

ANALYSIS OF BASEBALL

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It's about
the ball,
the bat,
and the mitt.

5 Ball hits
bat, or it
hits mitt.
Bat doesn't
hit ball, bat

10 meets it.
Ball bounces
off bat, flies
air, or thuds
ground (dud)

15 or it
fits mitt.

Bat waits
for ball
to mate.

20 Ball hates
to take bat's
bait. Ball
flirts, bat's
late, don't

25 keep the date.
Ball goes in
(thwack) to mitt,
and goes out
(thwack) back

30 to mitt. **A**

Ball fits
mitt, but
not all
the time.

35 Sometimes
ball gets hit
(pow) when bat
meets it,
and sails

40 to a place
where mitt
has to quit
in disgrace.
That's about

45 the bases
loaded,
about 40,000
fans exploded.

It's about

50 the ball,
the bat,
the mitt,
the bases
and the fans. **B**

55 It's done
on a diamond,
and for fun.

It's about
home, and it's
60 about run.

A READING POETRY ALoud

What noise words, or **onomatopoeia**, are used in the poem so far? Find at least five rhymes. Find at least five lines in the poem that use alliteration.

B STRUCTURE

What is the effect of all these short lines?