

Unit 14 — English for Hockey

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Assist

A pass that directly contributes to a goal.

"Her assist set up the winning play."

Bench

The area where substitute players and coaches sit during the game.

"The coach signaled from the bench."

Breakaway

A situation where an offensive player is free of defenders for a scoring chance.

"The breakaway led to a spectacular goal."

Check

A defensive maneuver to impede an opponent's progress.

"He delivered a clean check to stop the advance."

Deke

A feint or fake move used to beat a defender.

"He used a clever deke to get past his opponent."

Faceoff

The method of starting play by dropping the puck between two opposing players.

"The referee initiated a faceoff at center ice."

Goal

The target area guarded by the goalie where points are scored.

"A powerful shot sent the puck into the goal."

Goalie

The player responsible for defending the goal against scoring attempts.

"The goalie made several spectacular saves."

Hat-trick

Scoring three goals in a single game by one player.

"He celebrated his hat-trick with his teammates."

Icing

A rule violation when the puck is shot from behind the center line past the opponent's red line without being touched.

"The play was stopped due to icing."

Offside

A violation occurring when players are in an illegal position relative to the puck and opponents.

"The referee called offside on the attacking player."

Penalty

A punishment imposed for breaking the rules during the game.

"He received a penalty for tripping."

Penalty shot

A one-on-one scoring opportunity awarded after certain penalties.

"The penalty shot provided a chance for redemption."

Power play

A situation in which one team has a numerical advantage due to penalties on the opponent.

"The team capitalized on the power play to score."

Puck

The small, hard disc used as the object in hockey games.

"The player slid the puck across the ice."

Rink

The enclosed ice surface on which the game is played.

"The team met at the rink for practice."

Skate

The specialized footwear with blades that allow players to glide on the ice.

"Her new skates made her feel fast on the rink."

Slap shot

A hard, full-windup shot that is taken to score a goal.

"The player's slapshot was one of the fastest in the league."

Stick

The equipment used by players to hit, pass, and control the puck.

"He skillfully handled his stick during the game."

Wraparound

A move in which the puck is passed around the net quickly.

"The player executed a wraparound to surprise the goalie."