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4. Henry "Hank" Aaron's Birthday - February 5, 1934

## Swing That Hammer, Hank



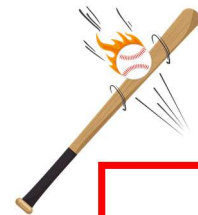
Bobby stood at the plate with a bead of sweat running down his cheek and a look of fierce determination in his eye. It was his turn to bat in the final inning of the championship game. The score was tied, and Bobby's team needed this point to win. Both of his proud parents were in the stands watching the game with tense excitement.

Suddenly, his father called out, "Swing that hammer, Hank!"

He said this because he and Bobby had recently read together an autobiography called I Had a Hammer, written by the great Hall of Fame professional baseball player Henry "Hank" Aaron. Bobby understood what his father meant, and the shout out gave him confidence. He swung hard at the next pitch. With a mighty crack, the ball sailed over the homerun fence. His ecstatic teammates engulfed him. Bobby looked up into the stands to see the beaming smiles of his mom and dad. He wondered if Hank Aaron felt this way each time he hit one of his 755 career homeruns.



Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ stood at the plate ready to bat.
2. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ inning of the championship game.
3. Bobby's team needed this point to \_\_\_\_\_ the game.
4. Bobby's parents were in the \_\_\_\_\_ watching the game.
5. Bobby's \_\_\_\_\_ called out, "Swing that hammer, Hank!"
6. Bobby and his dad had read a book about \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Bobby hit a \_\_\_\_\_ and his team won the game.
8. Hank Aaron hit \_\_\_\_\_ homeruns during his career.

### WORD BANK

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