

# Baseball Terms with Everyday Meanings

**B**elow are 12 common words that also have specific meanings related to baseball. Can you match each word with its everyday definition *and* with its baseball-related definition? An example, with the word *run*, has been done for you.

| Term       | Everyday definition | Baseball definition |
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| run        | H                   | j                   |
| 1. ball    |                     |                     |
| 2. base    |                     |                     |
| 3. bat     |                     |                     |
| 4. deck    |                     |                     |
| 5. diamond |                     |                     |
| 6. double  |                     |                     |
| 7. home    |                     |                     |
| 8. out     |                     |                     |
| 9. pitcher |                     |                     |
| 10. safe   |                     |                     |
| 11. single |                     |                     |
| 12. strike |                     |                     |

### Everyday Definition

- A. Multiply by two
- B. A container that holds liquids
- C. A flying animal
- D. Not married
- E. Opposite of *in*
- F. The bottom of something
- G. A secure place that holds money and valuables
- H. Move quickly from one place to another
- I. A valuable gem
- J. The place where you live
- K. A round object; or a formal dance
- L. A wooden porch at the back of a house
- M. To hit; or to refuse to work as a form of protest

### Baseball Definition

- a. Players hit the ball with this
- b. A pitch that is not a strike
- c. "Three strikes and you're \_\_\_\_."
- d. A swing and miss by the batter
- e. A one-base hit
- f. The next player to bat is "on \_\_\_\_."
- g. Batters try to reach at least first \_\_\_\_ safely.
- h. A two-base hit
- i. Opposite of *out*
- j. What a player tries to score: a \_\_\_\_
- k. The player who throws the ball to the batter
- l. The shape of a baseball infield
- m. Runners score by reaching it safely; it's also called the "plate."

ANSWERS TO *THE LIGHTER SIDE*  
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| 12. M, d | 6. A, h |
| 11. D, e | 5. I, l |
| 10. G, i | 4. L, f |
| 9. B, k  | 3. C, a |
| 8. E, c  | 2. F, g |
| 7. J, m  | 1. K, b |