

# Baseball

1. Baseball is a very popular sport in the United States of America. It has even been called “America’s game.” Baseball has given America some of its greatest sports icons like, Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, and Barry Bonds.
2. The story of baseball has a long and rich past. Its **origins** lie in the English game of cricket. But a modern day baseball game looks nothing like a modern day cricket game. Everything from the way the field looks to the equipment used is different.



3. The type of ball used to play the game of baseball is also called a baseball and was invented on June 12<sup>th</sup> in 1839. Since then the popularity of the game has grown and grown.
4. Today it is a major sport in several countries all around the world, including Japan, Korea, Cuba, and most of Central and South America.



**1) The text is about:**

- A) Famous baseball players
- B) The country baseball is from
- C) A sport
- D) Different ball games

**2) Write the correct paragraph number:**

Baseball is very international nowadays	
Baseball compared to another sport	
Where baseball is popular	<i>1</i>
When baseball first started	

**3) Baseball and cricket are very similar sports nowadays.**

- A) True
- B) False

**4) The word '**origins**' means:**

- A) original
- B) beginnings
- C) similarity
- D) rules

5) This text is:

- A) an instruction manual
- B) a report
- C) an article
- D) an advertisement

6) In the below sentence, why are speech marks used?

*It has even been called "America's game."*

- A) To separate items in a list
- B) Because there are words missing
- C) To connect two clauses
- D) To show a quote

7) Below is a list of countries where baseball is popular.  
They are in alphabetical order. Write the country **Cuba**  
in the correct place on the list.

China
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Colombia
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Cyprus
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