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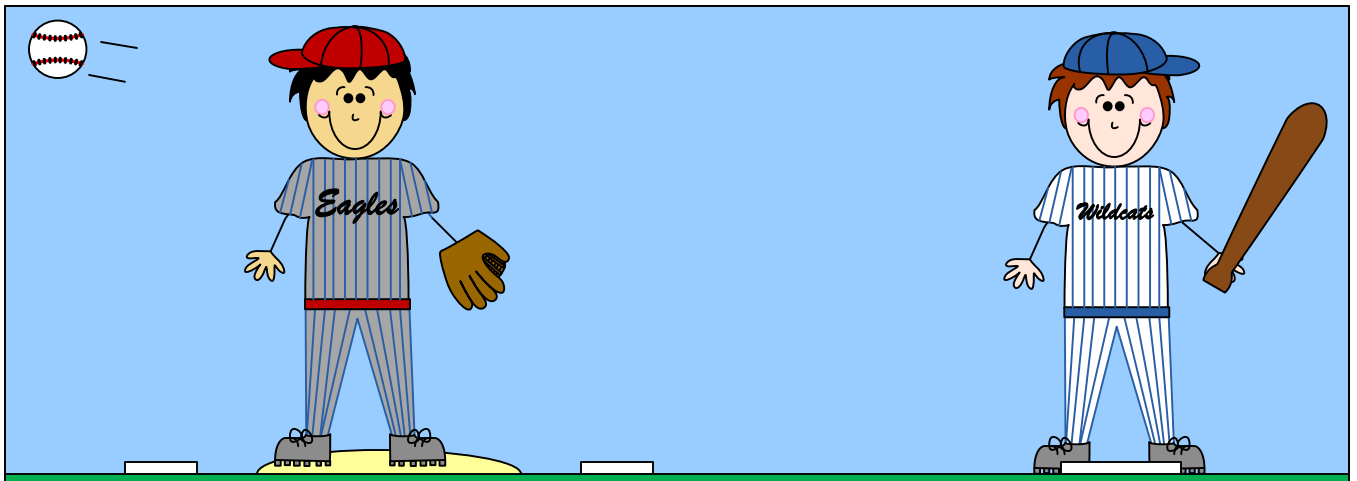
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Sam likes to play ball. Sam is up at bat. He likes to
bat. "It is fun to bat," said Sam. "Jack will pitch the
ball to me. I will hit the ball. I will hit the ball with the
bat. It will go fast."

"You can do it, Sam!" said Tom.

Will Sam hit the ball?



Bam! Sam hits the ball.



"I hit the ball!" said Sam.



"Look at the ball go!" said Jack.



Sam is still up at bat. Jack will pitch the ball. Here it



comes. Will Sam hit the ball? Will the ball go fast?



Will it go very fast?

"Hit the ball, Sam!" said Tom. "You can do it. You



can hit the ball."



Splash! "Look at the ducks," said Tom. "Look at the ducks go!"

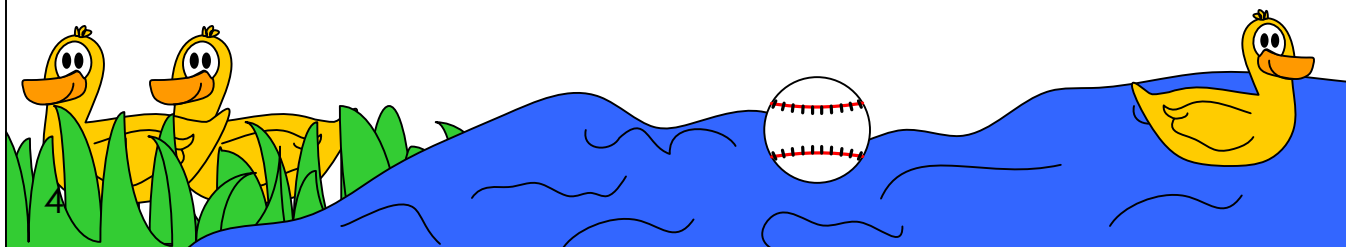
"I did not want to hit the ball in the pond," said Sam.



