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# Baseball with Grandfather

# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

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Try these decodable words!

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heartwarming

bought

## New Vocabulary

**stadium:** a very large place to watch and play sports

**stats:** short for statistics

## Let's Read!

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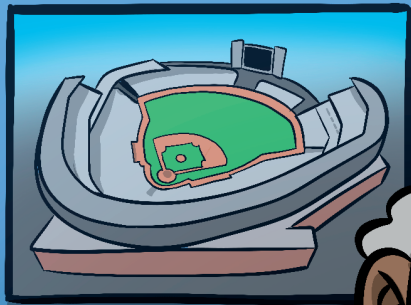
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Gracelynn's grandfather always sat in his armchair telling tales about baseball games at the old stadium.

Countless afternoons were spent flipping through old photographs of Grandfather at the games and baseball cards of his heroes.

Grandfather knew their stats as if they all played yesterday.



On Friday afternoon, Gracelynn saw a flyer on the table. She read about the citywide writing contest with an amazing prize...two tickets to kickoff the baseball season at the brand-new stadium.

She thought that would be an outstanding gift for her grandfather's 75th birthday!



# WRITING CONTEST

WIN A TRIP FOR TWO  
TO A BALL GAME!



Gracelynn wrote all weekend long. Writing a great essay was tough. All the brainstorming would be worthwhile if she won this once-in-a-lifetime gift!

The outcome was a success! Gracelynn's heartwarming essay was a home run with the judges. Everyone agreed. Nobody deserved the tickets more than Grandfather.





The prize would arrive through the mail, so Grandfather watched for the neighborhood mailman.

Gracelynn was busy filling her backpack with both sunscreen and waterproof raincoats.

Nothing would get in the way of the game, not even a thunderstorm.



Grandfather beamed as the taxicab sped along the highway.

The stadium seats were so close to the dugout that they could hear the teammates talking.

They bought everything the vendor carried: hotdogs, popcorn, peanuts, and even milkshakes.



They believed, though, that they would not get a stomachache.

Gracelynn showed Grandfather how to take a picture in front of the scoreboard. The last inning was rough! Extra innings!

Grandfather's favorite shortstop player from the infield was up to bat with the bases loaded.



He hit a grand slam and trotted past the basemen to victory! Though he was headed to the dugout to celebrate with his teammates, he stopped to sign an autograph and take a picture with Gracelynn's grandfather.

This was one birthday Grandfather would remember forever!







## Phonics Fun

- Write these letters a, b, e, f, g, h, h, o, o, p, p, r, r, r, t, u, w on individual squares of paper.
- Use letter squares to make the words from the list.
- Make and read each word.

tough                  waterproof                  bought  
through                photograph



## Comprehension

Do you agree/disagree with Gracelynn's actions? Explain your reasons.



## Decodable Words

afternoon	dugout	infield	peanut	teammate
armchair	everyone	kickoff	photograph	though
autograph	everything	lifetime	popcorn	thought
backpack	forever	mailman	raincoat	through
baseball	Gracelynn	milkshake	scoreboard	tough
basemen	grandfather	neighborhood	shortstop	thunderstorm
birthday	heartwarming	nobody	stomachache	waterproof
bought	highway	outcome	sunscreen	weekend
brainstorm	hotdog	outstanding	taxicab	worthwhile
citywide				

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