

WHO SPOKE? (BAG)

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Definitions:

Bag: a container that may be closed and opened

Bag: a bulge in cloth

Bag: a square white canvas container to mark a base in baseball

Bag: the amount contained in a bag

Bag: sure or certain

A bag was found in the trash.

Those baggy clothes are not cool.

He tagged the bag.

I have a bag full of coins.

It's "in the bag."

Setting: At the ballgame

Characters:

Narrator

William

Joseph

Narrator: It was the bottom of the 9th inning between the Stars and the Planets baseball teams. William and Joseph were excited because their favorite team, the Stars, was winning, 3 to 2. There were two outs and the next Planets' batter was their best hitter.

William: I'm so nervous I can hardly eat my bag of popcorn!

Joseph: Me, too, Billie! Oh, no! Randy Markover, their best hitter, is up.

William: Hey, Joe, what's going on in the outfield?

Joseph: Looks like a big bag of - I don't know what- is floating around out there.

William: What do you think it is? Maybe one of those helium balloons?

Joseph: Oh, oh...there go the police out onto the field. This looks pretty serious!

William: (laughing) Wait! There's a dog out there now. Do you see it? It's twisting around that baggy stuff. He's chewing it up, big time!!

Narrator: The dog became the hero of the day! The crowd cheered as the dog dragged the mystery bag off the field. The umpires returned to their places as the pitcher and team mates returned to their positions to warm up then continue the game.

Joseph: This game is "in the bag." It's another winner for the Stars.

William: Don't jinx our chances by saying we're going to win too soon.

Narrator: Just then, Randy Markover hit a fly ball into the outfield. He rounded first base with a big smile on his face, but as he came to second base the second baseman tagged Randy before he touched the bag. William and Joseph were jumping up and down and screaming.

William: That's it! Three outs! What a great play. (imitating an announcer) And the score is 3 to 2.

Joseph: We've got the greatest team this year. I bet they win the League.

Narrator: William and Joseph grabbed their empty popcorn bags, squashed them and threw them into the trash. On their way home they talked about the great plays they had seen that day. Then they shared information about the Olympics.

William: Hey, Joe, have you seen the bag of Olympic pins on the shopping channel? They're going to be hot when 2008 comes around.

Joseph: Yeah, Bill, and they're not that expensive. I bet the price will go way up after the Olympics start.

William: Are you going to buy some?

Joseph: I don't know yet. Maybe. How much was a bag?

William: About \$16 a bag. But I forget how many pins are in a bag. Do you know?

Joseph: I bet everyone will be trading at school. I guess I'll buy some.

William: Well, let me know and maybe we can get some together.

Joseph: Okay. Hey have you seen those new baggy pants they're showing at Klines?

William: I wouldn't wear those if you paid me a million dollars.

Joseph: Aw... come on. They're kinda cool – I know the girls go for them.

William: If I see you in those bags, I'm putting a bag over your head.

Narrator: The boys playfully punched and wrestled each other as they left the ball park. Just then a strange voice called their names. They turned around and didn't see anyone. They looked at each other with frightened faces and began to run.

What happened next?

Using as many definitions of bag as you can, end the play.