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GAME SITUATION QUIZ

The purpose of this quiz is to help you get used to thinking ahead of an actual play. The questions are specific to different positions, except where noted.

In each question you'll find a description of a game situation. Read the description carefully, then decide what you would do if the play came your way. You can ask for help in answering these questions from your family (in fact I would prefer you discuss and work out the answers with them.)

I will supply you with the answers after you complete the quiz, each answer will include an explanation. And don't worry, you can't fail this quiz - unless the situation comes up in a game and you aren't prepared.

Questions for **ALL INFELDERS:** (In each of these three questions the answer is the same for all the infield positions.)

Situation #1: It's the bottom of the sixth (the last inning) and our team is ahead three to one. But with one out the home team has a runner on third base. The ball is hit hard on the ground to you. Do you make your play to first or to home?

Answer _____

Situation #2: It's the top of the fourth with the score tied at four. There is one out. The visiting team has a slow runner on first and a fast runner on second. The batter chops the ball, so a double play isn't possible. As you field the ball you decide that a great throw will get the runner going to third, but just a good one will get the out at second or first. Where do you make the play?

Answer _____

Situation #3: It's the top of the second and there's no score. With one out, the visiting team has runners on first and third. The infield is at double play depth. The batter hits a medium-speed ground ball. The runner on third breaks for home. Where do you make the play?

Answer _____

Questions for **FIRST BASEMEN:**

Situation #4: It's the bottom of the sixth and your team our team is ahead by one. There is a runner on second base with one out. The ball is slapped between you and the second baseman. You both dive but the ball makes it through to the outfield. As you get off the ground, the base runner rounds third and heads for home. What do you do?

Answer _____

Situation #5: It's the bottom of the sixth in a tie game. The batter hitting in the seventh slot in the lineup leads off the inning by rapping a double. Where do you play the next batter?

Answer _____

Situation #6: It's the bottom of the third and our team is losing by two runs. There is no one out and the batter hits the ball deep into the alley in left center field. It is a sure double, possibly a triple. What do you do?

Answer _____

Questions for **SECOND BASEMEN;**

Situation #7: It's the bottom of the sixth, with runners on first and second. With two outs, our team is ahead by one run. The pitcher uncorks a wild pitch, but the catcher blocks it. You're covering second and the throw beats the runner from first by a country mile. You have the runner trapped in a rundown. You're fairly sure you'll be able to tag him, but the runner who made it to third on the wild pitch is now standing halfway down the line toward home. Do you try to tag the runner you've trapped, or do you throw home and try to make the play on the runner between third and home?

Answer _____

Situation #8: Our team leads five to three in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, there is a runner on second. The pitcher throws a wild pitch to a left-handed batter on ball four. The ball rolls all the way to the backstop. What do you do?

Answer _____

Situation #9: It is a tie game in the fourth. There is one out. With runners on first and third, the ball is popped up behind the plate on the first base side. The runners are in position to tag up. What do you do?

Answer _____

Questions for **SHORTSTOPS;**

Situation #10: There are runners on first and second in the third inning. The game is tied at one, with no one out. The ball is hit sharply into the hole between you and the third baseman. You dive and come up with it. Do you throw to second, for the potential double play, or to third?

Answer _____

Situation #11: It's the top of the sixth inning and the score is tied. The visiting team has runners on second and third and there is one out. The batter hits a high pop fly in foul territory behind

third base. You're digging hard and know you can make the catch, but you also know that your momentum will carry you out of bounds (allowing the runners to advance one base). Do you let the ball drop?

Answer _____

Situation #12: There's a runner on first, with one out and the score tied at two in the second. The batter hits a slow roller past the pitcher. It will be very tough play at second, but relatively easy out at first. Where should you throw the ball?

Answer _____

Questions for **THIRD BASEMEN:**

Situation #13: The bases are loaded and the score is tied in the bottom of the fifth. With one out you're playing at the baseline, at double play depth. The ball is hit right at you, moderately hard, just a step and a half from third base. The batter runs well. Do you step on third, and then throw home? Do you throw home and let the catcher go for the double play? Or do you step on third, and then throw to first for the double play?

Answer _____

Situation #14: There is a runner on second and no one out. Our team is down by one run in the third. The batter bunts the ball down the third baseline. It appears to be a perfect bunt. As you and the pitcher surround it, the ball rolls right along the foul line. You don't have a shot at the runner at first. What do you do?

Answer _____

Situation #15: It is the bottom of the sixth with two outs. Our team is ahead eight to five, but the bases are loaded and the cleanup batter is at the plate. He swings at the first pitch and hits it far over the fence. What do you do?

Answer _____

Questions for **OUTFIELDERS:**

Situation #16: With two outs, there's a man on second. Our team is ahead three to one in the bottom of the sixth. You have a strong arm. On a single hit in front of you, where do you make your throw?

Answer _____

Situation #17: The bases are loaded with two outs in the top of the fifth. Our team is ahead six to three. The batter hits a single. Where do you throw the ball?

Answer _____

Situation #18: It's the bottom of the sixth with one out. There is a runner on third and the game is tied. Where should you play?

Answer _____

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