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## The Kid from Brighton Beach

Boris was excited when his family moved from Russia to America.	11
He would have to learn to speak English, but he had always been a good student. Boris was also excited because he had always been told that America was the land of baseball.	26 38 44
Boris and his friends in Russia had organized two teams. Although they didn't have much equipment, they played baseball in the park on weekends in the spring and summer. Boris became the best hitter of them all.	56 69 81
Boris liked his new home in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, New York. Now that it was springtime, he thought more and more about baseball. He had seen his school baseball team, the Eagles, practicing. However, he didn't know how to get on the team.	93 106 117 127
One afternoon, Boris stopped to watch the Eagles practicing. One of the boys said, "Coach, that's Boris Brodsky. He's in my class. He just moved here from Russia."	139 152 155
The coach asked if there was something he could do for Boris. Boris said, "I like baseball. I must ... to play ..." He struggled for the right words.	169 182
The coach said, "I'll give you a chance. Step up to the plate. Let's see what you can do."	197 201
Boris could feel his heart beating fast. The ball came speeding toward him. Boris swung and missed. He backed away from the next two pitches. Then came the pitch that Boris had been hoping for. He blasted the ball way, way out beyond the far end of the field.	213 226 241 250
The coach cried out, "Way to go, kid! I want you on the team. Where did you learn to hit like that?"	266 272
Boris smiled. "In Russia," he said.	278

