

THE FENWAY FOUL-UP TEACHER'S GUIDE BY KATE NARITA

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If you want to know where to travel, you can read Mr. Kelly's travel articles in publications such as the New York Times, Boston Globe, New York Post, Chicago Sun-Times, Miami Herald, multiple AAA publications and many more newspapers and magazines. He is also the Business Travel Guide for [About.com](#).

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY DAVID A. KELLY

-Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse

-The Astro Outlaw

-The Fenway Foul-Up

-The Pinstripe Ghost

-The L.A. Dodger

THE FENWAY FOUL-UP

CHAPTERS 1-3

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Please answer each question in a complete sentence.

CHAPTER ONE

1. Which Red Sox player did Mike and Kate watch during batting practice?

2. Why is chapter one called The Green Monster?

CHAPTER TWO

1. Who does Mike suspect stole Big D's bat?

2. Why does Mike think the Red Sox might lose today's game?

CHAPTER THREE

1. What do Kate and Mike find scattered on the red infield dirt?

2. Who had sunflower seeds?

SEQUENCING

Directions: Please read through the six events below. Then, write a number one next to the first event that happened, a two next to the second event that occurred and so on.

_____ Kate and Mike notice the batboy watching the white-haired man wearing the Yankees shirt.

_____ Mike and Kate find out that Big D’s bat has been stolen.

_____ Mike bumps the white-haired man, and the man’s sunflower seeds spill.

_____ The photographer eats sunflower seeds.

_____ The batboy tells security there are sunflower seeds at the scene of the crime.

_____ Mike and Kate watch Big D hit during batting practice.

VOCABULARY

Directions: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| _____ scan | A. To break into pieces. |
| _____ shatter | B. To think someone is guilty. |
| _____ shifty | C. To look at. |
| _____ sprawl | D. To turn quickly in a circle. |
| _____ suspect | E. Tricky. |
| _____ whirl | F. To lie on one’s back with one’s limbs spread out. |

PREDICTION

Who do you think took the bat? _____

Why do you think this? _____

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CHAPTERS 4-6

Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

CHAPTER FOUR

1. What is the secret message on Fenway's scoreboard?

2. What code does Kate use to decipher the message?

CHAPTER FIVE

1. What experiment does Kate conduct in chapter five?

2. Why do you think there's a dirty bat in the souvenir shop's bin?

CHAPTER SIX

1. Where do Mike and Kate suspect the old man hid Big D's bat?

2. What happens when Big D comes up to bat?

TRUE OR FALSE

Directions: Please read each statement. If it is a true statement, write “true” next to the statement. If it is a false statement, write “false” next to the statement.

_____ The secret code on Fenway’s scoreboard is written in sign language.

_____ Mike thinks the bat might be hidden in plain sight.

_____ A souvenir shop mostly sells food and drinks.

_____ Mike finds a dirty bat in the souvenir shop.

_____ The man in the Yankees shirt is at the game with his granddaughter.

_____ Corky Collins plays for the Boston Red Sox in The Fenway Foul-Up.

VOCABULARY

Directions: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

_____ crutch

A. A dull, yellowish-brown color.

_____ decoy

B. Something that is kept as a reminder of a person, place or event.

_____ khaki

C. A pole with a padded top that helps an injured person walk.

_____ shuffle

D. To be covered in specks.

_____ souvenir

E. Something or someone used to trick others.

_____ speckled

F. To walk dragging one’s feet.

PREDICTION

Do you think Nathan is holding Big D’s bat at the end of chapter six? Why or why not?

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CHAPTERS 7-9

Name: _____ Date: _____

CHAPTER SEVEN

1. How does Kate know the bat Nathan has is not Big D's bat?

2. What does Nathan think will help Big D get a hit the next time he comes up to bat?

CHAPTER EIGHT

1. What is pine tar, and how does it help Kate crack the case?

2. How does Kate hide Big D's bat inside the souvenir shop?

CHAPTER NINE

1. Who do Kate and Mike get to meet after the game?

2. If you could meet anyone, who would it be and why?

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Directions: Read each question and circle the best answer. You may only circle one answer.

