



Baseball icon Ichiro Suzuki retires

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Ichiro Suzuki, the most prolific hitter in baseball history and an icon on both sides of the Pacific, retires as his fellow Seattle Mariners wept, bowed and hugged him in a Tokyo stadium rocking with cheers.



1. Ichiro Suzuki, _____

2. On Thursday the 45-year-old was sent off _____

3-1. He was playing _____

3-2. of the Major League Baseball _____

4. The Mariners won 5-4 _____

5. Ichiro _____

SEATTLE MARINERS BASEBALL PLAYER, ICHIRO SUZUKI, SAYING:

"After this game, 9 years in Japan, 19 years in America, I will put an end to my career and announce my retirement. I am happy to be able to wear a Mariners jersey and retire."

6. Ichiro has over three thousand hits in the U.S. major leagues _____

7. His record at 4,367 hits _____

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"American fans were very critical at first.

During my first spring training in 2001, fans would tell me "Go back to Japan".

But, putting up results, they started to act differently.

I realized that when you perform and deliver results, they will respect me.

That made a huge impact."

8. Ichiro _____

9-1. He played _____

9-2. and also _____

10. He's expected _____

11. He became _____

[Vocabulary]

☐ **prolific**: marked by abundant inventiveness or productivity ; (of a sports player) high-scoring.

☐ **send off**: to give one good wishes before a departure; to bid one farewell.

• *I got really emotional when all my friends arrived to send me off at the end of the summer.*

☐ **rock with cheers**:

☐ **Seattle Mariners**: an American professional baseball team based in Seattle, Washington. The Mariners compete in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the American League (AL) West Division

☐ **Oakland Athletics**: an American professional baseball team based in Oakland, California. They compete in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the American League (AL) West division.

☐ **Major League Baseball**: (*baseball*) The highest level professional baseball organization in the United States and Canada.

☐ **extra innings**: overtime play until one team is ahead at the end of an inning; e.g. baseball

☐ **put an end to**: to cause (something) to stop or prevent (something) from continuing

• *Her father was quick to put an end to her dreams of becoming a model.*

☐ **jersey**: a shirt worn as part of a uniform in sports such as football

☐ **critical**: containing or making severe or negative judgments

☐ **put up**: to succeed in producing or achieving; to score

☐ **result**: success that is achieved by your actions or efforts

• *A non-violent policy produces results.*

☐ **deliver results**:

☐ **impact**: an effect, or an influence

☐ **make a huge impact**:

☐ **sweep**: to win an overwhelming victory in or on

☐ **American League**: one of the two major leagues in professional U.S. baseball

☐ **MVP**: = most valuable player: the best player in a team in sports such as baseball and American football

☐ **career**: a field for or pursuit of consecutive progressive achievement especially in public, professional, or business life

• *"Washington's career as a soldier*

☐ **late-career:**

☐ **stretch:** a continuous period of time

☐ **New York Yankees:** an American professional baseball team based in the New York City borough of the Bronx.

☐ **Miami Marlins:** an American professional baseball team based in Miami, Florida. They compete in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the National League (NL) East division.

☐ **chairman:** the person in charge of a large organization or corporation

☐ **special assistant to the chairman:**