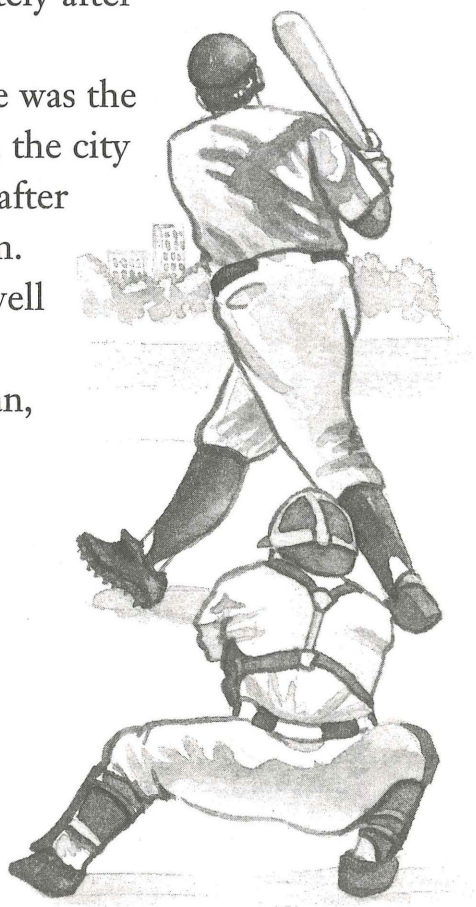
A Hero for All Seasons

Roberto Clemente is the greatest baseball player of all time. He had an incredible batting average—above .300 twelve out of the eighteen seasons he played. Having won four batting titles, twelve Gold Glove awards, and a Most Valuable Player award, he is certainly the best that ever played.

Besides being the best baseball player, Roberto Clemente was also a great man and a hero. In 1972, there was an earthquake in Nicaragua. On December 31 of that year, Clemente flew to Nicaragua to take supplies to the people. Almost immediately after takeoff, the plane crashed into the Caribbean Sea.

The best honors for Clemente came after he died. He was the first Latino voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1999, the city of Pittsburgh, where he played baseball, renamed a bridge after him—a bridge that leads to the city's beautiful new stadium.

No one summed up the life of Roberto Clemente as well as the baseball commissioner when, at Clemente's Hall of Fame award ceremony, he said, "He was so very great a man, as a leader and humanitarian, so very great an inspiration to the young and to all in baseball, especially to the proud people of his homeland, Puerto Rico." The commissioner further honored Clemente by creating a sportsmanship award in his name.



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Check Your Facts continued

Complete the chart below with facts and opinions from the story "A Hero for All Seasons."

Facts	Opinions

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Syllable Scores

As you read each sentence, pay careful attention to the underlined words. If the first vowel in a word has a long sound, circle the word. If the first vowel has a short sound, put a box around the word.

1. Lou Gehrig was a baseball player with amazing talent.
2. He was twice chosen as the American League's MVP.
3. Gehrig was a real hero because of the way he acted.
4. No matter how great he was, he was always a modest person.
5. When Gehrig stopped playing baseball, many people wanted to honor him.
6. It was only proper that Lou Gehrig know how people cared about him.
7. Thousands of fans wanted to say their final good-byes to Lou Gehrig.
8. No Yankee will ever again wear the number 4 on his uniform.
9. Lou Gehrig was visibly moved by the way the fans acted.
10. There will never be another baseball player quite like Lou Gehrig.

Count the number of words in boxes and enter the number in the box. Count the number of words in circles and enter the number in the circle below. Which team won?

	Hits	Runs
Home Team	10	□
Visitors	7	○

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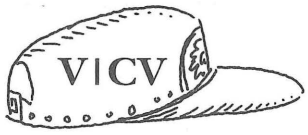
VCV Pattern

Divide a VCV word into syllables before the consonant if the first vowel sound is long or if the first syllable ends with a vowel sound. Divide a VCV word into syllables after the consonant if the first syllable has a short vowel sound followed by a consonant sound.

