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# CRICKET

## YOUR CRICKET CHEAT SHEET

Cricket has over 2.5 billion enthusiasts worldwide and it's undeniably popular for good reason but like any sport, it has its own language. This cheat sheet won't teach you how to bat or bowl but it will help you sound like a pro on match day.

### Crease

An area marked by white lines that define the area of play. This helps determine the play in different ways for the fielding and batting sides.

### Overthrow

An overthrow (also called a buzzer) is when an additional run is scored by a batter due to handling errors by the fielder or taking unsuccessful aim at the stumps when trying to outrun a batter.

### Skipper

The team's captain.

### Sticky Wicket

Simply a sticky situation. Ex: "Uh-oh, looks like you've gotten yourself into a sticky wicket."

### Stumped

If a batsman is out of their ground and the wicket is put down by the wicketkeeper before attempting to take a run. Consider them stumped.

### Wicket

The wicket is a set of three upright sticks that are guarded by a batter who, with their bat (or sometimes with their pads), attempts to prevent the ball from hitting the wicket and to score runs where possible.

### Wicketkeeper

The player on the fielding side who stands behind the wicket or stumps watching the batsman and ready to take a catch, stump the batsman out or run them out when the occasion arises.

### Wide or a No-Ball

A delivery that pitches too far away from the batsman proving impossible to score off. Much like in baseball, a ball in cricket can be declared too wide or (in international cricket) too high to be hit. The umpire will usually signal this by stretching his or her arms out horizontally.