



01 WARM UP AND WRITE DOWN

5 sports with a ball _____
4 baseball player positions _____
3 sports that use these verbs _____
play do go

02 RHYMES

Write a rhyme for each word.

a) girl

b) throw

c) year

d) tease

e) speaks

f) switch

03 JOIN SENTENCES

Match two parts of the sentences.

1. Most of the negative comments _____
 2. I think they say stuff like that _____
 3. The area has _____
 4. I'm the only girl on _____
 5. I think I'm _____
- a. breaking barriers.
b. an all boys little league baseball team.
c. a lot of strawberry fields.
d. come from the parents.
e. because they're jealous.

04 THE GAPS (0:20-0:50)

Read the dialogue. Fill in the gaps with words from the box.

cool boys work good switch throw name girl

My (1) _____ is Chelsea Baker. I'm thirteen years old and I can (2) _____ a knuckleball. I'm the only (3) _____ on an all boys little league baseball team.

It's really (4) _____ how I'm able to play baseball and I don't have to go to softball. If I (5) _____ at it I can keep playing.

Some things that people say are that I'm not going to be as (6) _____ as the boys. You should (7) _____ to softball. You ain't ever going to be able to stay with the (8) _____ .

05 **FILL IN THE BLANKS** (0:20 - 2:30)

Listen again. Fill in the blanks.

My name is Chelsea Baker. I'm (1) _____ years old and I can throw a knuckleball. I'm the only girl (2) _____ all boys little league baseball team. It's really cool how I'm able to play baseball and I don't have to go to softball. If I work at it I can keep playing.

Some things that people say are that I'm not going to be (3) _____ the boys. You should switch to softball. You ain't ever going to be able to stay with the boys.

A girl struck you out. Is that any different than a boy striking you out. Some people might tease me but I'm going to let them deal with it.

Most of the (4) _____ comments come from the parents. I think they say stuff like that because they're (5) _____. When people say negative things about me it just makes me want to try harder so I can prove them (6) _____. Sorry.

Plant City is very small. Mostly all the people from Plant City know me because I play baseball. The area has a lot of (7) _____ fields. That's mostly what we grow here.

I decided I wanted to be a pitcher when I was seven. I saw my coach, Joe Neikro, throw me the knuckleball and I wanted to learn it so he (8) _____ to me.

Throwing a knuckleball is almost like (9) _____ on a Ferris Wheel. It's like floating like a butterfly. I probably throw my knuckleball in the 50s, high 50s. I think I'm breaking (10) _____. I'm doing a new thing that not many people have done. I really want to prove people wrong because it will probably (11) _____ world.

06 **DID YOU GET THE IDEA?**

1. This is a story about a special girl. What is special about her?
2. How did she learn that skill?
3. Why did some people say she should stop?

07 **CHIT CHAT**

1. How old is she?
2. Describe her home town.
3. At what age did she decide to be a pitcher?
4. What does she think about the future?
5. Who says bad things about her?