V|CV: **pi | lot** VC|V: **vis | it**

Write each Spelling Word under the heading that tells where its syllables are divided.



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Spelling Words

1. pilot
2. depend
3. visit
4. human
5. seven
6. chosen
7. paper
8. reason
9. become
10. parent
11. never
12. modern
13. tiny
14. tuna
15. event
16. fever
17. moment
18. prison
19. basic
20. open

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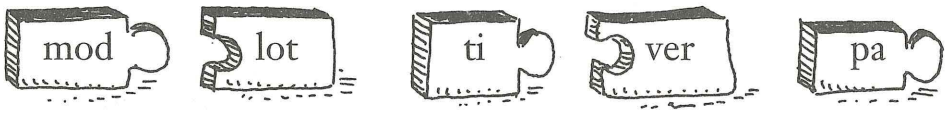
Spelling Spree

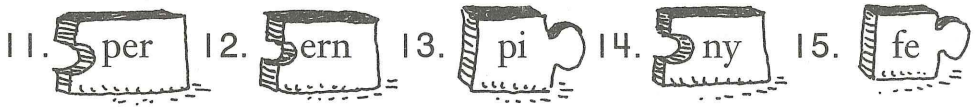
Hidden Words **Write the Spelling Word that you find in each row of letters. Don't let the other words fool you!**

Example: s k i o r a n g e p *orange*

1. e a t u n a b i _____
2. o r p r i s o n e t _____
3. s t o p v i s i t r n _____
4. p o s h u m a n d _____
5. w o n e v e n t h _____
6. i r k r e a s o n e _____
7. b u s e v e n c e _____
8. r i p a r e n t i c _____
9. t o p e n i t h _____
10. t i n e v e r e s _____

Syllable Match **Match the syllables at the top with the numbered syllables to write Spelling Words.**





11. _____ 14. _____
12. _____ 15. _____
13. _____

Spelling Words

1. pilot
2. depend
3. visit
4. human
5. seven
6. chosen
7. paper
8. reason
9. become
10. parent
11. never
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13. tiny
14. tuna
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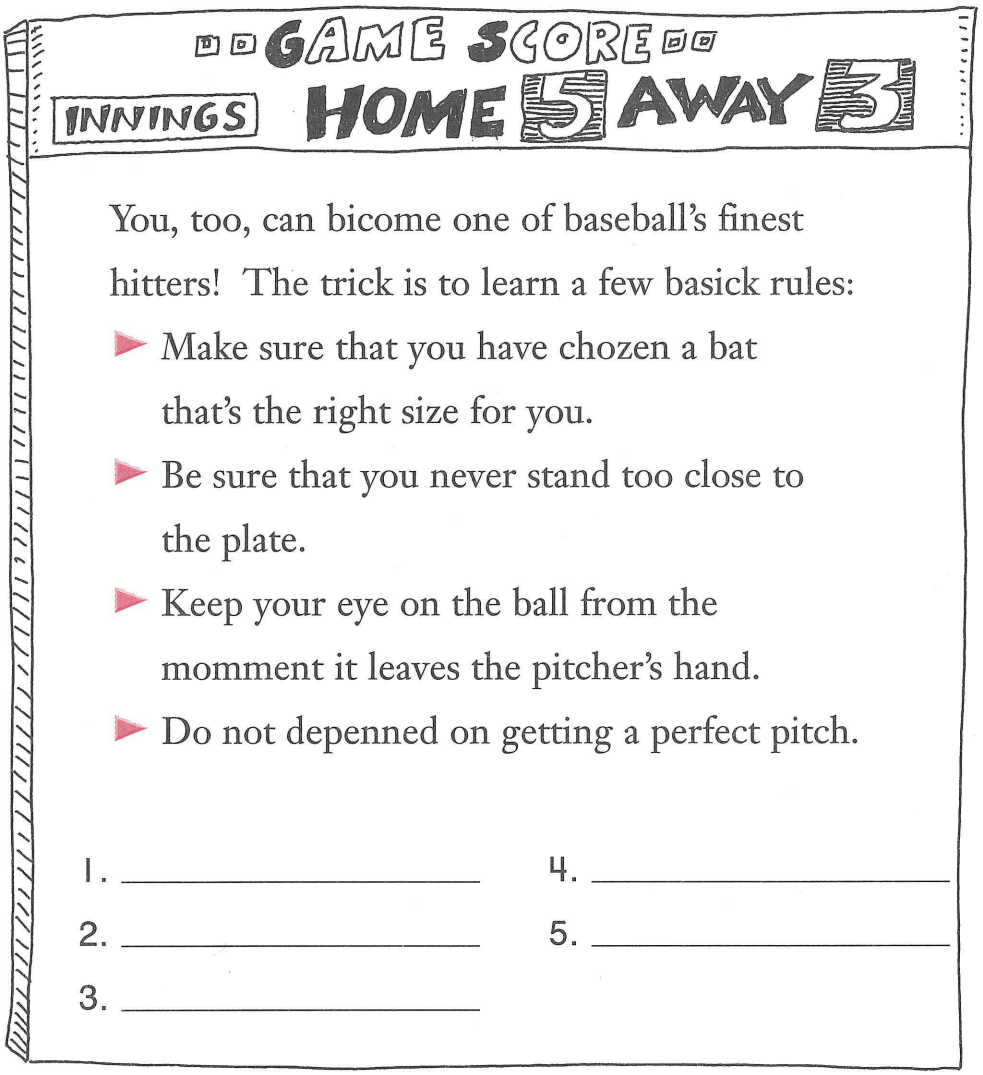
Proofreading and Writing

