

## Unit 13 — English for Bowling

### Alley

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A term which can mean either a single bowling lane, or an entire bowling facility.

"He spent his weekends at the local alley."

### Approach

The area or method used by a bowler before releasing the ball.

"Her approach was smooth and measured."

### Backswing

The motion of moving the ball backward before the delivery.

"A controlled backswing can improve accuracy."

### Ball

The heavy spherical object rolled down the lane.

"The ball swung smoothly off his fingers."

### Combo

A combination of pins knocked down together.

"That strike was a perfect combo of pins."

### Foul

A violation that occurs when a bowler oversteps the foul line.

"He was warned for a foul on his delivery."

### Frame

One complete round in a game of bowling.

"A game usually consists of ten frames."

### Gutter

The side channel where the ball may fall if not aimed properly.

"A stray shot ended up in the gutter."

### Hook

A ball that curves as it travels down the lane.

"A strong hook can help hit the pins at an angle."

**Lane**

The long, narrow surface on which the bowling ball is rolled.

"He carefully aimed down the lane."

**Lane oil**

The substance applied to the lane that affects the ball's movement.

"Understanding lane oil is key to a good shot."

**Pin**

The target object that stands at the end of the lane and must be knocked down.

"She lined up her shot to hit every pin."

**Pocket**

The ideal area between pins for a strike.

"Hitting the pocket increases the likelihood of a strike."

**Release**

The point at which the bowler lets the ball go.

"A perfect release sends the ball on the right path."

**Score**

The numerical tally representing a bowler's performance.

"Improving your score takes practice and focus."

**Spare**

Knocking down all pins using both balls in a frame.

"He managed to get a spare after a tricky first roll."

**Split**

A difficult pin formation left after a first ball that challenges conversion.

"Converting a split requires great skill."

**Split conversion**

The attempt to turn a split into a spare.

"His split conversion saved him the game."

**Strike**

Achieving the knockdown of all pins with the first ball.

"Landing a strike is every bowler's dream."

**Strike out**

To achieve several consecutive strikes in a game.

"Striking out repeatedly is a sign of consistency."