

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you think this reading is about?

### Definitions:

- Cracker Jack – brand name of caramel popcorn and peanut mix
- League – a group of sports teams that play against each other

## Reading

“Take me out to the ball game.

Take me out to the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack.

I don’t care if I ever get back.

Cause we’ll **root, root, root**, for the home team.

If they don’t win it’s a shame.

For its one, two, three strikes you’re out,

at the old ball game!”

*Take Me Out to the Ball Game* is sung at almost every baseball game in America. Baseball is one of America’s favorite sports. In the spring and summer people of all ages enjoy baseball. Young and old like to dust off their baseball gloves and play catch. It’s fun to hit the ball and run the bases.

Baseball is a team sport. All players need to work together to have a winning team. There are nine positions in baseball: pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, short stop, left field, center field, and right field.

There are baseball leagues in most towns and cities. If you would like to join a team, contact your local Community Education or Parks and Recreation office. Have fun, enjoy the outdoors, and get to know some new people! Most towns also have summer baseball for children and youth.

If you’re not a baseball player, you can still enjoy the game. Baseball is an exciting game to watch. You don’t need to travel far to see a game. Many towns have teams playing two or three nights a week. Check your local newspaper for game times. Most of these baseball games are free!

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