

Name _____

Vocabulary

Directions Draw a line to match each word on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. fastball | firm belief in yourself |
| 2. unique | a pitch thrown at high speed |
| 3. weakness | laughing at; making fun of |
| 4. confidence | having no like or equal |
| 5. mocking | a weak point; slight fault |

Check the Words You Know

- ___ confidence
- ___ fastball
- ___ mocking
- ___ outfield
- ___ unique
- ___ weakness
- ___ windup

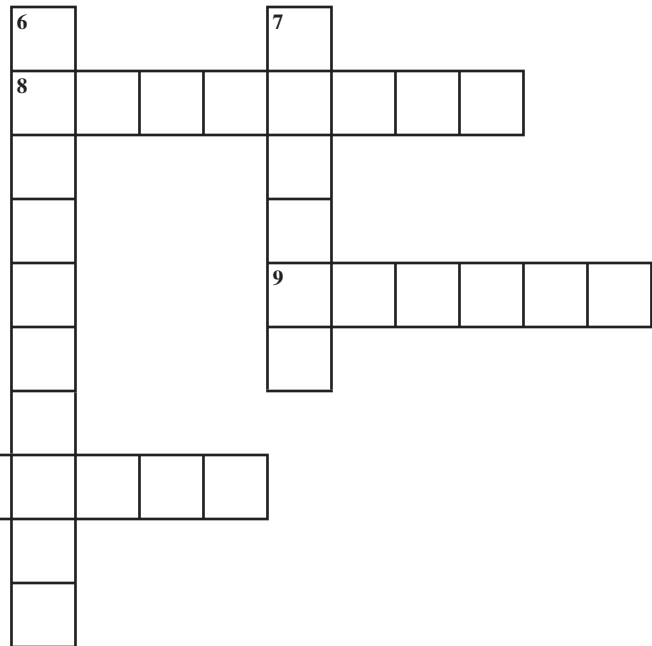
Directions Choose the word from the box to complete each clue and fill in the crossword puzzle.

DOWN

6. We have full _____ in his hitting.
7. Motions the pitcher makes before throwing the ball is called a _____.

ACROSS

8. If the ball is hit out of the diamond, it's in the _____.
9. A standout hitter like Barry Bonds is _____ among players.
10. Running too slowly is a player's major _____.



Write a News Report

On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief television news report about a baseball game, using as many vocabulary words as you can.



Home Activity Your child identified and used vocabulary words found in the biographical story *Satchel Paige*. Look in the sports pages of a newspaper and read a description of a sporting event with your child. See if you can identify any of the vocabulary words in the article.