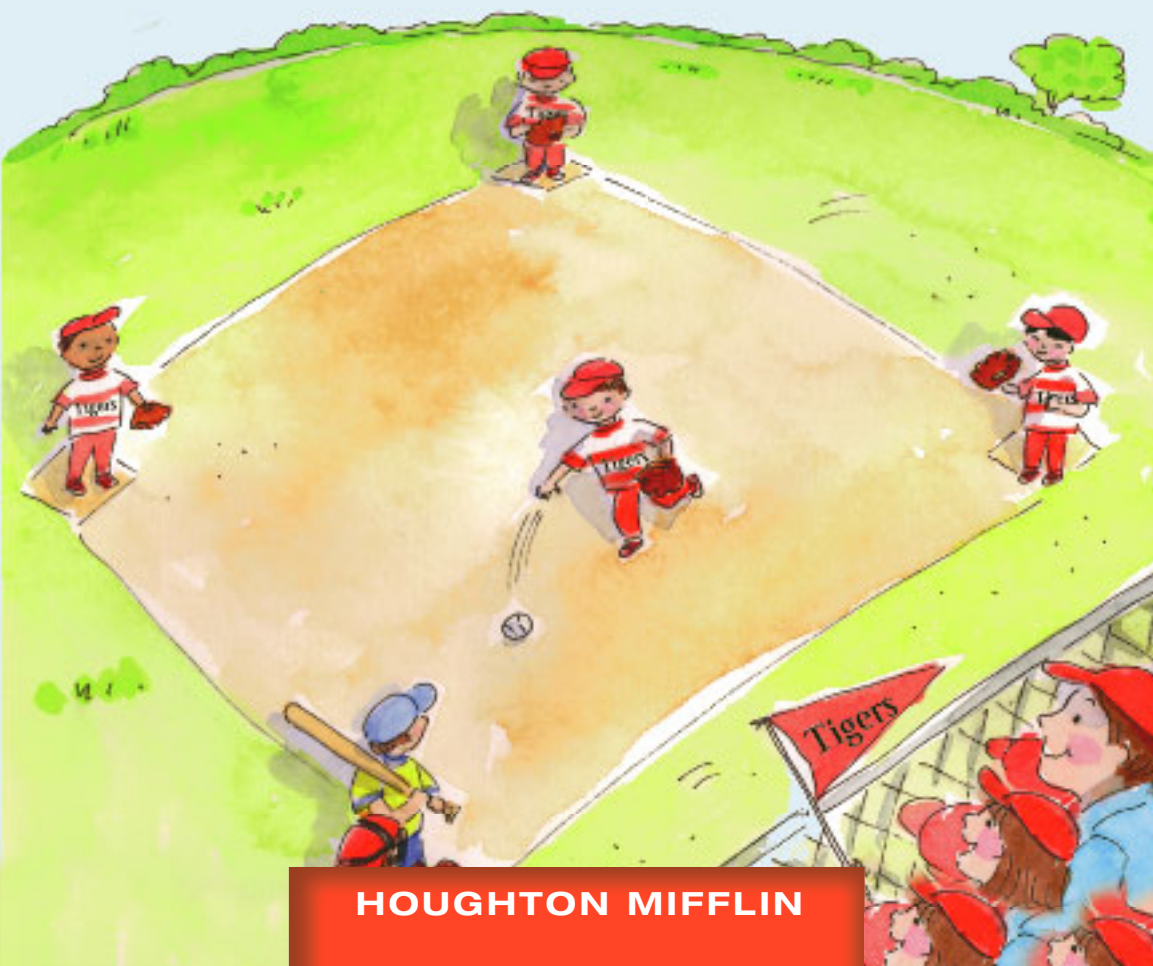


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- ▶ Andy was the star of his baseball team.
- Liz was his twin sister.
- ▶ She went to every game.
- She was his biggest fan.



Practice

- ▶ "The big game is today," said Andy.
"Will you help me practice?"
- ▶ "Sure!" said Liz.
- ▶ "Let's go!"



