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Baseball's Run Scoring System: The Art of Crossing Home Plate

Short Answer Key

1. A batter scores a run by hitting a home run when they hit the ball over the outfield fence and out of the playing field. This results in an automatic run for the batter and anyone already on base.
2. When a batter receives a walk, it means the pitcher has thrown four balls outside the strike zone. The batter is awarded first base, and any runners on base may advance. The batter does not need to swing the bat to reach base.
3. A sacrifice play in baseball is when a batter intentionally makes an out to advance runners already on base. This often involves bunting the ball to move runners into scoring position. It contributes to scoring runs by trading an out for better base positioning, making it more likely that a run will be scored by the next batter or through subsequent plays.
4. Base coaches assist runners by providing guidance and signals as they round the bases. They help runners decide when to advance, when to stop, or when to slide to avoid being tagged out. Base coaches also communicate with runners to ensure they are aware of the game situation and make informed decisions.
5. In a situation where there is a runner on third base with less than two outs, and the batter hits a ground ball to the shortstop, the shortstop may choose to make an out by throwing the ball to first base instead of attempting to tag the runner at home plate. In this case, the runner on third base could score a run before the out at first base is recorded, resulting in a run being scored on a fielder's choice.

