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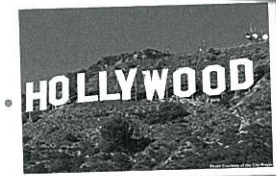
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アメリカ人に人気の夏のアクティビティといえば、水泳や野球、バーベキューなどが挙げられます。ケープコッドという町には、全米中から夏の期間に、メジャーリーガーを夢見る子供たちが集まり、スカウトたちの目も光ります。子供たちはホームステイをしながら滞在し、野球に打ち込み、そして余暇も楽しめます。こうしてひと夏の大きな思い出ができるのです。

### ★ Introduction

映像を見る前に、太字の重要な語句に注意しながら以下の英文を読んでみましょう。

Disc 1  
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Swimming, baseball, picnics and barbeques are very popular summer activities in America. Local baseball leagues are a good way for **young** players to show off their abilities. The **atmosphere** at these small town games is **laid back**. This is good fun for the **spectators** watching games in the **bleachers**. This is local baseball so there is no **admission fee** to watch the games. 5

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Most small towns have little league games for kids. High school teams also have games. Regional leagues like Cape Cod League are well known for the quality of the games. **Up-and-coming** college players are invited to play for these teams. They stay with host families while they are at Cape 10  
Cod. Scouts often visit these games, looking for **prospects** for major league teams. It is a great **starting ground** for future pros. Every player is being

evaluated by the scouts, so there is pressure on players to do their very best. They have to **compete** against other very good players.

4) Jeff is a young man from California. He is staying with the Tolluch family. Jeff thinks the players' talent here is very good. It is so good that it is **unbelievable**. Besides taking care of Jeff, the Tolluchs attend his games. They support their local team and their hosted boys. Besides baseball, the family wants Jeff to enjoy Cape Cod. They want him to appreciate the town's **quaintness**. For fun, they take him on their boat for some **clamming**, a New England custom. In this way, great memories are made in just one summer.

Watch the Video

ここで内容を把握しながら映像を見てみましょう。(5)(6)(7)

Notes

- in the stands 観客席に、スタンドに
- tubing タイヤのチューブに乗って水面を滑る
- head to head 直接対決、一対一
- recorded 記録されている
- immigrants 移民
- counter-clockwise 反時計回り

Listening Exercise - True or False

映像の内容を思いだしながら、次の文が合っていたら T、間違っていたら F に丸をつけましょう。

- [ T / F ] 1. Jeff is from California.
- [ T / F ] 2. Jeff is a high school student.
- [ T / F ] 3. Because of scouts these games can be tense and stressful for players.
- [ T / F ] 4. Fans like the idea of seeing someone who may one day become a pro.
- [ T / F ] 5. Fans watching the games have to sit in the bleachers only.
- [ T / F ] 6. The baseball players live with local host families.
- [ T / F ] 7. Jeff feels part of the Tolluch's family

Listening Exercise - Multiple Choice

映像の内容を思いだしながら、正しい答を選びましょう。

- Who are the players in the Cape Cod League?
  - a. high school players
  - b. top college players
  - c. semi pro players
- What position does Jeff play?
  - a. pitcher
  - b. first base
  - c. second base
- What is Jeff's dream?
  - a. to play for his university team
  - b. to go pro
  - c. to catch for the New York Yankees
- How much does it cost to attend these games?
  - a. \$5 per person
  - b. \$3 per person
  - c. it is free
- How many children do the Tolluch's have?
  - a. two
  - b. three
  - c. four
- Mrs Tolluch thinks having the boys live with her has been...
  - a. difficult
  - b. fantastic
  - c. helpful
- What did Jeff enjoy at Cape Cod besides play baseball?
  - a. trying new things
  - b. going on a boat
  - c. the quaint village

### Vocabulary Check

次の文の空欄に適語を選んで入れましょう。

- I really enjoy the relaxed \_\_\_\_\_ of my English class because the teacher uses video and music.
- We live in a charming and \_\_\_\_\_ little town, not a big exciting city.
- Adults have to pay an \_\_\_\_\_ but children may enter for free.
- My father is an artist and not at all strict. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- This year's team is \_\_\_\_\_. They have won every game this year.
- I like baseball but only as a \_\_\_\_\_. I've never played a game in my life.
- The amateur musicians could not \_\_\_\_\_ against the pros. They're just not good enough.

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|---------------|------------------|------------|
| a. spectator  | b. admission fee |            |
| c. atmosphere | d. quaint        |            |
| e. laid back  | f. up and coming | g. compete |

### Conversation Exercise

次の会話を声に出して読んでみましょう。

- 8) A: Go Brewster Go!  
 B: I think we're going to win this game don't you?  
 A: I thought he was an *up-and-coming* player! I can't believe that guy struck out!!!  
 B: Too bad. He's usually such a great player.

### Extra Reading

次の文は映像の背景のひとつです。読んで映像の内容を再確認してみましょう。

#### ● Baseball History

The first ever recorded game of baseball took place in Surrey, UK in 1749. This early form of the game was brought to North America by English immigrants. The British also brought along another similar game: "rounders". By the early 1830s a variety of bat and ball games were being playing around America. These games were called "town ball", "round ball" or "base ball". By the late 19th century, baseball had become the national sport of the USA. Modern baseball is played between two teams of nine players. Each team takes turns batting and fielding. Teams try to score more runs by hitting the ball and moving counter-clockwise around four bases. A run is scored when the batter/runner advances along the bases and gets to home plate safely. Find out more about baseball at <http://baseball.about.com>

