

Conversation

Anna: Hi, there, sports fans! **Baseball** is America's sport. Today, I am going to **Nationals Park**. It is home to Washington, D.C.'s baseball **team** -- the Washington Nationals!

Anna: Hi, Jonathan!

Jonathan: Hi, Anna! Where are you going?

Anna: I am taking a bus to a Nationals baseball game!

Jonathan: Don't take the bus. A taxi is **faster than** a bus.

Anna: Oh, good idea. You know I love baseball.

Jonathan: That's great. Have fun.

Anna: In fact, I wanted to be a baseball player.

Jonathan: Is this one of your memories? I'm really busy.

Anna: This won't take long. I can see it now... I am at **home plate**. I wait for the **pitch**. The ball comes. I **swing**. It's a **hit!** I run to first **base**, second base, third base, then home plate. It's a **home run!** The **crowd cheers!** Woo hoo!

Jonathan: You really love baseball. Have fun at the game, Anna.

Anna: Thanks, Jonathan. Taxi!

Ashley: Hi, Anna. Where are you going?

Anna: Hi, Ashley. I am going to see a Nationals baseball game!

Ashley: What time is the game?

Anna: 7 o'clock.

Ashley: Do you have a ticket?

Anna: No, not yet.

Ashley: Anna, you should go a lot **earlier than 7 o'clock.**

Anna: That is why I'm taking a taxi. Taxi!

Ashley: Anna, Anna, that's not a good idea. A **bicycle** is faster than a taxi.

Anna: Oh, Ashley. Ashley, Ashley, Ashley. A car is faster than your bicycle.

Ashley: In D.C. traffic sometimes a bicycle *is* faster than a car. And right now, there is a *lot* of traffic.

Anna: Good point. But I don't have a bicycle.

Ashley: Okay, Anna, you can use my bicycle.

Anna: Thanks! I really want to learn how to ride one.

Ashley: What do you mean, *learn* how to ride a **bike**? Oh, Anna! Anna, Anna!

Ashley: You know, Anna, the Metro is faster than a taxi and a bicycle. You ought to take the Metro. It's that way.

Anna: Good idea.

Ashley: OK.

Anna: See you later!

Ashley: Bye, Anna!

Anna: Bye!

Anna: The Metro was a lot faster than a bus, taxi or bike. And now I'm at Nationals Park! Look at all these fans! So many people like to watch baseball. There's the ticket window. What? The tickets are sold out? Nooooooo!Nooooooo! But I really want to watch a baseball game. Does anyone have an extra ticket?

Fan: Next time, you should buy your ticket **online**.

Anna: Thanks. Thanks a lot. It *is* good advice. Being early is **better** than being late. Until next time ...