

The 7 Steps -
October



1. CONTEXT



The World Series

Listening Questions 1

1. What's another name for the World Series?
_____.
2. Who won the World Series in 2020 and in what game did they capture the championship?
_____.
3. Where was the 2020 World Series played and why?
_____.
4. When was the first World Series played and who were the two teams?
_____.
5. What is the most successful team for number of championships?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. What is the World Series trophy officially called and what does it have on it?
_____.
2. What company manufactures the trophy and what else do they make?
_____.
3. Before relocating to Washington, where was the Nationals team located?
_____.
4. What may new technology allow pitchers and catchers to communicate?
_____.
5. What would be the benefits of this potential technology?
_____.

Discussion Questions

1. How important are sports to you? What events excite you?
2. What new technology would you like to see in pro sports?

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

For **avid** baseball fans October is special because it is when Major League Baseball holds its playoffs which **culminate** in the World Series, or as it is also known, the 'Fall Classic'.

The Los Angeles Dodgers entered the 2021 season as the defending champions after **clinching** the 2020 World Series title by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in six games on October 27, 2020 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. **Owing to** the COVID-19 pandemic, the entire World Series was played in the Texas Rangers' home stadium. For the Dodgers franchise, it was their first title since 1988 and their seventh in total. The Dodgers won their first championship when they were the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The World Series' roots go back to 1903 when the Boston Americans played the Pittsburgh Pirates in a best of 9 series won by the Americans 5 games to 3.

The top 4 clubs in terms of number of championships are the New York Yankees with 27, the St. Louis Cardinals with 11, and tied with 9 are the Boston Red Sox and the Oakland Athletics.

Clinch	Owing to	Avid	Defeat	Culminate
Fill-in the blanks with the appropriate word / phrase above:				
1. My friend is an _____ golfer. He plays almost every weekend no matter what the weather is like.				
2. The team's rebuilding process took years but finally _____ in a championship.				
3. The Toronto Blue Jays _____ the 1993 World Series on a Joe Carter home run.				
4. _____ the rain, this weekend's soccer game will be postponed.				
5. In 1988, Steffi Graff _____ Martina Navratilova to win her first Wimbledon title.				

TRANSCRIPT 2

The trophy presented to the winners of the World Series is officially called 'The Commissioner's Trophy'. Major League Baseball explains that the first World Series trophy was created in 1967 and the first team to receive it were the St. Louis Cardinals. The trophy includes 30 flags, one for each team in the league, and a new one is made every year. The famous jewelry company Tiffany & Co. was commissioned to make the trophy in 2000. Tiffany & Co. also make the Super Bowl trophy that is awarded to the National Football League champions.

The Toronto Blue Jays are the only non-American team to have won the World Series. They won their first title in 1992 and repeated as champions the following year. Another team with a Canadian connection are the Washington Nationals. Prior to relocating to Washington for the 2005 season, they were the Montreal Expos. The Nationals **defeated** the Houston Astros in Game 7 to win the 2019 World Series.

In July 2021, it was reported that minor league baseball would be testing new technology that will allow catchers and pitchers to communicate encrypted pitch signs via a transmitter and receivers. The new system could eventually help to speed up the pace of play and prevent sign-stealing in the major league.