



Casey at the Bat

Vocabulary Activities

Definition matching: Match the word from the numbered column to a definition on the right. Put the correct letter in front of the word.

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| ___ 1. mused | A. to make a bet |
| ___ 2. hoodlum | B. without hope |
| ___ 3. wager | C. feelings of sorrow for others |
| ___ 4. despair | D. money that is risked |
| ___ 5. desperate | E. to look down on, scorn |
| ___ 6. pity | F. criminal or gangster |
| ___ 7. despised | G. not caring what happens |
| ___ 8. stake | H. to put in disorder, rumple |

Adjectives can be used to describe how characters look, feel or behave. Use a dictionary to see calling you this would be a compliment (C) or an insult (I).

- ___ 1. cruel
- ___ 2. fancy
- ___ 3. gracious
- ___ 4. splendid
- ___ 5. grim
- ___ 6. sturdy
- ___ 7. heartless
- ___ 8. awful
- ___ 9. overgrown
- ___ 10. decent

This play had some very creative names for the characters: Bug Holiday, Pop Corkhill, Smiley Wilson. Create your own baseball team with nine players. Tell each of the players names and why that would be a good name for them on your team.

Answers to Definition Matching:
1H; 2F; 3A; 4G; 5B; 6C; 7E; 8D

Answers to Adjectives:
1I; 2C; 3C; 4C; 5I; 6C; 7I; 8I; 9I; 10C