Proofreading **Circle the five misspelled Spelling Words in these rules. Then write each word correctly.**



You, too, can bicome one of baseball's finest hitters! The trick is to learn a few basick rules:

- Make sure that you have chozen a bat that's the right size for you.
- Be sure that you never stand too close to the plate.
- Keep your eye on the ball from the momment it leaves the pitcher's hand.
- Do not depenned on getting a perfect pitch.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Write an Opinion An **opinion** tells how you think or feel about something. For example, you might think that baseball is an exciting sport. On the other hand, you might feel that baseball is a slow, dull game.

On a separate piece of paper, write your opinion about a popular sport or game. Give reasons to back up your opinion. Use Spelling Words from the list.

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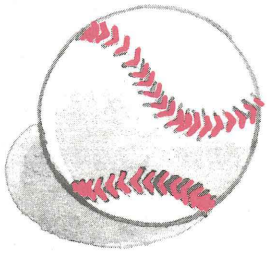
History of Base and Ball

Baseball is made up of two words, *base* and *ball.*



Read the sentences below. Write the number of the definition that shares the same word history as the underlined word or words.

base[1] *noun* **1.** The lowest part; bottom. **2.** A part used for support. **3.** The main part of something. **4.** One of the four corners of a baseball diamond. [Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *basis*, from Greek]

base[2] *adjective* **1.** Not honorable; shameful. **2.** Not of great value. [Middle English *bas*, low, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *bassus*]

ball[1] *noun* **1.** Something that is round. **2.** A round object used in a game or sport. **3.** A game, especially baseball, that is played with a ball. **4.** A baseball pitch that is not swung at by the batter and not thrown over home plate between the batter's knees and shoulders. [Middle English *bal*, probably from Old English *beall*]

ball[2] *noun* A formal social dance. [French *bal*, from Old French, from *baller*, to dance, from Late Latin *ballāre*, from Greek *ballizein*]

