

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

### CONNECT.

Have you ever played or watched a game of baseball before? Share what you know about baseball's rules!

In baseball, one team plays in the field while the other team takes turns batting. The batting team tries to score points by hitting the ball and running around the four bases. The fielding team tries to get the batting team's players out by striking out the batter, catching balls hit into the air, or throwing the ball to a base before the runner arrives. After three outs, the teams switch positions.

### INVESTIGATE.

Let's create players for both teams and see how well they can play your Baseball Game!

#### You'll need:

- Craft and paint mixing sticks
- Markers
- Your Baseball Game

1. First, choose your team's name, mascot, and colors. Be creative and try to come up with a team that you would want to play on!
2. Then use your markers to transform two of the craft sticks into uniform-wearing players. Draw their heads, their torsos, and their legs! Don't forget to decorate the back of the craft sticks, too.
3. Grab two more craft sticks and repeat Steps #1 and 2 as you create your opposing team. Try to use different colors and make the uniforms unique so you can easily tell the two teams apart.
4. Once the players are created, pretend that your opponent is at bat and experiment with where to place your players on the field. Hold one player in the field as you use your other hand to "hit" the ball.

Then test: Is it better to have a player in the outfield or closer to the bases? Try out different positions to see which works best for getting the ball into the *OUT!* holes and *not* into the point-scoring holes.

### INNOVATE.

Now use your players to play a game! Grab a friend or family member and flip a coin to see whose team bats first.

When one person is batting, the other person should hold their two players somewhere on the field.

**Remember:** The fielding team's goal is to prevent the team at bat from scoring any points. They can even try to position themselves so that the ball bounces off them and into one of the *OUT!* holes.

Play until there are three outs and then switch sides!

**Share a photo of your Baseball Game, complete with players in the field, using #kidsworkshopexplore.**



Do you like to watch or play baseball? Baseball fields are often taken care of by property managers. **Property Managers and Maintenance Personnel** have the important job of ensuring communities are run smoothly and are well maintained, handling all property repairs, and managing the upkeep of the grounds.

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