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Cracking the Code: Mastering the Art of Pitching in Baseball

Short Answer Key

1. A curveball has a wicked spin that makes it curve in mid-air, while a slider has less curve but still moves sideways.
2. The grip is important because it determines how the ball will move in the air. Different grips create different types of pitches.
3. A pitcher's stance on the mound includes how they position their feet and body before starting their pitch.
4. A pitcher can use body language by showing no signs of what pitch they're about to throw, keeping the batter guessing.
5. Mental preparation and studying batters are crucial because they help a pitcher anticipate the batter's actions and make strategic decisions.

