

BAIL – One of the wooden crosspieces that sits on top of adjacent pairs of stumps to form a wicket.

BOUNDARY – The perimeter of a cricket field, marked by an obvious fence or marker.

CLEAN BOWLED – When a batter is beaten by a ball and subsequently dismissed through the stumps being broken.

CREASE – One of the white lines marked on the pitch to denote different areas of play; either the bowling crease, popping crease, or return crease.

HIT WICKET – To strike and subsequently break the stumps with the bat resulting in the batter's dismissal.

INNINGS – The period of time spent batting by a team or individual.

LEG BEFORE WICKET – If the ball hits the batsman without first hitting the bat, but would have hit the wicket if the batsman was not there, and the ball does not pitch on the leg side of the wicket the batsman will be out. However, if the ball strikes the batsman outside the line of the off-stump, and the batsman was attempting to play a stroke, he is not out.

NO-BALL – An unfair bowl because (a) it rolled along the ground (b) the bowler threw the ball instead of bowling with a straight arm (c) the bowler overstepped the popping crease.

NON STRIKER – A term used to describe the batter waiting at the bowler's end.

OVER – Six fair deliveries completes one of these.

RUN – The method of scoring during a game of cricket. Also a single unit of score.

RUN OUT – A way of being out in cricket. If either batsman is attempting to take a run, or to return to his crease after an aborted run, and a fielder breaks that batsman's wicket with the ball while he is out of the crease.

STRIKE (STRIKER) – The name given to the batter who is facing the bowler. The batter is said to be "on strike".

STUMPS – Wooden uprights of which there are three on which the bails are balanced to form the wicket.

TEST – A cricket match of International standard scheduled to last for 5 days.

WICKET – The collective term for 3 stumps and 2 bails at either end of the pitch.

WICKET MAIDEN – An over in which the bowler has taken a wicket without a batter scoring runs.

WICKET KEEPER – Player who wears fielding gloves and stands behind the batter's wicket ready to catch the ball if the batter misses it.

WIDE – A ball that a batter cannot reach.