

# Unit 16 — English for Cricket



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## **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."