1. Our <u>basement</u> flooded during the storm.

   _____

2. The <u>base</u> word of hitter is hit. _____

3. She goes to <u>ballet</u> class every Saturday.

   _____

4. The <u>wedding</u> was held in a large ballroom.

   _____

5. Everyone in the <u>ballpark</u> cheered after the home run.

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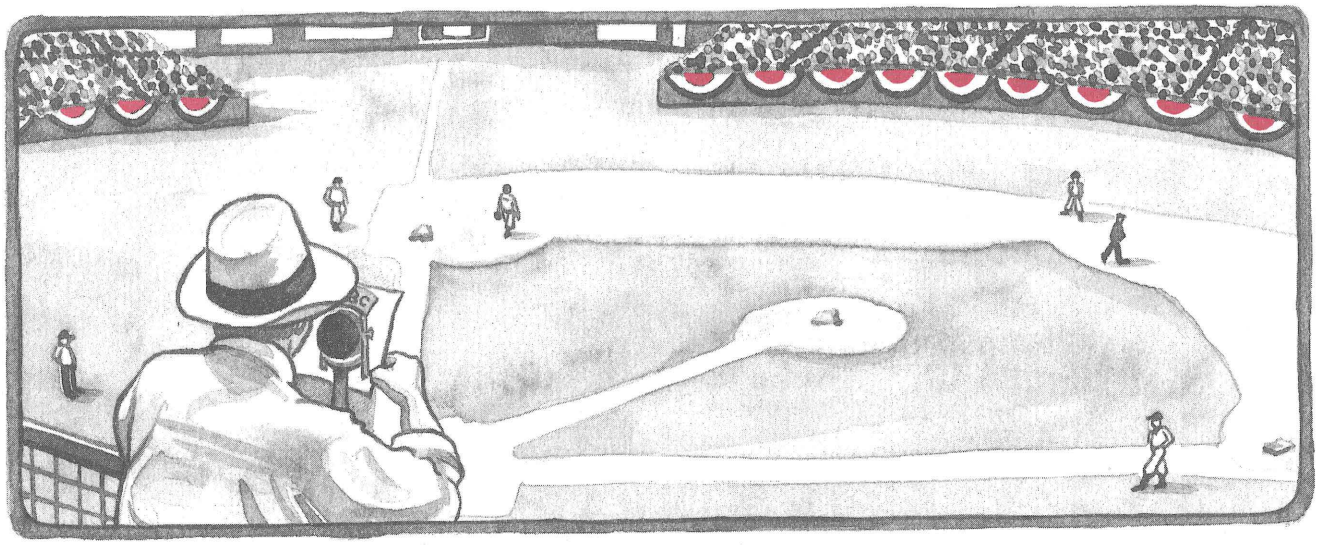
Announcements with Possessives

Finish the baseball stadium announcer's greeting by completing the sentences with possessive pronouns.

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. The Centerville Bombers are playing _____ fiftieth game of the season today. The players and the management hope you will enjoy _____ afternoon at the ballpark. We in the booth will do _____ best to make sure you do. Brenda Jones, the manager, has _____ work cut out for her. Larraine Gillespie at first base has hurt _____ foot. The center fielder and right fielder have misplaced _____ sunglasses. We hope they catch the fly balls out there. The pitcher thinks that the mitt she is using may not be _____. Carl Staub, the catcher, is now pulling on _____ face mask. We hope you have _____ scorecards ready. We have _____.



