

Baseball's Home Run King: Hank Aaron

Hank Aaron, baseball's home run king, was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1934. He never played high school baseball. But through hard work, he made his way into the major leagues. In 1954, Hank Aaron joined the Milwaukee Braves—a major league team.

In his first game, Aaron did not get a single hit. But he did not let that get him down. Ten days later, he hit his first home run. Aaron would go on to hit 754 more home runs. This made him the first player to beat Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs.

In 1957, Aaron was voted the Most Valuable Player in the National League. That same year, he also helped his team win the World Series.

Hank Aaron retired in 1976 after 23 seasons. His home run record stood for more than 30 years. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982. Many people today think Hank Aaron was one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

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1. MONITOR ORAL READING FLUENCY

To monitor student progress, use two copies of the passage, one for you and one for the student. On your copy of the passage, record the student's oral reading behaviors and the minutes and seconds required for the student to read the entire passage.

Note expression, phrasing, and miscues.

INTRODUCE THE PASSAGE

Say: *In this passage, "Baseball's Home Run King: Hank Aaron," Hank Aaron is chosen as one of baseball's most valuable players in the National League. Read aloud to find out why. You may begin now.*

RATE Use the student's oral reading time to circle the Words Per Minute (WPM) range. After the assessment, determine and record the student's exact WPM.

167 (Total Words Read) ÷ _____ total seconds = _____ × 60 = _____ WPM

Rate	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Minutes:Seconds	2:36 or more	2:35–2:07	2:06–1:31	1:30 or less
WPM	64 or fewer	65–79	80–110	111 or more

ACCURACY Circle the number of miscues that are not self-corrected and record the percent of accuracy.

Accuracy	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT			4 ADVANCED	
Number of Miscues	10 or more	8–9	6–7	5	3–4	1–2	0
Percent of Accuracy	94 or less	95	96	97	98	99	100

If the student's percent of accuracy or rate is below the instructional range, reassess with a lower-level passage to determine an instructional reading level.

Check one: _____ Expression and phrasing are appropriate.
 _____ Expression and phrasing need attention.

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2. MONITOR COMPREHENSION

Circle the descriptors that best reflect the student's responses. Possible Independent responses for Sections 2 and 3 are provided. Accept other appropriate responses. The student may use the passage when responding.

SUMMARIZE Important/Main Idea Say: *What is the main, or most important, idea of this passage?*

(Possible responses: *Hank Aaron was one of the greatest baseball players of all time.*)

Comprehension	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Summarize: Main Idea	Identifies vague, inaccurate idea or does not respond	Gives a partially correct response, such as identifies a less important idea; may misinterpret information	Identifies the main idea	Identifies the main idea including details and specific vocabulary from the text

SUMMARIZE Details Say: *Tell me two details about Hank Aaron's life before he got into baseball.* (Possible responses: *He was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1934. He did not play baseball in high school.*)

Comprehension	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Summarize: Details	Identifies vague, inaccurate details or does not respond	Gives a partially correct response, such as identifies 1 of 2 details; may misinterpret information	Identifies 2 details	Identifies 2 details using specific vocabulary from the text

3. IN-DEPTH PROGRESS MONITORING

The items below provide more in-depth progress monitoring of specific skills. The student may use the passage when responding.

COMPREHENSION Sequence

- Say: *What happened first: Hank Aaron joined the Milwaukee Braves or Hank Aaron was voted the Most Valuable Player?* (Possible response: *Hank Aaron joined the Milwaukee Braves.*)
- Say: *What clue words or dates help you understand which event happened first?* (Possible responses: *In 1954; In 1957*)

Comprehension	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Sequence	Is unable to identify the event or the sequence words, or does not respond	Gives a partially correct response, such as identifies 1 event in the sequence	Identifies the events in sequence	Identifies the events in sequence and the sequence words using specific vocabulary from the text

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VOCABULARY Context Clues

- Point to the word *retired* in the fourth paragraph. Say: **What does retired mean?** (Possible response: *gave up a job or career, probably because of age*)
- Say: **What clue words help you know what retired means?** (Possible response: *after 23 seasons of playing baseball, Hank Aaron retired*)
- Point to the word *valuable* in the third paragraph. Say: **What does valuable mean?** (Possible responses: *important; worth a lot; significant*)
- Say: **What clue words help you know what valuable means?** (Possible responses: *Hank Aaron was voted the Most Valuable Player; he helped his team win the World Series*)

Vocabulary	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Context Clues	Gives inaccurate or vague meanings, or does not respond	Gives a partially correct response, such as the intended meaning of 1 word	Gives the intended meaning of each word	Gives the intended meaning and identifies a context clues for each word

- End the conference.

WORD READING Syllable Patterns VC/V and V/CV Return to the Record of Oral Reading to determine whether the student read these words correctly: *never, major, record, voted, retired, player.*

Word Reading	1 INTERVENTION	2 INSTRUCTIONAL	3 INDEPENDENT	4 ADVANCED
Syllable Patterns VC/V, V/CV	Does not read any words accurately or omits them	Reads 1–5 of 6 words accurately	Reads all 6 words accurately	Reads all 6 words accurately and automatically