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# PLAY BALL

**Directions:** What do you know about the sport of baseball? Use the information you find at the Web site provided below to complete the sentences on this page. Write the missing word on each blank line.

**Web Resources:**

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<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jp/bball>



1. The \_\_\_\_\_  
formed in \_\_\_\_\_, was the first professional baseball team.
2. Before the Civil War, \_\_\_\_\_  
was the most popular sport in the United States.
3. Player manager Harry Wright was known as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The first official baseball rules were written in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Baseball first became an organized sport during the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to Think About:** Why, do you think, is baseball such a popular sport in the United States?

**Learn More:** Play Math Baseball at <http://www.funbrain.com/math>.