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1. With runners on base, a pitcher, while on the rubber, drops the ball. Umpire calls a balk.
2. With none out and runners at first and third, Dodge is the proper batter, but Evans (who follows Dodge in the batting order) comes to bat. With the count 2-2 on Evans, the defense appeals. The umpire rules that Dodge will replace Evans and assume the 2-2 count with no additional penalty.
3. Runners on 1st and 3rd and no outs. The batter bunts the ball and as he is running to first, the ball hits his foot in fair territory. Umpire calls batter out, calls the runner who was on 1st out, and sends other runner back to third.
4. With one out, a runner on 3d base tries to steal home. Batter interferes with the catcher and the runner slides in safely. Umpire calls batter out and sends runner back to 3rd base.
5. With bases loaded and one out the batter bunts the ball high in the air near the pitcher's mound. The pitcher allows the ball to drop to the ground. The runners hold their bases and the pitcher throws to the catcher standing on the plate. The catcher then throws to the third baseman, who steps on third. Umpire rules double play, inning over.
6. There is a runner on 2nd base when the pitcher commits a balk. The batter however, hits a ground ball to 3rd baseman, who holds runner at 2nd but fails to get the batter-runner out at 1st base. Umpire enforces the balk. He awards runner 3rd base and returns batter to the plate.
7. Runners on 1st and 3rd with one out. Batter hits a high pop fly toward 2nd. Batter does not run it out, so the 2nd baseman lets the ball fall, untouched, to the ground, then throws to the 1st baseman who tags the runner on 1st and then the base. Umpire declares two outs on the play, inning over.
8. With two outs and a runner on 3rd base, the runner, on the next pitch tries to steal home. The batter had a 2-2 count on him. The pitch hits the runner in the strike zone, as he slides in safely. Umpire calls batter out and allows run to score.
9. The pitcher goes to the mound with a red glove. The umpire allows him to use that glove.
10. A pitch hits the dirt and bounces into the batter's knee, while he's in the batter's box. The umpire calls the pitch a ball.
11. An outfielder makes a running catch of a fly ball, runs two more steps, stumbles and falls. When he hits the ground, the ball comes loose and rolls on the ground. The umpire rules, "No catch."
12. With runners at first and second and none out, a pop fly is hit behind the second baseman. The second baseman ranges far out into the outfield and is prepared to make the catch with ordinary effort when the right fielder calls him off and makes the catch. Even though the infielder is in the outfield and the outfielder caught the ball, this should be called an Infield Fly by the umpires.
13. Runner attempting to steal is caught in run-down between first and second. He is obstructed on his return to first. Umpire calls "Time" and places the obstructed runner on first base, the base he was going towards.
14. With no outs and a runner on 3rd base, a batter hits a line drive, which strikes an umpire before it has passed a fielder. Umpire awards batter 1st base and the runner home.

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15. With bases loaded and none out, a pop up is hit between the pitcher's mound and home plate. The umpires call "Infield fly" but the pitcher and the catcher allow the ball to drop untouched between them. The catcher retrieves the ball and steps on home plate just before the runner from third touches the plate. The umpire rules the batter is out and the runner from third is out on the force.
16. With two strikes, the batter swings and fouls the ball directly back into the catcher's chest protector after which the catcher secures the ball before it hits the ground. The umpire declares this a foul ball and the batter continues to bat.
17. The count is 2-2. On the next pitch, the batter starts to swing but holds up and the ball hits his hands in the strike zone. The ball is dead and the batter is out.
18. One out, runners at first and third. Batter flies out. The runner on third legally tags and scores. The runner from first was half way between first and second when the catch is made. He does not beat the throw from the outfield back to first and is called out. Since the runner from third scored before the third out was made, the run counts.
19. With bases loaded and two out, the batter hits a home run inside the park. The runner from first misses third and is called out on appeal. The umpire rules that two runs score.
20. The batter swings at a pitch and hits the ball out of the park with one foot in the batter's box and the other foot entirely outside the batter's box. Umpire rules this is legal and the home run counts
21. With bases loaded and two out, the batter hits a home run inside the park. The runner from first misses second and is called out on appeal. The umpire rules that no runs score.
22. With runners on first and second, the batter lines a hit sharply to the right fielder. The runners have not advanced to the next base when the right fielder fires home to the catcher. The ball bounces off the catcher and as the ball rolls toward the dead ball area, the runners move up to second and third, while batter rounds first. The ball then rolls into the dead ball area. The umpire allows one run to score and places batter at second, runner from first goes to third.
23. If rain delays the continuation of a game, the umpire-in-chief must wait at least 30 minutes before concluding that the game should not continue.
24. The count is 3-2. On the next pitch, the batter starts to swing but holds up and pulls away from the pitch. The ball hits his hands outside the strike zone and then rolls into foul territory. Umpire rules foul ball, since "the hands are part of the bat."
25. Foul pop fly near the first base coach's box. The coach watches the downward flight of the ball and then, at the last moment, leaps out of the way of the ball, just as the first baseman tries but fails to make the catch. Umpire rules batter is out on the coach's interference.
26. With a runner on second, the batter swings and his bat hits the catcher's glove as he hits a fly ball to the right fielder. The runner from second attempts to advance to third after the catch, and the throw is wild allowing him to score. The umpire, who had signaled the catcher's interference, imposes the interference penalty: batter to first base, runner back to second, no run scores. The coach of the offense informs the umpire that he would prefer to take the result of the play. The umpire will deny the request of the coach.