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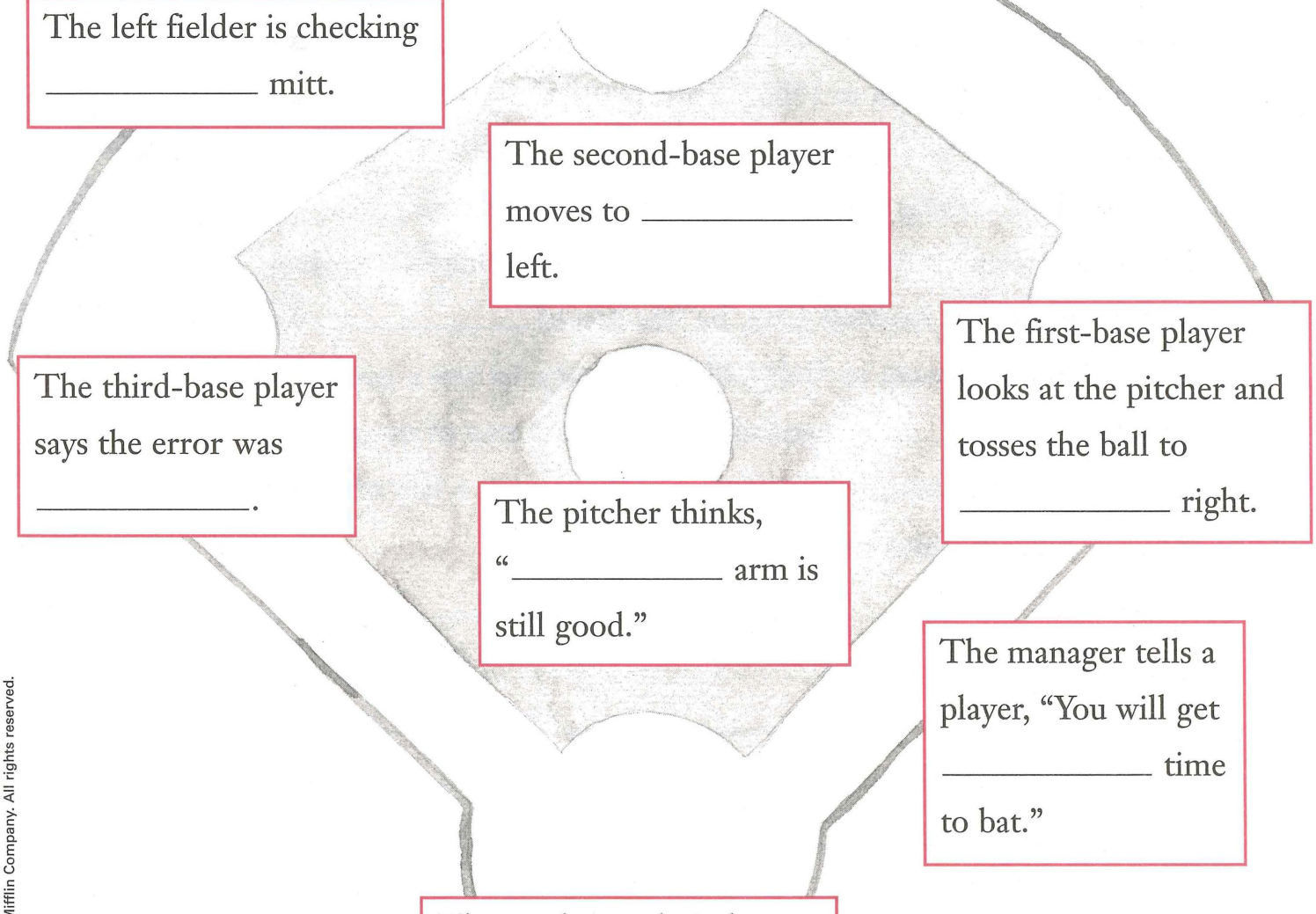
Play Ball!

Here is a baseball game you can play. Fill in the missing possessive pronouns for the players in their positions on the field.



The center fielder knows the next job at bat will be _____ .

The left fielder is checking _____ mitt.

The second-base player moves to _____ left.

The first-base player looks at the pitcher and tosses the ball to _____ right.

The third-base player says the error was _____.

The pitcher thinks, "_____ arm is still good."

The manager tells a player, "You will get _____ time to bat."

The catcher and pitcher almost get _____ signals mixed.

