

READING: CRICKET IN ENGLAND

Cricket is a very popular sport in England. Many people play it in the summer. Children often play cricket at school or in the park.

Cricket is played between two **teams**. Each team has eleven players. The game is played on a big grass **field**. In the middle of the field, there is a special area called the **pitch**.

To play cricket, you need a **bat**, a **ball**, and **wickets**. The bat is usually made of wood. The ball is small and hard. The wickets are three sticks in the ground with two small pieces on top.

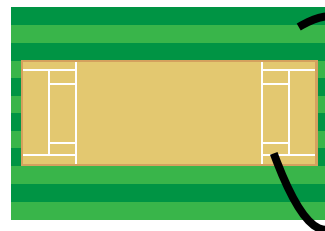
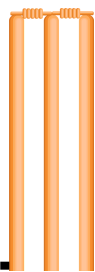
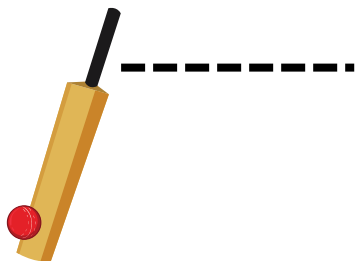
One team tries to hit the ball with the bat and run to score points, called "runs". The other team tries to throw the ball and hit the wickets to stop the players.

Cricket matches can be short or very long. Some games last only a few hours, but professional matches can last several days!

Cricket is not only a sport, it is also part of English culture. Many families enjoy watching cricket games together on a sunny day.



Write the correct word for each picture. The words are in bold in the text.



True or false?

1. Cricket is only played in winter. ➤
2. A cricket team has eleven players. ➤
3. The bat is usually made of wood. ➤
4. Wickets are three sticks in the ground. ➤

7. What objects do you need to play cricket?

8. How long can professional matches last?

9. Why is cricket important in England?

Choose the correct answer.

5. Where do people usually play cricket?
 - a) On a beach
 - b) On a grass field
 - c) In the street
6. What do players try to score in cricket?
 - a) Goals
 - b) Runs
 - c) Points

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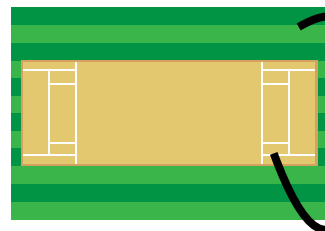
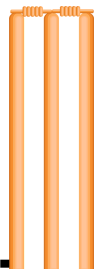
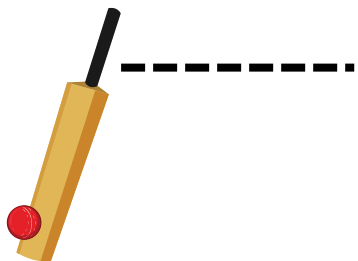
One team hits the ball with the bat and runs to score points. These points are called "runs". The other team throws the ball and tries to hit the wickets.

Some cricket games are short. But professional matches can be very long. Sometimes they last many days!

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True or false?

1. Cricket is only played in **winter**. ➤
2. A cricket team has **11 players**. ➤
3. The bat is usually made of **wood**. ➤
4. Cricket is a popular sport in **England**. ➤
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