

# Unit 29 — English for Table Tennis



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## Backhand

A stroke on the non-dominant side.

"The player executed a controlled backhand, smoothly returning the ball with strategic placement and finesse, maintaining control of the rally."

## Ball

The object of the game.

"The table tennis ball, small and lightweight, darted across the table as players engaged in rapid exchanges and strategic maneuvers."

## Block

Defending against a smash.

"The player executed a solid block, absorbing the impact of the opponent's smash and redirecting the ball strategically to maintain control of the point."

## Double Bounce

Ball bounces twice on one side.

"The player watched as the ball double bounced on their side of the table, resulting in a point for the opponent, emphasizing the importance of returning the shot legally."

## Edge

Hitting the edge of the table.

"The player skillfully aimed for the edge of the table, hoping to score a point with a precise shot that would be difficult for the opponent to return."

## Footwork

Movement around the table.

"The player displayed excellent footwork, moving swiftly and strategically around the table to maintain optimal positioning for each shot."

## Forehand

A stroke on the dominant side.

"The player unleashed a powerful forehand, driving the ball across the table with speed and precision, putting pressure on the opponent to defend."

## Game Point

The point that wins the game.

"The player reached game point, seizing the opportunity to secure the final point needed to win the game and gain a strategic advantage."

**Let**

Serve hits the net.

"The umpire called a let, indicating that the serve had hit the net and landed legally, requiring the server to repeat the serve and continue the point."

**Match Point**

The point that wins the match.

"The player reached match point, focusing intently on securing the final point needed to win the hard-fought table tennis match."

**Net**

Divides the table.

"The net stretched across the middle of the table, requiring players to hit the ball over it with precision and strategic placement."

**Paddle**

Used to hit the ball.

"The player gripped the paddle tightly, preparing to execute a precise and powerful shot during the intense table tennis match."

**Racket**

Another name for Paddle.

"The player carefully selected their racket, considering its weight, grip, and surface to optimize their performance in the table tennis match."

**Rally**

Exchange of shots.

"The rally intensified as players exchanged rapid-fire shots, showcasing their agility, precision, and strategic thinking in the fast-paced table tennis match."

**Return**

Hitting the ball back.

"The player made a skillful return, reacting quickly to the opponent's shot and placing the ball precisely to maintain control of the rally."

**Serve**

Starting the point.

"The player executed a deceptive serve, spinning the ball and placing it strategically to gain an advantage at the start of the point."

**Service Line**

Where you must serve from.

"The player positioned themselves behind the service line, preparing to execute a precise and legal serve to initiate the point."

**Smash**

An attacking shot.

"The player unleashed a powerful smash, slamming the ball down onto the table with force and precision, overwhelming the opponent's defense."

**Spin**

Rotating the ball.

"The player imparted a deceptive spin on the ball, making it curve and bounce unpredictably, challenging the opponent's ability to return the shot effectively."

**Table**

The playing surface.

"The table tennis table, divided by a net, provided the setting for exciting and skillful competition between players."