

33 QUOTATIONS



Yogi Berra

(1925-)

Yogi Berra is considered the greatest baseball catcher of all time, both in the field and at bat, with 358 home runs and a lifetime batting average of .285. He played 19 years for the New York Yankees, was named Most Valuable Player in the American League 3 times, and appeared in 21 World Series as player, coach and manager. Nicknamed Yogi because he was said to resemble a Hindu yogi when he sat with his arms and legs crossed, Berra became the model for the cartoon character Yogi Bear. He quit school at the 8th grade. Reporters sought him out and delighted in recording his malapropisms, self-contradictions, and illogical howlers:

Half the lies they tell about me aren't true.

I never said most of the things I said.

I wish I had an answer to that because I'm tired of answering that question.

If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer.

Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical.

In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.

How can you think and hit at the same time?

So I'm ugly. So what? I never saw anyone hit with his face.

He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious.

I never blame myself when I'm not hitting. I just blame the bat and if it keeps up, I change bats.

If you come to a fork in the road, take it.

If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

You can observe a lot by just watching.

We have deep depth.

The other teams could make trouble for us if they win.

I knew the record would stand until it was broken.

We made too many wrong mistakes.

Even Napoleon had his Watergate.

You wouldn't have won if we'd beaten you.

It gets late early out there.

The future ain't what it used to be.

It's like deja-vu, all over again.

It ain't over till it's over.

It ain't the heat, it's the humility.

A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.

The towels were so thick there I could hardly close my suitcase.

Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded.

It was impossible to get a conversation going, everybody was talking too much.

I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did.

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.

If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's gonna stop 'em.

You should always go to other people's funerals, otherwise, they won't come to yours.

[On being honored at an awards dinner]: I just want to thank everyone who made this day necessary.

