

## Play Ball by Jorge Posada

- What happened when Jorge first started batting left handed?
- It was difficult and he got frustrated because he couldn't hit the ball.
- He loved it because it was so easy and he was able to hit a home run right away.
- He hated it because he got hit by the ball.
  
- Jorge's dad wanted him to be a switch hitter. From this story you can tell a switch hitter means...
- Someone who can throw lefty or righty.
- Someone who can pitch and hit.
- Someone who can hit lefty and righty.
  
- Jorge's friend told him it made sense for Jorge to be a switch hitter. Why?
- He said that Jorge would be able to hit from both a left handed pitcher and a right handed pitcher.
- He said that Jorge would be able to run to the left and the right.
- He said that Jorge could then join the circus.
  
- How were Jorge and Mickey Mantle ALIKE?
- They both hated baseball.
- They were both switch hitters.
- Neither one became a switch hitter.
  
- What was Jorge's favorite part about his first trip to New York?
- Flying in a plane.
- Visiting Yankee Stadium.
- Leaving.
  
- How do you think Jorge felt when the opposing catcher said "easy out" as Jorge came up to bat in Casa Cuba's game?

- Happy and excited
- Bored
- Sad and embarrassed
  
- What happened in the 9th inning when Jorge was at bat?
  
- He hit a double, 2 runners scored, and they won the game.
- He got hit by the ball and got to walk to first base.
- He struck out and they lost the game.
  
- From this story, what can you tell about Jorge's personality?
  
- Jorge doesn't try very hard and gives up too easily.
- Jorge loves baseball, he practices a lot, and he never gives up.
- Jorge does not like to play baseball and would rather be inside.
  
- What lesson do you think Jorge learned from this story?
  
- Never give up and practice makes perfect.
- Never learn anything new if it is too challenging.
- Be careful when your coach tells you to try something new, it might be hard.