

cricket

I
 ['krɪkɪt] *n* *энт.*
 сверчок (*Gryllus spp.*)

◇ as cheerful/lively, merry/ as a cricket - живой, жизнерадостный

II

1. ['krɪkɪt] *n*
 1. *спорт.* крикет
 2. *разг.* честная игра
 his behaviour was not cricket - он поступил неэтично /некорректно/
 not cricket! - не по правилам!; нечестно!
2. ['krɪkɪt] *v*
 играть в крикет

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cricket [cricket crickets cricketed cricketing] *BrE* ['krɪkɪt] ⁴ *NAmE* ['krɪkɪt] ⁴

noun



1. **uncountable** a game played on grass by two teams of 11 players. Players score points (called ↑runs) by hitting the ball with a wooden ↑bat and running between two sets of vertical wooden sticks, called ↑stumps
 - a **cricket match/team/club/ball**
2. **countable** a small brown jumping insect that makes a loud high sound by rubbing its wings together
 - the chirping of crickets

↓ idiom ↑not cricket

Word Origin:

- sense 1 late 16th cent.
- sense 2 Middle English Old French *criquet criquer* 'to crackle'

Culture:

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a summer sport played in England and some other **Commonwealth** countries between two teams of 11 players on a grass **pitch**. In England, it is played between April and September at many levels, from informal games on the beach to matches between schools, villages and professional sides representing a county. Players traditionally play wearing white, although this is now being replaced in some competitions by coloured clothing.

Cricket is a complicated game played with wooden **bats** and a leather ball. Each team **bats** (= hits the ball) for an **innings**, trying to score **runs**, while the other team **bowls** (= throws the ball) and **fields** (= tries to catch or stop the ball after it has been hit). Their aim is to get the **batsman out** for as few runs as possible. Two batsmen are **in** (= on the pitch) at the same time, each defending a **wicket** (= three upright wooden posts with two short pieces of wood resting on top of them) which the **bowler** tries to hit. Each bowler in turn **bowls an over** (= throws the ball six times from the same end of the pitch). The two wickets are 22 yards apart and runs are scored when the batsmen run between them after they have hit the ball. A batsman can also score four runs if he hits the ball over the **boundary** (= a line round the edge of the pitch) or six runs if it goes over the boundary before it hits the ground. A batsman can be out for a variety of reasons and an innings usually ends when all but one of the batting team are out. Matches may last for several days, though **one-day** and **limited-over** matches are popular. In England and Wales, 18 counties compete each year in two divisions in the ↑**county championship**. They also compete in the Twenty20 Cup, a series of limited-over matches in which each team bowls 20 overs, which started in 2003. The English national team plays **test matches** against other national sides including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and the West Indies and in the **Cricket World Cup** which takes place every four years. England and Australia also compete for the ↑**Ashes**, a series of 5-day test matches.

Example Bank:

- The only sound was a cricket chirping.
- This game marks his comeback to the international cricket scene.
- an auction of cricket memorabilia

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Sense 1: Date: 1500-1600; Language: Old French; Origin: *criquet* 'stick at which a ball is thrown']
 [Sense 2: Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *criquet*, from the sound it makes.]

1. [**uncountable**] a game between two teams of 11 players in which players try to get points by hitting a ball and running between two sets of three sticks
2. [**countable**] a small brown insect that can jump, and that makes a rough sound by rubbing its wings together

COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **play cricket** Do you play cricket?
- **watch cricket** He likes to spend summer weekends watching cricket.

■ cricket + NOUN

- **a cricket bat** (=that you use to hit the ball)
- **a cricket team** the Australian cricket team
- **a cricket club** (=a group of people who play cricket together, or the place where they play and meet socially) The village cricket club held a barbecue.
- **a cricket field/ground/pitch** (=area of ground where cricket is played) the school cricket field
- **a cricket match** (=a game of cricket)
- **the cricket season** (=the time of year when people play cricket)
- **a cricket player** He used to be a professional cricket player.
- **a cricket captain** (=the leader of a cricket team)
- **a cricket tour** (=a trip to a different country to play cricket) England's cricket tour to the West Indies
- **a cricket fan** (=someone who likes cricket, especially watching it)

■ types of cricket

- **county cricket** (=played between counties in England)
- **international/world cricket** He brought South Africa back into international cricket.
- **Test cricket** (=played between the teams of different countries)

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