

Title: Nate the Great and the Stolen Base

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Genre: Fiction

Theme: Mystery

Setting: A baseball field (and surrounding areas)

Characters: Nate (the Great), Oliver

Plot: Nate the Great's team wanted to play baseball, but they were missing second base, which was Oliver's toy octopus. Nate looks everywhere and finds three of the arms of the octopus. Eventually Nate finds them and the baseball game is back on.

Questions:

Where did Nate begin his search for second base? P. 14. Oliver's house.

What did Nate find on Oliver's bookcase? Books, a tank of eels, baseball cards, mitts, balls, bats, and a telephone.

Where did he go next? Back to the baseball field, back home then to Annie's house

How did Nate know to go to Annie's house? He knew that Annie's dog, Fang, would eat almost anything, so he thought Fang might have grabbed the second base.

What brought Nate back to Oliver's house to look behind the bookcase? He thought of the telephone cord and the curly octopus legs and got an idea from that.

After he found the octopus behind the case, what did the boys do? Called everyone so they could have baseball practice.

Extension/Projects to go with the book

- Set up a search in the classroom
- Write a mystery story.
- Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story.