

LISTENING

1. Listen to the text «Baseball» and choose the best variants to complete the sentences.

- 1) In baseball players must
 - a) hit a ball with a bat
 - b) catch a ball
 - c) catch another player
 - d) hit another player with a bat
- 2) The first real rules of baseball
 - a) were never written
 - b) were written in 1845
 - c) were written in 2005
 - d) were written in 1745
- 3) The first professional team was called
 - a) Red Baseballers
 - b) Black Stockings
 - c) White Baseballers
 - d) Red Stockings
- 4) ... there were professional teams in other cities.
 - a) Within ten years
 - b) Within a few years
 - c) Within one year
 - d) Within twenty years
- 5) In 1903 ... decided to have their first-place teams playing with each other.
 - a) the two leagues
 - b) the two teams
 - c) the two players
 - d) the two managers
- 6) Each year since then the National League winner and ... have been playing in the World Series.
 - a) the British League winner
 - b) the Australian League winner
 - c) the American League winner
 - d) the Canadian League winner

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2. Listen to the story and mark the sentences «True» (T) or «False» (F).

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1) Baseball is America's worst sport.		
2) There are two teams in this game.		
3) The players run around four bases.		
4) The team wins that finishes with more runs.		
5) Everybody believes that baseball originated in Great Britain.		
6) The first professional team was organized in the USA.		

3. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

World two businessmen baseball

- 1) The early _____ teams were not professional.
 - 2) The event was called the _____ Series.
 - 3) _____ teams from New York played a game following Cartwright's rules.
 - 4) _____ saw that they could make money with professional baseball teams.
4. Give short answers to the following questions.
- 1) How many players are there in a baseball team?

 - 2) Who goes around all the bases?

 - 3) What city were the teams following Cartwright's rules from?

 - 4) How many leagues were there in America?
