



Baseball Thinking Game

Group members will solve a logic puzzle based on the game of baseball

TIME

20-30 minutes



TEAM STAGE

Norming, Performing

MATERIALS

List of clues, list of players

SUMMARY

In this activity, participants will work in groups to solve a baseball logic puzzle. The puzzle does not require extensive knowledge of baseball.

SET UP

- Prepare a list of the clues and a list of the players. This can be printed on pieces of paper that will be given to each group or written on one large poster.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Divide participants into groups of four or five.
- Tell each group that their task is to determine each player's position based on the clues given.
 - **Facilitator Note:** Depending on how much time is available for this activity, it may be necessary to set a time limit for solving the puzzle. The time limit can be introduced with the instructions, or it can be added later on if the activity is taking a long time.
- The available positions are:
 - Pitcher
 - Catcher
 - 1st base
 - 2nd base
 - 3rd base
 - Short stop
 - Left field
 - Center field
 - Right field
- The players are:
 - Louie
 - George
 - Mickey
 - Carl
 - Honus
 - Ted
 - John
 - Harry
 - Ed



INSTRUCTIONS *(continued)*

- The clues are:
 1. George hates crouching.
 2. Carl's sister married Ed's brother.
 3. The Right Fielder, Pitcher and Shortstop drove to a family reunion together.
 4. John gave his brother a Harley Davidson motorcycle for Christmas.
 5. Louie plays on the right side of the field (when on home base facing the outfield).
 6. Looking from home, Honus plays to the left of George.
 7. Carl and John are brothers.
 8. The pitcher is neighbors with the 2nd baseman.
 9. Ted is neighbors with Ed and Harry.
 10. While at home, Mickey has a very short walk to the dugout.
 11. Ted plays in the infield.
 12. Honus plays in the outfield.
 13. The Right Fielder loves motorcycles.
 14. Ted, Ed, and Harry are the only players who are neighbors.
 15. Harry does not play in the outfield.
 16. Mickey is not the catcher.
 17. The home dugout is on the 3rd base line.
 - The solution is:
 - Louie — First base
 - George — Center field
 - Mickey — Third base
 - Carl — Right field
 - Honus — Left field
 - Ted — Second base
 - John — Shortstop
 - Harry — Catcher
 - Ed — Pitcher
-  **Facilitator Note:** Do not show this solution to participants until the end of the activity.

VARIATIONS

- Consider grouping participants by job or by personality. This will add an extra layer to debrief.
-  **Small Group:** To facilitate this activity for a small group, have all participants work together instead of breaking them into groups.
-  **Online:** To facilitate this activity virtually, type the positions, players, and clues onto a shared document. Create a separate document for each group. Then, put the groups into breakout rooms to figure out the solution. [\[click here for video\]](#)

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS *(on next page)*



DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- What:
 - How did your group approach this activity?
 - What tactics or strategies helped you accomplish the task?
 - So What:
 - How can embracing different types of thinking help a group accomplish a task?
 - How can groups make sure they are utilizing the talent they have available?
 - Now What:
 - What strengths do you as an individual bring to a group?
 - How can your group find ways to utilize everybody's individual strengths?
- **Facilitator Note:** These questions can be used to guide your debrief, however, pick the questions that best match your group's experience and add or change questions as needed.