

English vocabulary for sports

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India is a country which loves spending a lot of time in watching sports. Even though we may not play that much but we certainly love watching sports and one such sport is cricket. Cricket brings the nation together and lets you enjoy the game wherever you are. Be it a T-20 series, World Cup match or an IPL match, we are always ready for it. But these days other games like kabaddi, football, hockey etc., are gaining equal prominence. You may watch these games to stay in trend, but are you aware of the general vocab used during commentary.

Don't you worry. Today, we bring you a list of English vocabulary for sports which will help you learn more about the games.



1. Arena

Meaning - a central area used for sports or other forms of entertainment and surrounded by seats for spectators.

Example – The arena was packed with the spectators.

2. Athlete

Meaning - A person who trains for and competes in a sport.

Example –Athletes have the best body as they spend time in maintaining their physique.

3. Beat

Meaning- to defeat someone in a game or a competition

Example – India beat Pakistan by 20 runs in the semi final match.

4. Cheer on

Meaning - to shout words of encouragement to a team or a player.

Example – My friends made a lot of noise cheering on their favorite team.

5. Final score

Meaning – the score at the end of a game

Example – Hey what's the final score?

6. Opponent

Meaning - the person one competes against in a contest or a game; rival

Example – Our team was attacked by the opponents.

7. Spectator

Meaning - a person who watches an event

Example – The spectator was cheering the team very well.

8. Victory

Meaning - the act of winning a game

Example - The team has worked very hard, and they deserve this victory.

9. Referee

Meaning - a sports official with authority to make rulings during a contest

Example - The referee sent off two French players.

10. Trainer

Meaning - A person who helps athletes develop their skills and fitness.

Example - Some players like Jassi and Rudra are a bit lazy and hence they need a strict trainer to make them work hard.

Above sports vocabulary in English will help you to understand the terms used during the game. You can join an online [Spoken English course](#) and learn more on sports vocab and idioms.

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