



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

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### Stumps, Stones and Ashes 三根柱, 石头和灰烬杯

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文, 然后完成练习:

When you hear the word 'cricket', what do you think of first?

A small, chirping insect? Or a summer sport between players in white trousers and woollen jerseys who stop for a 20-minute tea break in the afternoon?

The chances are, if you're in England, India or Australia, you'll be thinking of the latter, where the sport is watched, played and adored by millions.

English cricket fans are currently rejoicing in their national side's victory over Australia in a fiercely-contested competition called The Ashes last week.

But in many other parts of the world the sport is virtually unknown. Many outsiders are put off by its complicated laws, unintelligible terms (any idea what a googly or a grubber is?), and mind-boggling statistics. With games that last for days or even weeks and scores that look more like share prices than sports results, how do we begin to understand this game?

Well in its most basic form cricket is a bat and ball game, not unlike baseball in that it involves two teams of players: one batting and the other bowling and fielding. Like football, both teams have 11 players.

When bowling, the aim is to hit the wicket, while the batsman tries to defend it and hit the ball far away to win 'runs'. If the bowler hits the wicket then the batsman is 'out', and the next one from the 11 in the batting team takes his place.

When they are 'all out' the batting side's total runs are added up and the teams swap sides until the second side is also 'all out'. Whoever has the most runs at the end wins.

Simple? Well, that's just a taster. If you're interested there's a whole world of cricket out there, with its leg-before-wickets, silly mid-ons and doosras.

And if learning the finer points of cricket sounds like hungry work, you can always take comfort from the fact it's the only sport where lunch and tea are formally included in the order of play.



## Glossary 词汇表

<b>chirping insect</b> - 喳喳叫的小虫子 (蟋蟀)	<b>woollen jerseys</b> - 毛衣
<b>tea break</b> - 午茶休息	<b>the chances are</b> - 十有八九
<b>latter</b> - 后者	<b>rejoicing</b> - 欢庆
<b>fiercely-contested</b> - 激烈竞赛的	<b>virtually unknown</b> - 几乎没人知道的
<b>put off</b> - 扫兴	<b>unintelligible</b> - 难懂的/令人困扰的
<b>mind-boggling statistics</b> - 令人惊讶不解的数字	<b>share prices</b> - 股价
<b>bowling</b> - 投球	<b>fielding</b> - 接球
<b>wicket</b> - 三柱门	<b>runs</b> - 防止攻方得分
<b>added up</b> - 累计	<b>taster</b> - 入门小知识
<b>finer points</b> - 细节	<b>take comfort</b> - 令人欣慰

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. A cricket is a kind of insect. True / False
2. The laws of cricket are easy to learn. True / False
3. Cricket is normally a low-scoring game, like football.  
True / False
4. In cricket every player gets the chance to bat. True / False
5. Breakfast is normally part of a cricket match. True / False

## 2. Cricket Idioms 板球成语

Many idioms in the English language come from sport and cricket is no exception.

Five are listed below. But can you match them with their meanings and put them in the right sentences?

英语中的许多成语来源于运动，板球也在其中。

下面是五个板球成语.看看你能不能把它们配对组合，然后填入句子中。

### 2a Meanings

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. (To be) bowled over        | A. To perform successfully for a period of time       |
| 2. To have had a good innings | B. Used to describe something that is unfair          |
| 3. Right off the bat          | C. Straight away, immediately after something happens |
| 4. That's not cricket         | D. In a difficult situation                           |
| 5. On a sticky wicket         | E. To be astonished or overwhelmed                    |

### 2b Sentences

1. My friend was sad to leave his job, but he \_\_\_\_\_ and achieved so many things over the years.
2. When my wife said she was pregnant I was really \_\_\_\_\_. I couldn't believe it.
3. He told me \_\_\_\_\_ that I wouldn't be getting a pay rise.
4. With the economy doing so badly, many small companies really are \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Some people think it's ok to cheat in exams, but in my opinion \_\_\_\_\_.