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27. The runner on first is stealing when a ground ball is hit to the shortstop. The shortstop throws to the second baseman, but too late to retire the runner. The second baseman, seeing that the batter has not yet reached first, throws to first. The throw is wild and goes into the dead ball area. Umpire awards runner home and batter second base.
28. With none out and runners at first and third, Dodge is the proper batter, but Evans (who follows Dodge in the batting order) comes to bat. Evans hits a triple and the defense immediately appeals. The umpire rules that Dodge is out, runners return to first and third, and Evans is up.
29. When a batter requests a different ball, the umpire must comply.
30. With a runner on first, the pitcher comes to the set position. The batter steps out of the batter's box as the pitcher begins to pitch. The pitcher stops and does not complete the pitch. Umpire rules balk.
31. In a game in which the DH is being used, the DH will always bat in the same place in the line-up.
32. With runner on first, batter hits a ball in the gap. As the runner rounds second, he is forced to hesitate to avoid the shortstop standing in his way. He rounds third and tries to score where he is thrown out on a close play, while the batter pulls into second. The umpire calls "Time" and allows the run to score because of the obstruction on the runner near second.
33. With a runner on second, the pitcher while touching his plate steps toward second but does not throw the ball. The umpire rules this is a balk.
34. After 5 innings, the home team is leading 5-2. In the top of the sixth inning, the visitors score 4 runs to go ahead 6-5. The home team is batting in the bottom of the sixth when the game is called off after a heavy downpour. The score reverts back to the previous inning and the home team wins.
35. Runners on first and second, one out. The count is 3-2 and both runners take off on the pitch. The batter swings and misses, but the catcher drops the ball. The defense must tag the batter or throw to first to retire him since first base is no longer occupied.
36. With runners at first and third, the pitcher balks while delivering the 3-0 pitch which is in the strike zone. The umpire rules one run scores, runner moves up to second, batter continues with 3-0 count.
37. A manager may go to the mound to talk to the pitcher once each inning without replacing the pitcher.
38. When the batter checks his swing and the plate umpire calls "Ball", the plate umpire must check with the base umpire if the catcher appeals the call.
39. With runners at first and second, the pitcher while touching his plate, throws to first to attempt a pick-off. The ball goes off the first-baseman's glove and into the dead ball area. The umpire allows each runner to advance two bases.
40. With the count 0-2, the batter swings at a pitch in the dirt. The catcher catches the ball cleanly on the short hop. The batter is out. In this situation, there is no need to tag the batter or throw to first to retire him.
41. The runner on first is stealing when a ground ball is hit to the shortstop. The shortstop seeing that the runner has already touched second, throws toward first. The throw is wild and goes into the dead ball area. Umpire awards runner third base and batter second base.

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42. With a runner on second, the batter swings and his bat hits the catcher's glove as he hits a single to right field. The runner from second attempts to score and is thrown out at the plate, while the batter pulls in to second base. The umpire, who had signaled the catcher's interference, is now approached by the coach of the offense who wants the catcher's interference penalty to be imposed. The umpire says there is no penalty.
43. With runners at first and third, none out, a foul pop is hit on the third base side. The third baseman catches the foul pop and then falls into the stands. He recovers and comes back on the field, runners holding. Play continues with runners at first and third.
44. With bases loaded and two out, the batter hits a triple and misses second base. The defense appeals at second and the batter is called out. The umpire rules that no runs score.
45. A pinch hitter takes his place in the batter's box and hits a triple. Since no announcement of the substitute had been made, the defensive coach appeals this is a batting out of order situation. The umpire allows the triple and imposes no penalty.
46. With one out and runners on first and second, the batter bunts the ball in front of home plate. The catcher picks up the ball and throws toward first. The batter-runner is running with one foot in the runner's lane, the other foot in fair territory when the ball hits him. Umpire declares him out and returns the runners to their original bases.

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| 2. | 6.07 (a) (1) | 25. | 7.11 |
| 3. | 6.05 (g) | 26. | 6.08 (c) |
| 4. | 7.08 (g), 6.06 (c) | 27. | 7.05 (g) |
| 5. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 28. | 6.07 (a) |
| 6. | 8.05 Penalty | 29. | 3.01 (e) (3) |
| 7. | 6.05 (l) AR, 7.08 (e) | 30. | 6.02 (b) Comment |
| 8. | 6.05 (n) | 31. | 6.10 (b) |
| 9. | 1.15 (a) | 32. | 7.06 (b) |
| 10. | 6.08 (b) | 33. | 8.05(c) Comment |
| 11. | 2.00 Catch | 34. | 4.12 (a) (5) |
| 12. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 35. | 6.05 (c) |
| 13. | 7.06 (a) | 36. | 8.05 Penalty |
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