

Lesson 2

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Baseball

The umpire cried, “Strike Three! You’re out.” The coach was irate. The fans in the grandstand rose to their feet. They were not polite. They groaned and yelled at the umpire. “You’re blind as a bat,” they said.

The next player strode to the plate. He wiped his hands on his pants as he grabbed the bat. He tipped his cap and nodded. The balls whizzed past. “Strike One.” “Strike Two.” “Strike Three!”

The fans were upset and about to explode. The umpire shrugged. “I call them as I see them,” he said.

Baseball is a stressful game!