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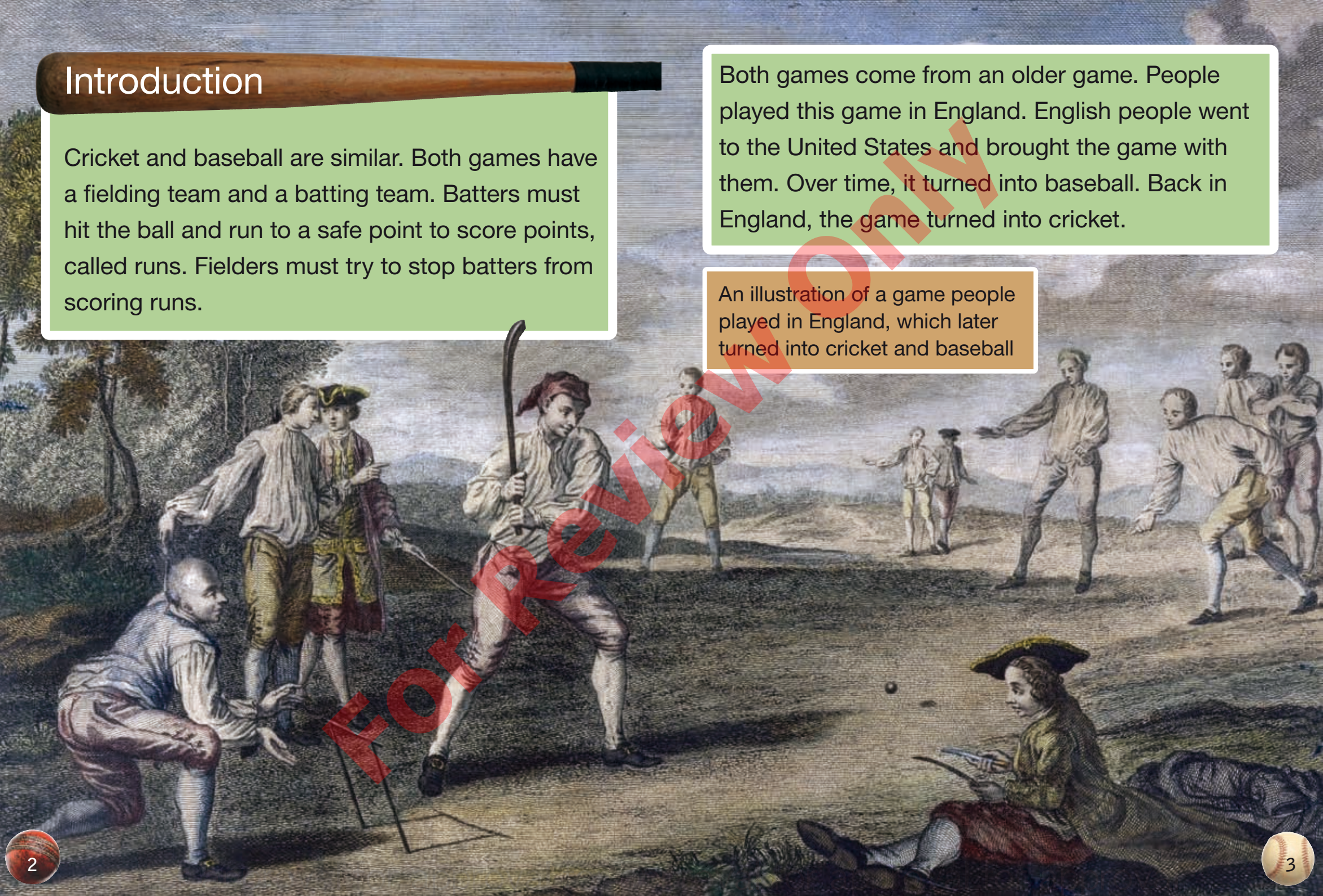
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Introduction

Cricket and baseball are similar. Both games have a fielding team and a batting team. Batters must hit the ball and run to a safe point to score points, called runs. Fielders must try to stop batters from scoring runs.

Both games come from an older game. People played this game in England. English people went to the United States and brought the game with them. Over time, it turned into baseball. Back in England, the game turned into cricket.

An illustration of a game people played in England, which later turned into cricket and baseball



Sports Gear

A bat and ball were the basic gear of the old English game. Cricket and baseball use a bat and a ball, too. However, cricket balls are a little heavier and harder than baseballs.

Baseball bats are narrow and round. Most are made of ash wood. Cricket bats are wide and flat. They are made of willow wood.

In baseball, fielders wear leather gloves to stop the ball. In cricket, fielders do not wear gloves.

Baseball Bat and Cricket Bat



Cricket fielders waiting for a batter to hit the ball



A baseball fielder diving to catch a baseball



Batters

In cricket and baseball, most of the batting team is off the field. In baseball, one batter comes out to face the ball. In cricket, by contrast, two batters are on the field. One batter faces the ball and the other waits at one of two safe points. In cricket, safe points are called **creases**. In baseball, there are four safe points, or **bases**.

As the baseball batter prepares to swing the bat, the catcher prepares to catch the ball.

In a cricket game, one batter hits the ball, and both batters run between the creases.