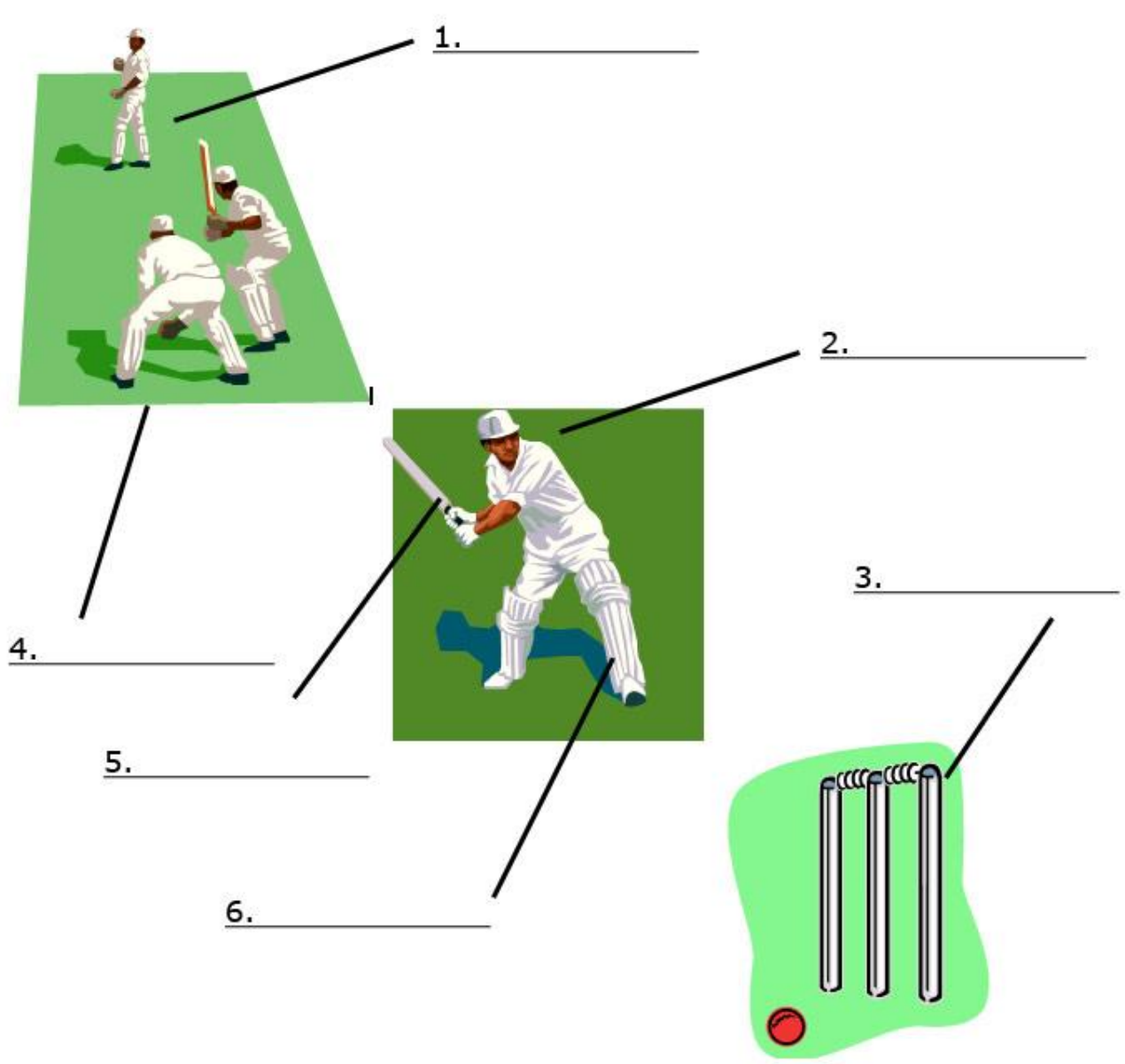


### 3. Cricket Vocabulary 有关板球的词汇

Can you identify the different players and pieces of cricket equipment?  
The words you need are in the box below.

请看以下板球图片并将正确的表达填入横线中。

batsman	bowler	wicket keeper	leg guard	bat
wicket				



#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's story in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m&)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出今天的文章有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(g)垂直的(i)或对角的(m&)形式出现。

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r	u	n	s	c	r	c	k	e	g	t	b
s	t	a	t	i	s	t	i	c	s	p	c

bat	bowler	wicket	cricket	ashes
runs	fielding	insect	Australia	statistics

# Answers答案

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1. E
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4. B
5. D

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3. wicket
4. wicket keeper
5. bat
6. leg guard

## 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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