

# Extra Training

## Reading Task 660

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

### SOUTH BEATS NORTH

The Little League Baseball team from Maracaibo, Venezuela, represented the Latin America region at the 2000 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Right from the start, the team faced problems. Their plane to the United States was late more than 12 hours, so they arrived late and tired in Williamsport for the first game of the series.

Their opening game was with a team from Tokyo, Japan. The Venezuelans were exhausted, and so they lost 10-0. But with each passing day, the boys from Maracaibo got back their confidence and strength. They managed to win their next two games. In this way they qualified to play in the second series and met Tokyo again, this time for the International Championship. They shocked Japan by beating them 5-4. The next step was the World Series final in which the Venezuelans were to meet the United States South Team from Texas. In front of 40,000 people and a worldwide TV audience, the Venezuelans had an exciting game and won!

The team from Maracaibo proved that they knew how to fight. They managed to overcome great problems and returned to their home country as heroes. But in fact, the World Series experience is all about such lessons in life which people remember for the rest of their lives. Let's congratulate Maracaibo, Venezuela - Little League and World Series champions!

/adapted from: Bill Piszek, 'South beats North' *The World of English*/

1. The team from Venezuela were the best Little League baseball players in Latin America.
2. The Venezuelans had a tiring journey to the United States which lasted nearly twelve hours.
3. They were hungry after the tiring flight.
4. The Venezuelans had to win two games to qualify for the International Championship.
5. The Japanese team couldn't believe that they lost to the Venezuelans.
6. 40,000 Venezuelans who came to the stadium didn't expect their team to win.
7. The Venezuelans showed everybody how to win.
8. The Venezuelans' experience was different from the usual World Series Little League experience.
9. Winning the World Series Little League is something you will never forget.

