

Hank Aaron

Review Key Words⁵

home runs	hits by baseball players that let them score runs
wrists	joints that connect the hands to the arms
record	the best job ever done in an area
broke	beat; did better than

Write a Prediction



Read the Story⁶⁻⁸

7 When Hank Aaron was a little boy
13 growing up in Mobile, Alabama, he
21 worked on an ice truck. Those were the
26 days before refrigerators, and Hank
33 delivered ice for people's **ice boxes**. He
41 would chip off a 25- or 50- pound
49 **block**. Then he would pick it up with
56 hooks and carry it into people's houses.
64 They say that is when he **developed** his
66 powerful wrists.

72 Many sluggers use their whole arms
80 to get power, but Hank Aaron hits the
88 ball a different way. He waits until the
97 very last **instant**. It seems as if he is
107 going to let the ball go by. Then with a
114 **snap** of his powerful wrists, he **swats**
the ball just before it hits the catcher's

122 mitt. That is what he did at 9:07 p.m.
131 on April 8, 1974. At that moment, he
139 hit his 715th **homer**. That broke the old
147 **record** set by Babe Ruth. Before his
154 **career** was over, Hank hit a total of 755
163 home runs.

165 Hank is a great player, but that
172 doesn't mean he never made mistakes.
178 Once when he was just a **rookie** left
186 fielder for the Milwaukee Braves, he
192 was running between bases and his hat
199 flew off. And Hank ran back to get it!
208 Hank had a lot to learn. But as his
217 record shows, he learned his lessons
223 well.
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cold score

words read _____

- errors _____ = _____
hot score expression date passed

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