

The Book That Stays Honest

Eight activities

Activity 1: The three-part answer

In Chapter 7, Chanoch's answer to the coach has three parts: what he saw, the rule, and the channel. Find each part in the text and quote it. Why does the answer need all three? What would be missing if he gave only the first two?

Activity 2: What the E is for

Explain, in your own words, the rule sheet's one hard line: when is a dropped ball an error, and when is it a hit? Then apply it to the fourth inning: list the four facts Chanoch checks on his scrap of paper in Chapter 6. Short answers.

Activity 3: Who the mark hurts

The coach asks, "One mark in a book. Who does it hurt?" Chanoch answers this in his head. Name everyone the moved mark would hurt, in the story's own logic - including two who are not obvious. Explain each in a sentence.

Activity 4: The batting race - a made-up set of numbers

The numbers in this activity are made up for practice. A boy has 40 at-bats and 21 hits. His average is hits divided by at-bats, written as a three-digit decimal. (a) What is his average? (b) In his next at-bat he reaches on a dropped fly. If it is scored an error, he is 21 for 41. If it is scored a hit, he is 22 for 41. What is his average each way? (c) The boy in second place is hitting .520. Which of the two books has the first boy ahead? Show your steps, and say in one sentence why the scorer cannot choose the version he likes.

Activity 5: "That's the whole point of you."

Berish tells Chanoch, "Mark what you saw - that's the whole point of you." What does Berish mean by "the point"? Why does it matter that the person the favor was for is the one who refuses it? Two or three sentences.

Activity 6: Draw the page

Draw Chanoch's scorebook page for game seven as the story describes it: one page, the fourth-inning play, the small E9, and later the coordinator's initials. Only what the story tells you. Caption it with one line from the story.

Activity 7: Velvel's chess ladder - a fictional case

A boy named Velvel keeps the score sheet for the school's chess ladder - wins, losses, and draws, posted every Friday. A friend loses on Wednesday and asks him to record it as a draw: "It's one line on a sheet. Nobody checks." Write what Velvel says, the channel he offers (the chess club has a faculty advisor), and what he writes on the sheet that Friday. One sentence each, with names.

Activity 8: Word grid

Find the eight words in the grid. They all go left to right, one per row.

```

S C O R E B O O K Y
I N N I N G N O R S
E R R O R I Q Z X J
P E N C I L G H U P
L E A G U E T C D E
C O A C H J K V W B
C A T C H P L M N O
C A L L D E A I Q Z
X J K V W B F Y G H
U P L M N O R S T C

```

The eight words: SCOREBOOK, INNING, ERROR, PENCIL, LEAGUE, COACH, CATCH, CALL. Which word names the mark nobody likes, and which word names the job the coach cannot overrule?