1. What is the clue in chapter seven?
 - a. Grandpa Kevin tells Mike and Kate he saw Wally holding a bat.
 - b. Grandpa Kevin tells Mike and Kate he saw the photographer in the souvenir shop.
 - c. The batboy tells Mike and Kate he saw police questioning Corky Collins.
 - d. The batboy tells Mike and Kate he saw police questioning an Oakland A's player.

2. Most likely, what does the batboy tell Big D in chapter eight?
 - a. "Take it easy, Big D."
 - b. "Hit a home run, Big D."
 - c. "Those kids found your bat hidden in the souvenir shop."
 - d. "Those kids found your bat inside that grandpa's poster tube."

3. Which of these statements explain how Kate and Mike solved the mystery?
 - a. They paid attention.
 - b. They asked questions.
 - c. They explored the ball park.
 - d. All of the above.

VOCABULARY

Directions: Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| ___ barrel | A. Scattered or spread around. |
| ___ bobble | B. A liquid that flows through a plant. |
| ___ sap | C. To jog at a moderate pace. |
| ___ strewn | D. Someone or something that causes doubt |
| ___ suspicious | E. To fumble a ball. |
| ___ trot | F. The thick part of the bat used to hit the ball. |

ANSWERS FOR CHAPTERS 1-3

Chapter 1

1. They watched Big D.
2. The chapter is called “The Green Monster” because that’s the name of Big D’s lucky bat.

Chapter 2

1. Mike suspects the batboy stole Big D’s bat.
2. Mike thinks the Red Sox might lose the game because Big D won’t hit well without his lucky bat.

Chapter 3

1. They find sunflower seeds.
2. The old man wearing a Yankees cap had sunflower seeds, and in chapter two the photographer had sunflower seeds.

SEQUENCING

- 4 Kate and Mike notice the batboy watching the white-haired man wearing the Yankees Shirt.
- 2 Mike and Kate find out that Big D’s bat has been stolen.
- 5 Mike bumps the white-haired man, and the man’s sunflower seeds spill.
- 3 The photographer eats sunflower seeds.
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- 1 Mike and Kate watch Big D hit during batting practice.

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ANSWERS FOR CHAPTERS 4-6

Chapter 4

1. The secret message is TAY and JRY. The initials of former owners, Tom Austin Yawkey and Jean Remington Yawkey.
2. Kate uses Morse Code to decipher the message.

Chapter 5

1. Kate conducts an experiment to see if Big D’s bat will fit inside a poster tube.
2. Answers vary.

Chapter 6

1. Kate and Mike suspect the old man hid the bat inside the poster tube.
2. When Big D comes up to bat, he pops out.

TRUE OR FALSE

FALSE: The secret code on Fenway’s scoreboard is written in sign language.

Explanation: It’s written in Morse Code.

TRUE: Mike thinks the bat might be hidden in plain sight.

FALSE: A souvenir shop mostly sells food and drinks.

Explanation: A souvenir shop sells more articles of clothing, toys, and trinkets than food.

FALSE: Mike finds a dirty bat in the souvenir shop. Explanation: Kate finds the dirty bat.

FALSE: The man in the Yankees shirt is at the game with his granddaughter.

Explanation: He’s there with his granddaughter.

TRUE: Corky Collins plays for the Boston Red Sox in The Fenway Foul-Up.

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| F | shuffle | D. To be covered in specks. |
| B | souvenir | E. Something or someone used to trick others. |
| D | speckled | F. To walk dragging one’s feet. |

ANSWERS FOR CHAPTERS 7-9

Chapter 7

1. Kate knows the bat is not Big D’s because it looks brand new. It doesn’t have nicks or scuffs.
2. Nathan thinks his replica of Big D’s bat might help the slugger hit better.

Chapter 8

1. Pine tar is sap from a pine tree, and it’s sticky. The word sticky makes Kate think of the dirty bat she found in the souvenir shop. She realizes that the sticky bat must be Big D’s.
2. Kate wraps the bat in a t-shirt, places the bundle inside a poster tube, and hides the tube under the poster rack.

Chapter 9

1. Kate and Mike meet Big D.
2. Answers vary.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What is the clue in chapter seven?
 - b. Grandpa Kevin tells Mike and Kate he saw the photographer in the souvenir shop.
2. Most likely, what does the batboy tell Big D in chapter eight?
 - c. “Those kids found your bat hidden in the souvenir shop.”
3. Which of these statements explain how Kate and Mike solved the mystery?
 - d. All of the above.

