

A Standards-Aligned Educator Guide for Grades 3-7

# The House That Ruth Built

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**Age Range: 3 - 7 years**

**Nonfiction Picture Book**

## About the book:

It's Opening Day! Yankee Stadium towers grand, gleaming, and ready!

On April 18, 1923, the New York Yankees played against the Boston Red Sox in their very first game in the brand-new Yankee Stadium. All the key players were there—future Hall of Famers Babe Ruth, Waite Hoyt, Bob Shawkey, Miller Huggins—and so were the supporters—Eddie Bennett, the legendary Yankee batboy; Jack Lenz, Yankee Stadium's first public announcer; five-year-old Little Ray Kelly, Babe's lucky charm; and more than 70,000 fans! Every person in the stadium on opening day was part of this legendary event, and now you can be too.

With beautiful, true-to-event illustrations reminiscent of Norman Rockwell, and with facts on every page about the stadium, the teams, and that very first fateful game that christened the original Yankee Stadium, *The House That Ruth Built* is the perfect book for kids and baseball fans everywhere. Take a step into the past and watch the baseball greats make history!

## Meet the author - [Kelly Bennett](#):

Kelly Bennett is the author of many award-winning books for children—mostly picture books. Her stories, such as *Not Norman*, *A Goldfish Story*, a Jumpstart Read for the Record book; *Norman*, *One Amazing Goldfish*, *Vampire Baby*; *Your Daddy Was Just Like You & Your Mommy Was Just Like You*; *Dance, Y'all, Dance*; *Dad and Pop*; and *One Day I Went Rambling*, an Illinois Library Association's iREAD selection, celebrate imagination, families, friends, pets... all that goes into being a kid! To learn more, please visit [www.kellybennett.com](http://www.kellybennett.com).

## Meet the illustrator - [Susanna Covelli](#):

Susanna Covelli was born in a small town in Piedmont, Italy, and she has always shown a creative attitude. When choosing her university career, she decided to move to Turin and study architecture at Politecnico. After obtaining an MA in architecture, she followed her passion for art and decided to attend a specialization course in both traditional and digital illustration at Scuola Internazionale di Comics in Turin. There, she experimented with ink, acrylic painting, oil painting, pastels, watercolors, and Adobe Photoshop. Her art expresses her own imagination and inspiration from nature.

# Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle

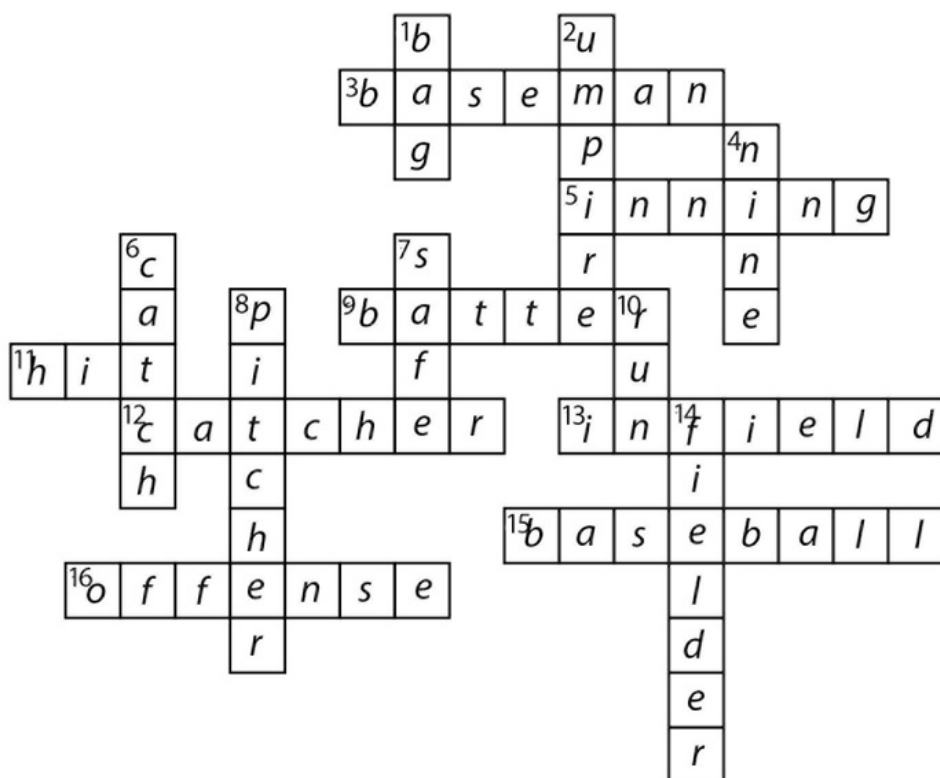
**Objective:** To enhance vocabulary and the ability to interpret words and phrases as they are used in the sport of baseball.