"I did not want the ball to land in the pond. I am



glad I hit the ball, but I am not glad it is in the pond."



Crack! The bat hits the ball.



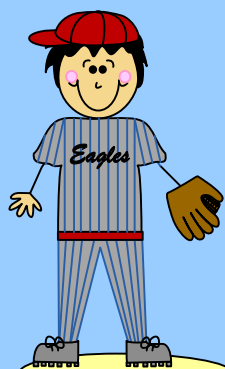
"I did it! I did it!" said Sam. "I hit the ball."



"Look at the ball!" said Tom. "Look at the ball

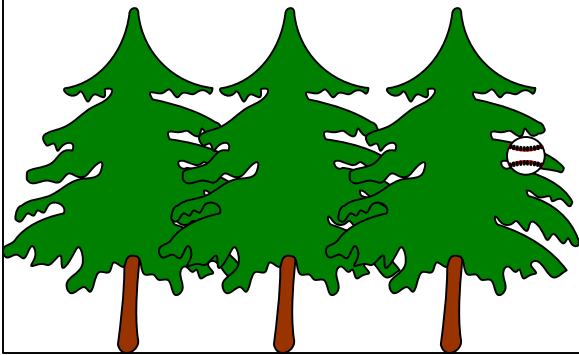


go up, up, up!" Where will the ball go?



"I see it," said Tom. "I see the ball up in the tree."

"Not in the tree! Not in the tree!" said Sam. "I did not want to hit the ball in the tree. I am glad I can hit the ball, but I wish the ball was not in the tree."

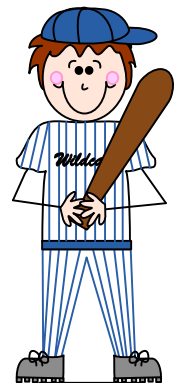
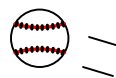


Bam! Sam hits the ball.

"I did it," said Sam. "I hit the ball!"

"Look at that ball go!" said Jack.

Where will it go? Where will it land?



Sam is still up at bat.

“I will hit the ball,” said Sam. “I will not miss it. I will not hit it in the pond. I will not hit it in the tree.”

“Come on, Sam!” said Tom. “You can do it!”



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“No!” said Sam. “Look at the ball! It is in the flowers! I did not want the ball to land in the flowers. I did not want the ball to go in the pond. I did not want it to go into the tree.”



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Sam is still up at bat.

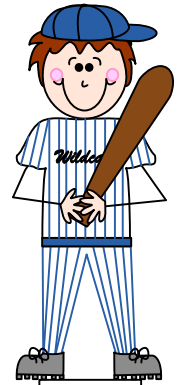
“Come on, Sam,” said Tom. “You can do it! Pick up the bat.”

Sam picks up the bat. He looks at Jack.

“Pitch the ball, Jack!” said Tom.



Here comes the ball. Here it comes.



“You did it, Sam,” said Tom. “Run, Sam. Run fast!”

Sam runs fast. He runs very fast.

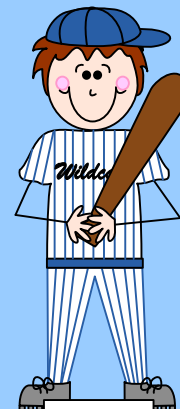
Sam is so glad he did not hit the ball in the pond. It



did not go up in the tree. It did not go in the flowers.



It is so much fun to play!



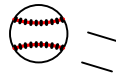
Bam! Sam hits the ball with the bat.



“Look at it go!” said Tom.

“It is fast!” said Jack.

Where will the ball go? Where will it land?



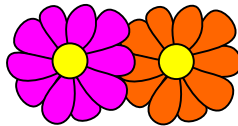
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