

The 7th form**LISTENING (the 2nd term)****1 variant**

1. Listen to the text «Baseball» and choose the best variants to complete the sentences.

- 1) In baseball players must ...
 - a) hit a ball with a bat
 - b) catch a ball
 - c) catch another player
 - d) hit another player with a bat
- 2) ... there were professional teams in other cities.
 - a) Within ten years
 - b) Within a few years
 - c) Within one year
 - d) Within twenty years
- 3) Each year since then the National League winner and ... have been playing in the World Series.
 - a) the British League winner
 - b) the Australian League winner
 - c) the American League winner
 - d) the Canadian League winner

2. Listen to the story and mark the sentences «True» (T) or «False» (F).

- 1) Baseball is America's worst sport.
- 2) There are two teams in this game.
- 3) The players run around four bases.
- 4) The team wins that finishes with more runs.
- 5) Everybody believes that baseball originated in Great Britain.
- 6) The first professional team was organized in the USA.

3. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

World	two	businessmen	baseball
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- 1) The early _____ teams were not professional.
- 2) The event was called the _____ Series.
- 3) _____ teams from New York played a game following Cartwright's rules.
- 4) _____ saw that they could make money with professional baseball teams.

The 7th form**LISTENING (the 2nd term)****2 variant**

1. Listen to the text «Baseball» and choose the best variants to complete the sentences.

- 1) The first real rules of baseball ...
 - a) were never written
 - b) were written in 1845
 - c) were written in 2005
 - d) were written in 1745

The first professional team was called ...

_____ed Baseballers

_____black Stockings

_____White Baseballers

_____ed Stockings

In 1903 ... decided to have their firstplace teams playing with each other.

_____re two leagues

_____he two teams

_____re two players

_____re two managers

Listen to the story and mark the sentences «True» (T) or «False» (F).

Baseball is America's best sport.

There are three teams in this game.

The team wins that finishes with less runs.

The first professional team was organized in New York.

Businessmen earned a lot of money from the start.

The American League was formed in 1901.

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

Series	1901	League
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- 1) The teams in the National _____ played with one another.
- 2) In _____ a new league called the American League was formed.

3) In _____ the two leagues decided to have their firstplace teams playing with each other.

4) This event was called the World _____.

National League winner and the American League winner have been playing in the World Series. And, each year, millions of people look forward to this exciting sports event.

(From All about the USA)

Baseball is America's most popular sport. In a baseball game there are two teams of nine players. Players must hit a ball with a bat and then run around four bases. A player who goes around all the bases scores a run for his team. The team that finishes with more runs wins the game. Where did baseball come from? No one knows for sure. Many people believe that the idea came from a game played by children in England. Other people believe that a man named Abner Doubleday invented the game in Cooperstown, New York, in 1839. But the first real rules of baseball were written in 1845 by Alexander Cartwright. Two teams from New York played a game following Cartwright's rules. The rules worked well. Soon there were many teams. These early teams were not professional. They played only for fun, not for money. But baseball was very popular from the start. Businessmen saw that they could make money with professional baseball teams. The first professional team was started in 1869. This team was the Red Stockings of Cincinnati. Within a few years there were professional teams in other cities. In 1876 these teams came together in a league, or a group, called the National League. The teams in the National League played with one another. In 1901 a new league called the American League was formed. To create some excitement, in 1903 the two leagues decided to have their first-place teams playing with each other. This event was called the World Series. Each year since then the