

Baseball Terms with Everyday Meanings

Below are 12 common words that also have specific meanings related to baseball. Can you match each word with its everyday definition *and* with its baseball-related definition? An example, with the word *run*, has been done for you.

Term	Everyday definition	Baseball definition
run	H	j
1. ball		
2. base		
3. bat		
4. deck		
5. diamond		
6. double		
7. home		
8. out		
9. pitcher		
10. safe		
11. single		
12. strike		

Everyday Definition

- A. Multiply by two
- B. A container that holds liquids
- C. A flying animal
- D. Not married
- E. Opposite of *in*
- F. The bottom of something
- G. A secure place that holds money and valuables
- H. Move quickly from one place to another
- I. A valuable gem
- J. The place where you live
- K. A round object; or a formal dance
- L. A wooden porch at the back of a house
- M. To hit; or to refuse to work as a form of protest

Baseball Definition

- a. Players hit the ball with this
- b. A pitch that is not a strike
- c. "Three strikes and you're ____."
- d. A swing and miss by the batter
- e. A one-base hit
- f. The next player to bat is "on ____."
- g. Batters try to reach at least first ____ safely.
- h. A two-base hit
- i. Opposite of *out*
- j. What a player tries to score: a ____
- k. The player who throws the ball to the batter
- l. The shape of a baseball infield
- m. Runners score by reaching it safely; it's also called the "plate."

ANSWERS TO *THE LIGHTER SIDE*
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12. M, d	6. A, h
11. D, e	5. I, l
10. G, i	4. L, f
9. B, k	3. C, a
8. E, c	2. F, g
7. J, m	1. K, b