

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.

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Take me out to the crowd.

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Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack.

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I don’t care if I ever get back.

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

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If they don’t win it’s a shame.

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

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at the old ball game!”

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Take Me Out to the Ball Game is sung at almost every baseball game in America. Baseball is

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one of America’s favorite sports. In the spring and summer people of all ages enjoy baseball.

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Young and old like to dust off their baseball gloves and play catch. It’s fun to hit the ball and run

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the bases.

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Baseball is a team sport. All players need to work together to have a winning team. There are

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nine positions in baseball: pitcher, catcher, first base, second base, third base, short stop, left field,

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center field, and right field.

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There are baseball leagues in most towns and cities. If you would like to join a team, contact

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your local Community Education or Parks and Recreation office. Have fun, enjoy the outdoors, and

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get to know some new people! Most towns also have summer baseball for children and youth.

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If you’re not a baseball player, you can still enjoy the game. Baseball is an exciting game to

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watch. You don’t need to travel far to see a game. Many towns have teams playing two or three

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nights a week. Check your local newspaper for game times. Most of these baseball games are free!

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