VOCABULARY

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| F | barrel | A. Scattered or spread around. |
| E | bobble | B. A liquid that flows through a plant. |
| B | sap | C. To jog at a moderate pace. |
| A | strewn | D. Someone or something that causes doubt |
| D | suspicious | E. To fumble a ball. |
| C | trot | F. The thick part of the bat used to hit the ball. |

Name: _____ Date: _____

FENWAY FOUL-UP HOME RUN DATA

Here is a list of homeruns hit by the Red Sox starters last year. Look at the data and answer the questions. If you read the math definitions, the answers will be at your fingertips.

PLAYER	# OF HOMERUNS
Alfredo Almonte	22
Corky Collins	19
Big D	32
Darnell Gonzalez	12
Stormy Jenks	11
Ray Jones	9
Steven Kelly	28
Loopy Lenfield	1
Matt Ramirez	20

Math Term Definitions

Maximum-The highest number in a data set.

Mean-The average of all the numbers in a data set.

Median-The number in the middle of an ordered data set.

Minimum-The lowest number in a data set.

Range-The numbers between the maximum and the minimum (Hint: Subtract the minimum from the maximum.)

1. What was the maximum number of homeruns hit by a Red Sox starter?

2. What was the minimum number of homeruns hit by a Red Sox starter?

3. What was the range of homeruns hit by the Red Sox starters?

4. What was the median number of home runs hit by the Red Sox starters? Remember to order your data set before you find the median.

Ordered data set:

Median: _____

Grand Slam

1. Calculate the average number of homers hit by the Red Sox starters. If you add up all of the numbers and divide by nine, you will calculate the average.

Step 1. $\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = \underline{\quad}$

Step 2. Divide total number of homers by nine.

Average number of homers hit by Red Sox starters equals _____.

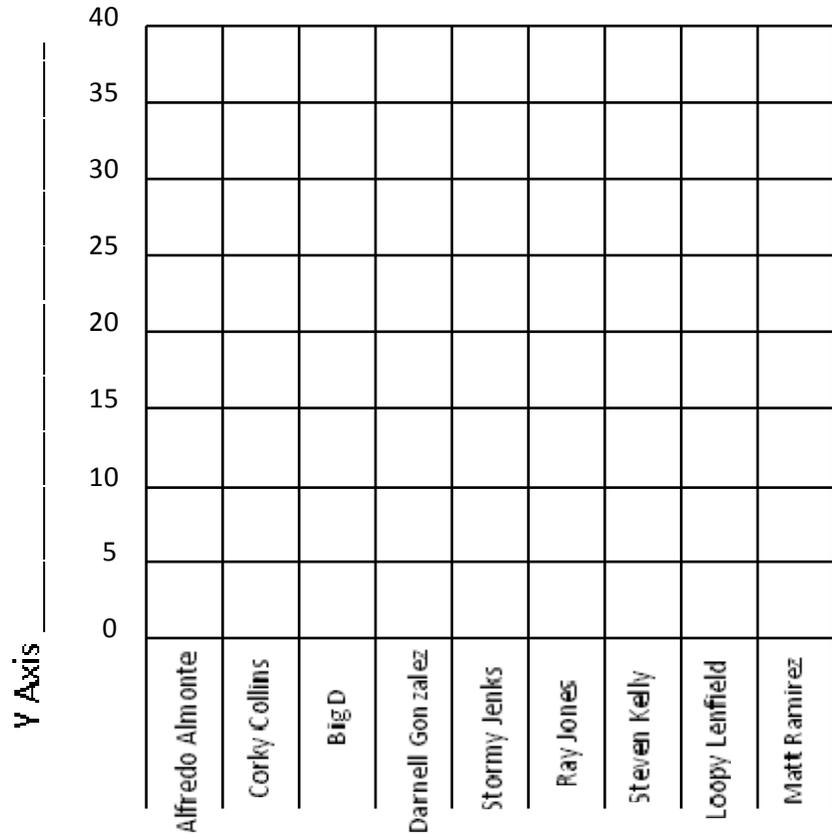
Name: _____

Date: _____

FENWAY FOUL-UP HOME RUN GRAPH

Directions: Graph the home run data on this bar graph. Remember to label your x axis, y axis, and give your graph a title. Have fun!