## Materials:

- Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle Answers (pg. 1)
- Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle (pg. 2)
- Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle Clues (pg. 3)

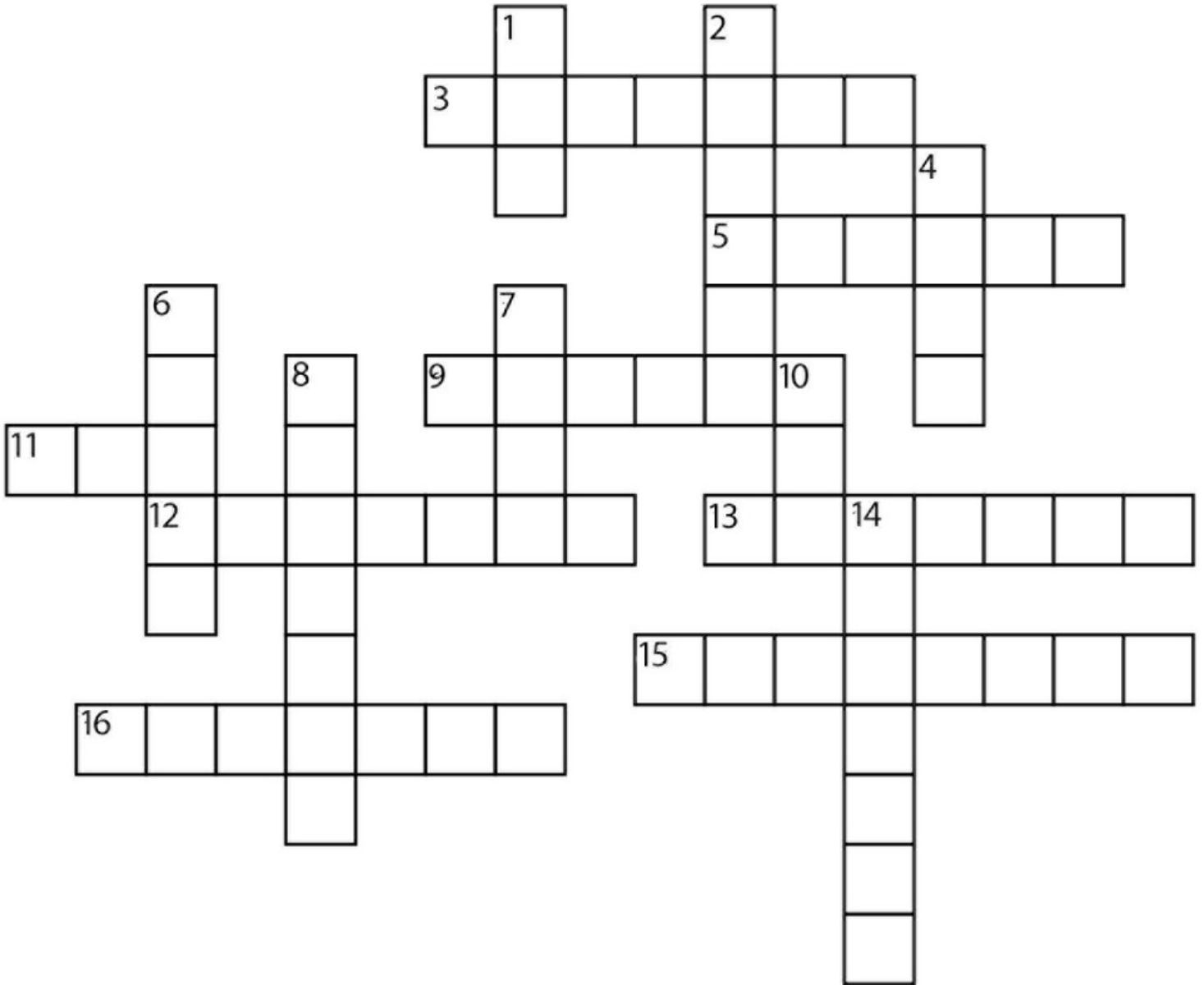
## Procedure:

- Instruct students to solve the Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle using the clues found on page 3. Answers to the puzzle can be found below.



Common Core State Anchor Standards for Reading:  
Reading: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.2, R.4.

# Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle



## Baseball Basics Crossword Puzzle Clues

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1. The base
2. Makes sure that the game is played fairly
4. The number of players on a baseball team
6. An outfielder captures the ball with his hand or glove
7. Runner arrives safely at base, as called by the umpire
8. The offensive player that delivers the ball to the batter
9. Offensive player in the batting box who will attempt to strike the ball
10. A runner crosses home plate without any errors
11. The batter advances to a base without any field errors
14. A person playing in the field

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3. A fielder standing at base
5. One of nine periods of playtime in an ordinary regulation game
9. Offensive player in the batting box who will attempt to strike the ball
11. The batter advances to a base without any field errors
12. The player poised behind home plate to catch balls missed by the batter
13. Part of the baseball diamond comprised of bases, pitcher's mound, and home plate
15. The official ball used in the sport of baseball
16. The team at bat