

Writing Strategies and Applications Practice

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Below is a first draft a student wrote about the history of baseball. It contains some errors. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

A Brief History of Baseball

(1) Baseball is known as "*America's National Past Time*". (2) It is believed to have been created in the United States during the mid 1800s. (3) By 1869, baseball has become a more organized sport. (4) In 1871, the first professional league was established and most large *city's* around the country had a baseball team to root for. (5) Baseball became really popular in the 1920s, when Babe Ruth became an American icon. (6) Babe Ruth known around the world as the "The Home Run King" and the "Great Bambino" and "The Sultan of Swats". (7) By the 1950s baseball moved to the western part of the United States, making it an even more popular sport. (8) Today there is many different teams and leagues in the world.

1) The pronoun "it" in Sentence 2 refers to what?

- a. America.
- b. baseball
- c. sport
- d. past time

2) Reread Sentence 1:

Baseball is known as "*America's National Past Time*"

What is the best way to write the italicized word?

- a. Americas
- b. americas
- c. america's
- d. Leave as is

3) What is the best way to combine sentences 1 and 2?

- a. Baseball is known as "America's National Past Time" since it is believed to have been created in the United States during the mid 1800s.
- b. Baseball is known as "America's National Past Time" so it is believed to have been created in the United States during the mid 1800s.
- c. Baseball is known as "America's National Past Time" however, it is believed to have been created in the United States during the mid 1800s.
- d. Baseball is known as "America's National Past Time" because it is believed to have been created in the United States during the mid 1800s.

4) What is the best way to rewrite the underlined verb in Sentence 3?

- a. had became
- b. became
- c. becomes
- d. Leave as is