Title: _____



X Axis _____

1. How many players hit more than 19 home runs? _____
2. How many players hit less than 19 home runs? _____
3. How many home runs did the Boston Red Sox hit this season? _____
4. Who hit the most homers? _____
5. Who hit the least homers? _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

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MORSE CODE COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Each question is written in Morse code. Use the key below to decipher each question. Each of your answers should be written in complete sentences. After you have answered each question in a complete sentence, then you can write your answer in Morse code.

INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE

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

Important Morse Code Facts

1. The space between two letters is equal to three dots.
2. The space between two words is equal to seven dots.

Questions

1. • — — • • • • — — — • — • — • • — • • • • •
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2. • — — • • • • • — — • — — • — • • • •
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3. • — — • • • • • • — • • — • • • • • — • • • •
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Name _____ Date: _____

TEXT-TO-SELF CONNECTION

Good readers always think about the book or text as they are reading.

Sometimes a reader might come across an event in the text that makes her think about her own life. When a reader thinks about his own life while reading, he is making a text-to-self connection. Please write about a text-to-self connection to *The Fenway Foul-Up*. If you want, you can use the suggestions below to help you.

- 1) Big D lost something that was very important to him. Write about a time you lost something that was very important to you.
- 2) Mike and Kate help Big D find his lucky bat. Write about a time you helped someone solve a problem.

Writer's Checklist

- Indentation
- Topic sentence
- An event that happened in the text.
- A similar event that happened in your life.
- Concluding sentence

HOME RUN DATA ANSWERS

1. What was the maximum number of homeruns hit by a Red Sox starter? 32
2. What was the minimum number of homeruns hit by a Red Sox starter? 1
3. What was the range of homeruns hit by the Red Sox starters? 31
4. What was the median number of home runs hit by the Red Sox starters?

Ordered data set: 1, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22, 28, 32

Median: 19

Grand Slam

1. Calculate the average number of homers hit by the Red Sox starters. If you add up all of the numbers and divide by nine, you will calculate the average.

Step 1. $1 + 9 + 11 + 12 + 19 + 20 + 22 + 28 + 32 =$

Step 2. Divide total number of homers by nine.

Average number of homers hit by Red Sox starters equals 17.

HOME RUN GRAPH QUESTIONS

1. How many players hit more than 19 home runs? 4
2. How many players hit less than 19 home runs? 4
3. How many home runs did the Boston Red Sox hit this season? 154
4. Who hit the most homers? Big D
5. Who hit the least homers? Loopy Lenfield

MORSE CODE ANSWERS

1. Who are the two main characters? The two main characters are Kate and Mike.
2. What was stolen? Big D's bat was stolen.
3. Where did they find the bat? They found the bat in the souvenir shop.

TEXT-TO-SELF CONNECTION ANSWERS

Answers vary.

SUGGESTED BOOK PROJECTS

1. FENWAY FOUL-UP SOUVENIR STAND

Create your own Fenway Souvenir Stand. Draw five different souvenirs on paper. Here are some suggestions: bat, t-shirt, poster, pen, and baseball. Label each one with a price under \$2.00. Give your friends \$5.00 in fake money and ask them to shop at your stand. Don't forget to have change on hand.

2. BASEBALL BIOS

Who is your favorite baseball player? Research your favorite baseball player on the web. Write a paragraph that includes three facts about your favorite player, and draw a picture of him or her.

3. CHARACTER CARD

Make an 11 by 18 inch baseball card of your favorite character in FENWAY FOUL-UP.

Your card should include the character's name, a drawing of him or her, three items that are important to your character such as a bat, ball, or a glove, and a letter that he or she wrote to a family member that explains what happens in the book.

4. SUPER SKITS

What do you think Kate and Mike did after they talked to Big D in the dugout? Write the next scene and perform it for your classmates.

5. FENWAY FACTS

On a piece of poster board, draw a baseball diamond game board. Start and finish will be home plate. On index cards, write questions about the Boston Red Sox. Make sure to put the answer on the bottom of the card. Each player rolls a die. If he or she can answer one of the Fenway facts, he or she moves that number of spaces. If not, he or she stays put. The first player to tag all the bags(move from home to first, second, third, and back again) wins the game.

