

Unique Terminology of Baseball

Walked, passed or base on balls – when a batter receives four pitches that are called balls by the umpire

Whiffed, Struck Out, KO'd, Breezed, Fanned, Dusted off – when a batter has three pitches called strikes

South Paw – a left-handed pitcher

Dinger, safety or bingle – a base hit

Slab man – the pitcher

Squeezed Home – batter bunts to score runner from third

Sent to the Showers – pitcher removed from the game

Wild Pitch – pitch that catcher cannot catch

Passed Ball – pitch that catcher should have caught, but didn't

Misplay or Error – mistake made by the defense

Nailed it or pasted it or a shot – a ball hit very hard

Taken in to camp, Took the count or suffers – when a team is defeated

Cantos – innings or increments of the game
Receiver or Player behind the bat – the catcher

Fly out – ball hit high in the air and caught by an outfielder

Line out, frozen rope – ball hit hard and low and caught in the air

Pop out – ball hit high and caught by an infielder

Grounder – ball hit on the ground

Blooper, Texas Leaguer – a soft liner

Bleeder – a soft grounder

Infielder – one of four fielders that play near a base

1st Basemen – infielder that plays near first base

2nd Basemen – infielder that plays near second base

3rd Basemen – infielder that plays near third base

Shortstop – infielder that plays between second and third base

Left fielder – player that plays in outfield between second and third base

Right fielder – player that plays in outfield between first and second base

Center fielder – player that plays in outfield behind second base

Pitcher – the player that throws or pitches the ball to the batter

Catcher – the player that receives the pitches from the pitcher

Battery – the catcher and pitcher

Bases – the square bags or sacks at first, second and third

Keystone sack – 2nd base

Home plate – the plate shaped as a pentagon

Single – a base hit and runner gets safely to 1st

Double – a base hit and the runner gets safely to 2nd

Triple – a base hit and the runner gets safely to 3rd

Home run or Circuit clout – a base hit and the runner gets safely to home

Bunt – an intentional attempt to hit the ball a few feet from home

Sacrifice fly – Fly ball hit that scores a run

Sacrifice bunt – a bunted ball that advances a runner

DH – Designated hitter

Cut off – the player that receives a throw and relays it to another

Skin field – a dirt infield

Grassed field – a grass infield

Stick or Club – the bat

Foul line or pole – line or pole that marks the playing area of the

infield and outfield (It is really a fair line or pole)

Mitt or glove – fielding glove that the players wear on defense to help catch the baseball

Helmet – protective head gear

Shin guards, chest protector, and mask – protective gear for the catcher

Batting Average – hits divided by official times at bat

Earned run average – (ERA) Earned runs divided by innings pitched times 7

Fielding average – Put outs plus assists divided by the total chances

Total chances – put outs, assists and errors

Slants – a curve ball

Pegged it – threw it

Bean ball – ball thrown at the head of the batter

Horsehide – the baseball

Ball had eyes – a hit that evades all fielders

Grand slam – a home run with three runners on base

Hit the cycle – a single, double, triple and a homer

RBI – a run batted in