

Runaway Baseball



Directions: Read the passage 3 times. Color in a baseball each time. Then answer the questions.

"Here I go again!" Billy moaned. He felt the pitcher's hand grasp him tightly, and then, "Whoosh!" he was flying through the air. Billy closed his eyes and prepared to be hit. "Strike one!" yelled the umpire. "That was close," Billy thought to himself. "I have to get out of here. I am tired of being thrown around and hit all the time." Billy quietly rolled away from home plate. He rolled past the fence, as the players all looked around the field for him. Billy kept rolling down the sidewalk. Behind him, Billy could hear the pitcher shouting, "I guess we will have to find another ball!" Billy laughed to himself as he rolled past the school, past the library, past the post office, and into the park. "This looks like a nice place to live," he thought. "It is quiet and peaceful here." Billy rolled under a tree and looked up at the blue sky through the leaves. "I am going to love my new home," he thought. Suddenly, he felt a hand pick him up. "Hey, it's a baseball!" a little girl yelled happily. "Now we can go play ball!" she shouted to her friends. "Oh no. Here we go again!" thought Billy.

1. What places did Billy pass?

2. Why did Billy want to run away?

3. What happened at the end of the story?

4. Why do you think Billy said, "Here we go again!"?
