

Unit 28 — English for Field Hockey



Ball

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The object of the game.

"The field hockey ball, made of hard plastic, was propelled across the field as players battled for possession and strategic advantage."

Defender

Player who protects the goal.

"The defender stood firm, preventing the opposing team from advancing and protecting their goal with unwavering resolve during the critical field hockey match."

Dribble

Moving the ball while running.

"The forward dribbled the ball skillfully, weaving through defenders and maintaining control as they advanced towards the goal, showcasing agility and precision."

Flick

Lifting the ball with the stick.

"The player executed a skillful flick, lifting the ball over the defender's stick with precision and finesse, creating a scoring opportunity."

Forward

Player who tries to score.

"The forward sprinted down the field, skillfully maneuvering the ball and seeking opportunities to score and give their team the advantage."

Foul

Breaking the rules.

"The player committed a foul, resulting in a penalty for the opposing team, highlighting the importance of adhering to the rules of the game."

Fullback

Defender close to goal.

"The fullback positioned themselves strategically near the goal, preventing the opposing team from advancing and protecting their team's defensive zone."

Goal

Where you score points.

"The forward aimed for the goal, hoping to score and give their team the lead in the crucial field hockey game, which was closely contested."

Goalkeeper

The player who defends the goal.

"The goalkeeper stood ready, anticipating the opponent's every move and protecting the goal with unwavering focus and determination."

Long Corner

Pass from the corner.

"The long corner provided an opportunity for the team to launch a strategic attack, passing the ball from the corner to create scoring chances."

Midfielder

Connects defense and attack.

"The midfielder played a crucial role, linking the defense and attack with precise passes and strategic positioning, controlling the flow of the game."

Penalty Corner

Free shot at the goal.

"The team prepared for a penalty corner, a crucial opportunity to score, executing a well-practiced set play with precision and coordination."

Pitch

The field of play.

"The field hockey pitch, marked with precise lines and boundaries, provided the setting for intense athletic competition and strategic maneuvers."

Push

Moving the ball along the ground.

"The player used a controlled push to move the ball forward, maintaining possession and advancing towards the opponent's goal with strategic intent."

Save

Preventing a goal.

"The goalkeeper made a spectacular save, diving to block the shot and prevent the opposing team from scoring, preserving their team's lead."

Short Corner

Another name for penalty corner.

"The short corner was set up strategically, with players positioned to maximize their chances of scoring from the free shot at the goal."

Side Line

Boundary of the pitch.

"The ball rolled out over the side line, resulting in a throw-in for the opposing team, emphasizing the importance of staying within the boundaries of play."

Stick

Used to hit the ball.

"The player gripped the stick firmly, preparing to strike the ball with precision and power during the intense field hockey match."

Tackle

Taking the ball from an opponent.

"The defender executed a clean tackle, dispossessing the opponent of the ball and regaining control for their team with skillful precision."

Umpire

The game's referee.

"The umpire blew the whistle, signaling a foul and maintaining order on the field, ensuring fair play and adherence to the rules of the game."