

Learning America's Sport

Coworker 2: It is time for part two of the children's show!

Coworker 1: It's time! It's time! I can't wait!

Coworker 3: Shh! I can't hear it!

Announcer: Last time on "The Time Traveling Treehouse," Anna was lost, really lost. She wants to learn about baseball. But her computer, MINDY, sent her to many wrong places.

Anna: MINDY! Help me! I am in the ocean with a shark!

MINDY: I will try one more time, Anna.

Anna: Please try harder, MINDY!



Anna: Now, where am I? I am at a playground with a baseball field!

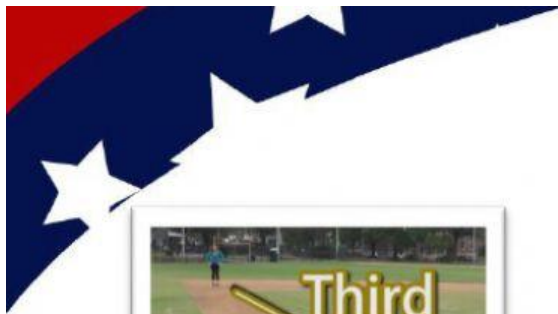
Yes! I can teach children about baseball here! MINDY, MINDY, it took you a long time. But you did it!

MINDY: Thanks, Anna. Give me a call when you find the answer.

Anna: Okay. Come with me. Let's learn how to play baseball! This is a baseball field. This is a pitcher's mound. This is first base! This is second base! This is third base! This is home plate!

Anna: To play baseball, you really only need a bat, a ball and a glove.

Each team has many players.



Pitchers pitch the ball.
Catchers catch the ball.
Batters bat the ball.
Runners run the bases.
Fielders field the ball.



Anna: First, the pitcher pitches the ball to the batter. The batter bats the ball. Then, the runner runs to first base.

Anna: Each time a batter bats, the runners run around the bases. Each time a runner runs across home plate, they score a run! There are nine innings in a game. The team with the most runs at the end of nine innings wins the game!

Anna: MINDY, MINDY, we found the answer! It's time to return to the treehouse.

MINDY: Good job! That was fast.

Coworker 3: Good job Anna. You know, I still don't like children's shows, but I like this children's show.

Coworker 2: I liked the time travel.

Coworker 1: But time travel is not real. You're so silly, Anna.



Anna: Yeah, time travel is so silly. Thanks, goodbye. Bye, thank you.

Anna: Hello, MINDY? Are you there?

MINDY: Hello, Anna. Anna: MINDY, I want to go to China! Until next time ...