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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Using the book, write complete sentences about each part of the story in the boxes below.

Beginning



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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How did Eggy get his name?
  - (A) He likes to eat eggs.
  - (B) It is short for Egbert.
  - (C) His brother said his head looked like an egg.
  - (D) He is good at catching things, even eggs.
2. Why does a catcher use signals?
  - (A) to tell the batter what kind of pitch is coming
  - (B) to tell the pitcher what kind of pitch to throw
  - (C) to let the players on the bases know what to expect
  - (D) to tell the coach what to do next
3. Read this sentence: *Catchers use signals to tell the pitcher what kind of pitch to throw.* Which of the following means almost the same as **signals**?
  - (A) loud words
  - (B) quiet words
  - (C) songs
  - (D) silent gestures
4. What happened right after Eggy caught the pop-up?
  - (A) The batter was out.
  - (B) The batter ran to first base.
  - (C) The team got a run.
  - (D) The umpire called a strike.
5. What happened after Eggy was hit by the ball and blacked out?
  - (A) Jordan left the baseball game.
  - (B) Eggy's team lifted him up on their shoulders.
  - (C) Jordan held an ice pack to Eggy's head.
  - (D) Eggy dropped the baseball.
6. How did Eggy feel when Jordan came to watch him play?
  - (A) angry
  - (B) unhappy
  - (C) nervous
  - (D) lonely

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7. Why does a catcher wear a mask?
- Ⓐ to stay clean
  - Ⓑ to protect his or her face
  - Ⓒ to help catch the ball
  - Ⓓ to help him or her see the ball better
8. What does Jordan mean when he says pop-ups are easy outs?
- Ⓐ Pop-ups are hard to catch.
  - Ⓑ Pop-ups are an easy hit for a batter to make.
  - Ⓒ Pop-ups are easy to catch.
  - Ⓓ Pop-ups don't happen very often.
9. Why did Eggy throw off his mask?
- Ⓐ so he could see the ball better
  - Ⓑ because he got dust in his nose
  - Ⓒ because he thought the game was over
  - Ⓓ so he could sneeze
10. What tells you that Jordan really cared about Eggy?
- Ⓐ He came to watch Eggy play.
  - Ⓑ He ran to his side when Eggy was hit by the ball.
  - Ⓒ He put ice on Eggy's head.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Reader Response:** Describe how you think both Jordan and Eggy felt at the end of the story.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ protects a catcher's hands from injury when catching very fast pitches.
2. The batter hit a \_\_\_\_\_, which seemed to travel toward the Sun like a rocket ship.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the baseball player who crouches behind home plate.
4. Each \_\_\_\_\_ of a baseball game has six outs--three for each team.
5. Children through age twelve can play on a \_\_\_\_\_ team.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ tries to get the batter to swing at the ball without hitting it.
7. We're trying to get a traffic \_\_\_\_\_ installed at our corner to reduce the number of accidents.

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8. A \_\_\_\_\_ often appears to travel so quickly that a batter would have a hard time hitting it.
9. Be sure to tell your \_\_\_\_\_ if you are going to miss practice.