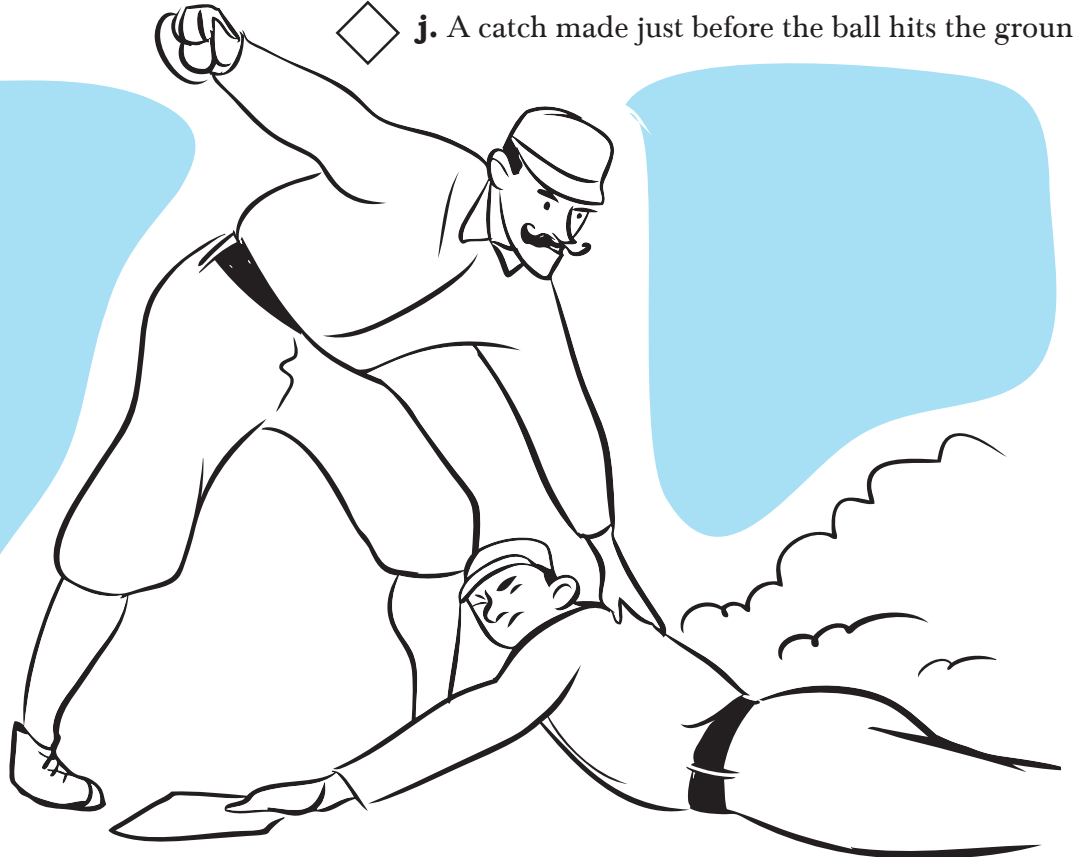


# Baseball Lingo

Baseball has its own special language—“line drive,” “home run,” and “strike out” are all phrases that come from the game of baseball, and “Casey at the Bat” is full of baseball words.

Here are some modern-day baseball words and phrases. Can you match the definitions to the words? Use context clues to help you.

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|---------------------|---|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. bag              | ◇ | ◇ | a. A left-handed pitcher.                                                                |
| 2. bases loaded     | ◇ | ◇ | b. Two games played between the same teams, on the same day, in front of the same crowd. |
| 3. dish             | ◇ | ◇ | c. A base.                                                                               |
| 4. double header    | ◇ | ◇ | d. When there are runners on all three bases.                                            |
| 5. gap              | ◇ | ◇ | e. A home run that’s hit while there are runners on all three bases.                     |
| 6. grand slam       | ◇ | ◇ | f. The pitcher’s mound.                                                                  |
| 7. hill             | ◇ | ◇ | g. The area of the outfield between the outfielders.                                     |
| 8. homer            | ◇ | ◇ | h. Home plate.                                                                           |
| 9. shoestring catch | ◇ | ◇ | i. A home run.                                                                           |
| 10. southpaw        | ◇ | ◇ | j. A catch made just before the ball hits the ground.                                    |



ANSWERS: 1.c 2.d 3.g 4.b 5.g 6.e 7.f 8.i 9.j 10.a