

## **Reading 3: A Visit to Comerica Park**

What is your idea of a great day? Mine is going to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers play. That's what I'm doing today. I'm looking forward to having fun with my friend, Renae, and 40,000 other people.

"Is that it?" I asked Renae. "No," she replied. "That is Ford Field. It is where the Detroit Lions play." Ford Field and Comerica Park are located next to each other. They use a lot of land near downtown Detroit.

Then I see it. Wow! Across the entrance "Comerica Park" appears in huge letters. We park and walk a long way from the car to the gate.

We walk inside the Park. There is a shopping mall and office buildings. A neatly decorated sign points to the Ferris wheel. What a sight! The Ferris wheel cars are shaped like large baseballs with seats for five people. There is also a carousel. Brightly decorated tigers go round and round as baseball theme music plays.

Comerica Park is packed today. Our seats are high in the stands and we have a great view of the playing field. We wondered how this land was used before Comerica Park was built. We are certain that the landscape has changed. Stores and restaurants are nearby so some old stores and restaurants were probably torn down to make room for the park. Comerica Park was built to be used by many people. It is a really big building with enormous parking lots. There have been huge impacts on the land.

Suddenly music fills the Park. Near the centerfield wall a fountain sprays colorful water. It is great! I can't wait to e-mail my sister. She's a geography student at Western Michigan University. She is studying land use in cities. I think Comerica Park is a place she should visit.

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