- ▶ Andy threw the ball to Liz.
She hit it easily.
“Nice hit!” said Andy.
- ▶ They took turns hitting and
throwing the ball to each other.



- ▶ Dad came outside.
“Andy, are you ready for the big game?” Dad asked.
- ▶ “He’s ready, Dad,” Liz said.
“Then it’s time to go,” Dad said.



- It was a great game with lots of hits.
- First, Andy's team was winning. Next, the other team was winning. But then the score was tied.



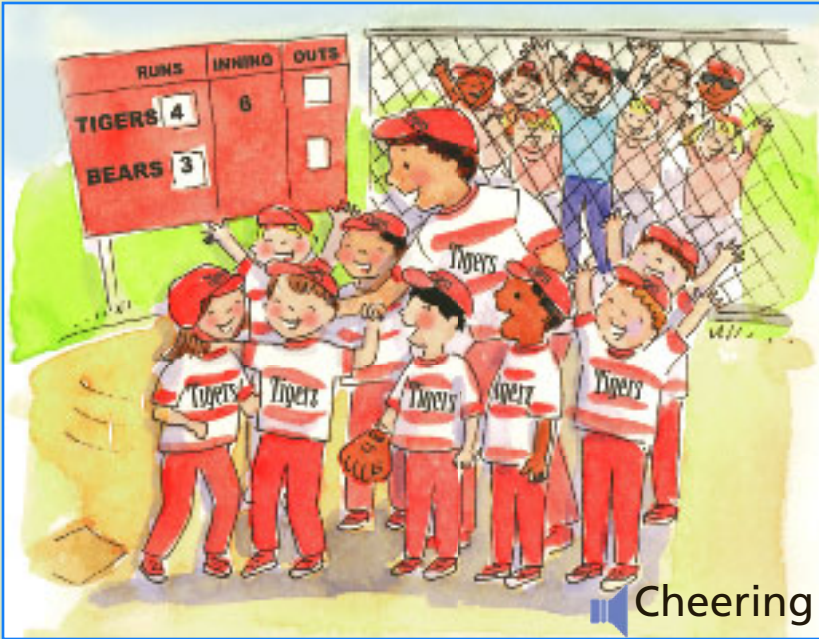
- ▶ Now it was the last inning.
Both teams had three runs.
- ▶ The other team hit the ball.
It went up and up and up.
- ▶ Andy ran to catch it.
He caught the ball,
but he fell back.



- ▶ The coach ran to see if Andy was okay.
- ▶ “I don’t think I can play,” Andy said.
- ▶ “We don’t have any extra players,” said the coach.
- ▶ “Liz can play,” said Andy.



- ▶ The team didn't like that idea.
"Let's give Liz a chance,"
said the coach.
- ▶ Liz picked up a bat.
Then she got in **position**.
She knew she was ready.



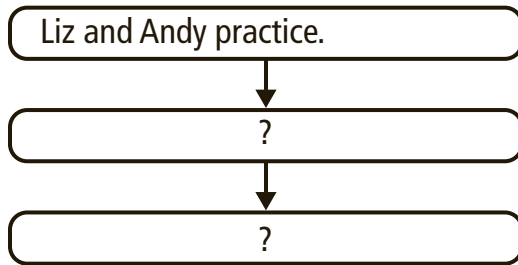
- ▶ The first ball came fast.
Liz hit it hard.
It was a home run!
- ▶ Everyone cheered.
“Liz was great!” said the coach.
“I know,” said Andy.
“I’m not just her twin.
I’m her biggest fan!”

Responding



TARGET SKILL **Sequence of Events**

What happens before Liz hits the winning home run? Copy the chart below. List two more things that happen.



Write About It

Text to Text Choose a sport. Pretend you are playing that sport. Write three sentences about how you help win a big game. Be sure to tell what happens first, next, and last.



TARGET VOCABULARY

cheered
curb
extra
final

hurried
position
practice
roared



TARGET SKILL **Sequence of Events** Tell the order in which things happen.



TARGET STRATEGY **Visualize** Picture what is happening as you read.



GENRE **Realistic fiction** is a story that could happen in real life.

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