

Unit 16 — English for Cricket

Ball

The hard, spherical object delivered by the bowler.

"The ball soared off the bat."

Bat

The equipment used by the batsman to hit the ball.

"He swung his bat with precision."

Batsman

The player who tries to score runs by hitting the ball.

"The batsman played a careful shot."

Bouncer

A short-pitched delivery aimed to unsettle the batsman.

"A well-directed bouncer can force an error."

Boundary

The edge of the playing field or a score when the ball reaches it.

"He hit the ball for a boundary."

Bowler

The player who delivers the ball to the batsman.

"The bowler prepared his run-up."

Catcher

A fielder positioned to catch the ball.

"The catcher made an outstanding stop."

Century

A batsman's score of 100 runs or more in one innings.

"Scoring a century is a major milestone."

Duck

A score of zero runs.

"He felt disappointed after getting out for a duck."

Fielder

A player whose job is to field the ball.

"A quick fielder can save many runs."

Fielding

The act of catching or retrieving the ball on the field.

"Good fielding can turn the game around."

Innings

The period in which one team bats.

"Their innings lasted for two hours."

Leg spin

A style of bowling that spins the ball away from a right-handed batsman.

"Leg spin can be very deceptive."

Off spin

A style of bowling that spins the ball into a right-handed batsman.

"He mastered off spin after many hours of practice."

Over

A set of six consecutive balls bowled.

"One over consists of six deliveries."

Pitch

The central strip of the field where play occurs.

"The pitch was in perfect condition for play."

Run

The basic scoring unit in cricket.

"He scored a run with a quick shot."

Sixer

Hitting the ball over the boundary without bouncing, scoring six runs.

"That sixer brought the crowd to its feet."

Stump

One of the three vertical posts that form the wicket.

"The ball hit the stumps and dislodged the bails."

Wicket

The set of stumps and bails that the bowler targets.

"Toppling the wicket is the main aim."