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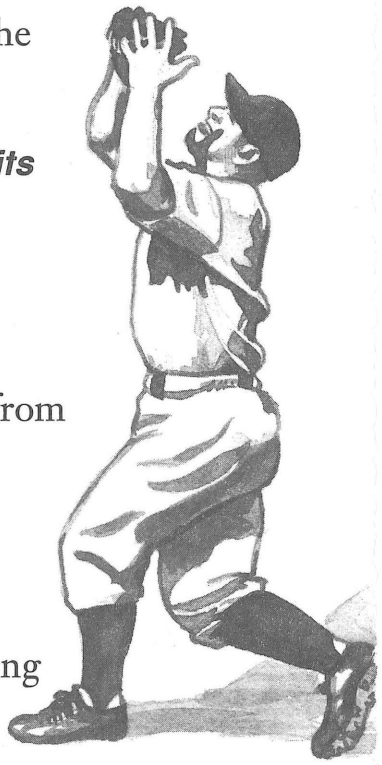
Watching Your *its* and *it's*

Good writers are careful to use the possessive pronoun *its* and the contraction *it's* correctly in sentences.



Read the paragraph below. On the blank lines, write either *its* or *it's*, depending on which is correct. Then rewrite the paragraph correctly on the lines provided.

_____ no secret that Lou Gehrig was one of the Yankees' best players. The team moved _____ home from Baltimore to New York in 1903. Some people say of 1903, "_____ a fateful year." _____ the same year in which Lou Gehrig was born. Even when he was younger, Lou was a talented player. _____ significant that playing on his high school baseball team, he was one of _____ stars. When Lou went to Columbia University, he was a good player on _____ baseball team, too. In one of the games there, a Yankee scout saw him play. _____ a fact of history that the Yankees signed him soon afterward.

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Planning a Magazine Article

Use this organizer to plan a magazine article about a sports hero or other person you admire.

Interesting Title:

Who?

How?

Attention-Grabbing Introduction:

What?

Why?

When?

Where?

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Using Possessive Pronouns

Good writers combine sentences using possessive pronouns to improve their sentence.

- Writers use possessive pronouns to show ownership.
  Singular Possessives: my, your, his, her, its
  Plural Possessives: our, your, their

- Writers combine sentences using possessive pronouns to avoid repetition.

Two sentences: Doctors wanted to examine **Lou Gehrig**. They ran tests on **Lou Gehrig's** condition.

One Sentence: Doctors wanted to examine **Lou Gehrig**, and they ran tests on **his** condition.

Combine the sentences using a possessive pronoun. You may need to delete or add words to combine the sentences.

1. Lou stayed with the Yankees. Lou's illness prevented him from playing.

   _____

   _____

2. Lou Gehrig spoke to the fans. He said, "Lou Gehrig's wife is a tower of strength."

   _____

   _____

3. Lou was losing weight. Lou's hair was turning gray.

   _____

4. Sixty thousand fans were in the stadium. Lou would never forget the fans' cheers.

   _____

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Writing an Answer to a Question

Use what you have learned about taking tests to help you write answers to questions about something you have read. This practice will help you when you take this kind of test.

Read these paragraphs from the selection *Happy Birthday, Dr. King!*

Grandpa Joe took a deep breath and began . . .

"A long time ago I was raising my family in Montgomery, Alabama. This is what used to happen when African Americans wanted to ride the city buses.

"First, we'd get on at the front of the bus, pay our fare, and get off. Then we'd get back on again at the rear of the bus. We didn't like it, but that's how things were. It was the law. Then one day, in 1955, a lady named Rosa Parks . . . "

"Rosa Parks," Jamal interrupted, "we read about her. She sat in the front of the bus and wouldn't give her seat to a white man, and she got arrested."

"But, Jamal, there is more to the story. When African Americans heard about her arrest, many of us stopped riding the buses. We wanted to protest her arrest and get the same rights that white people had. That was the Montgomery Bus Boycott. And the boycott worked. We finally won — without fighting."

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