Unit 8 — English for Volleyball

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Block

To stop the ball at the net with your hands.

"They blocked the shot together."

Bump

A basic move to pass the ball using the forearms.

"She bumped the ball to her teammate."

Coach

The person who trains and leads the team.

"The coach gave instructions."

Court

The area where the game is played.

"The court was marked clearly."

Dig

A move to stop a strong shot.

"She made a great dig to save the point."

Libero

A special player who only plays back row and wears a different shirt.

"The libero made many good passes."

Line

The boundary on the court.

"The ball landed on the line."

Net

The thing in the middle that teams hit the ball over.

"The ball touched the net and dropped."

Pass

To move the ball to another player.

"He passed it back quickly."

Point

A score in the game.

"We got a point after the serve."

Referee

The person who enforces the rules.

"The referee watched the play closely."

Rotation

The order players move around the court.

"They practiced their rotation."

Serve

To start a play by hitting the ball over the net.

"She served the ball with her right hand."

Serve receive

When the team gets ready to catch the serve.

"They practiced their serve receive."

Set

A move where the ball is gently pushed up for a teammate to hit.

"He set the ball perfectly."

Spike

To hit the ball down hard over the net.

"He spiked the ball to score a point."

Substitute

A player who replaces another.

"They made a substitute in the second set."

Team

A group of players on one side.

"Our team worked well together."

Timeout

A short break during the game.

"The coach called a timeout."

Whistle

A sound to start or stop the game.

"The referee blew the whistle."