THE BOYS OF SUMMER

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See if you can hit a home run on this quiz. Play it to the bleachers! Baseball, the national game, has done much for the national language. Give the baseball-inspired slang for the following. Ready? Step up to the plate. Play ball!

1  commit a mistake
2  hit in the head
3  rough estimate
4  introduce an unexpected problem
5  tell someone to quit
6  be very capable
7  adjudicate conscientiously
8  minor organization
9  postponed opportunity
10 substitute
11 get off easily
12 failed completely
13 well off the mark
14 cannot get started
15 defend someone
16 dirty trick or despised person
17 successfully conclude
18 get one's chance
19 doing impossibly bad
20 contact someone regularly if briefly
21 present a proposal
22 giant success
23 immediately
24 handicapped from the start
25 nearing the end of it
26 two birds with one stone
27 respite or rest
28 reputation for success
29 sitting pretty
30 garner the prize