

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Satchel Paige*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

confidence firm belief in yourself; self-confidence

fastball a pitch thrown at high speed with very little curve

mocking laughing at; making fun of

outfield the three players in the outfield of a baseball field

unique having no like or equal; being the only one of its kind

weakness a weak point; slight fault

windup a swinging movement of the arms while twisting the body just before pitching the ball

Grammar

Compound and Complex Sentences

A **compound sentence** contains two simple sentences joined with a comma and a word such as *and*, *but*, and *or*. *For example: I went to the game, but Juan stayed home.* The comma and the word *but* joins two simple sentences into one compound sentence. On the other hand, a **complex sentence** is made up of a simple sentence and another part. The other part has a subject and verb, but it is a dependent clause, which means it doesn't make sense by itself. *For example: After he finished his homework, Juan came and joined me.* "After he finished his homework" does not make sense by itself—it is an independent clause.

Activity

If, And, or But Work with a family member to create a graphic organizer. Put a simple sentence in a bubble in the center. Take turns adding new bubbles onto the main simple sentence to create compound sentences. See who can make the silliest sentence.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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