



Wiltshire  
Cricket

# Children's Activity Book

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This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of the Wiltshire Cricket Activity Book. It has been developed by Wiltshire Cricket to give children the opportunity to learn, practice and develop their cricket skills and some school curriculum topics during lockdown periods.

Within this book, we hope you will find activities that will excite and engage children (and possibly parents too). Each activity can be adapted, simplified or progressed to suit each child! Don't be afraid to make each activity your own!

As an added incentive for this activity book, we have introduced some **COMPETITIONS** that could result in **PRIZES**!! Look out for the competition logo on each page to identify which activities are part of a competition!

We hope you enjoy the activity book and we would love to see any photos or videos of the activities on the Wiltshire Cricket Social Media Pages! Don't forget to tag us!

All the best,  
Wiltshire Cricket Ltd.

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### Are you a School Teacher??

A reminder that Wiltshire Cricket are continuing their delivery of FREE Chance to Shine programmes during Lockdown through “virtual” delivery.

However, even if you are unable to find the time to access this programme, all the “virtual” and “face to face” lesson plans are available to you on the teachers portal.

Free access to the portal is available to you by following the link: <https://teachers.chancetoshine.org>



## Activity 1: Girls Can Play Cricket Too (COMPETITION)



**Cricket is a game for everyone! However, most teams have lots more boys than girls playing. We would like more girls to play cricket and we need YOUR help!**

The England and Wales Cricket Board looks after cricket for everyone in England and Wales. Their leader is Mr. Tom Harrison and we would like to persuade him to encourage girls to play cricket too!

Using the space below or by writing an email, write a letter to Mr. Tom Harrison to explain to him why girls should play cricket too! You could explain the reasons why girls should play cricket, but also some suggestions as to 'how' you might encourage more girls to play.

Don't forget to use adjectives, adverbs and other language skills that you have learnt at School. You might want to structure your text like a letter too (E.g. Dear..., From..., Yours sincerely... Etc.).

**COMPETITION: You could win £50 worth of Gray Nicholls Clothing/Equipment!!**

**To enter, please send your letter (Photo or text) in an email to Sam Dent at Wiltshire Cricket.**

**Entry Deadline is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Sam Dent (Women and Girls' Cricket Development Officer)**

Email: [Sam.Dent@Wiltshirecricket.co.uk](mailto:Sam.Dent@Wiltshirecricket.co.uk)

**(Please include your contact email and telephone number)**

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

## Activity 2: Guess Who?

Anyone can be a cricketer and every cricketer looks different. With a family member, carefully use some scissors to cut out the cricketers below. Each player needs 1 of each player. Then, both players should secretly choose a cricketer as their 'player'. Take it in turns to ask a 'Yes or No' question. The object of the game is to be the first to identify which player has been chosen by the other person.

**BONUS ACTIVITY:** Can you name all of the cricketers?





### Activity 3: Target Batting

The best batters in the world can regularly hit the ball between fielders with a great degree of accuracy. By hitting the gaps in the field, these batters can score lots of runs! Activity 3 can help you to practice your accuracy for the drive and the sweep.

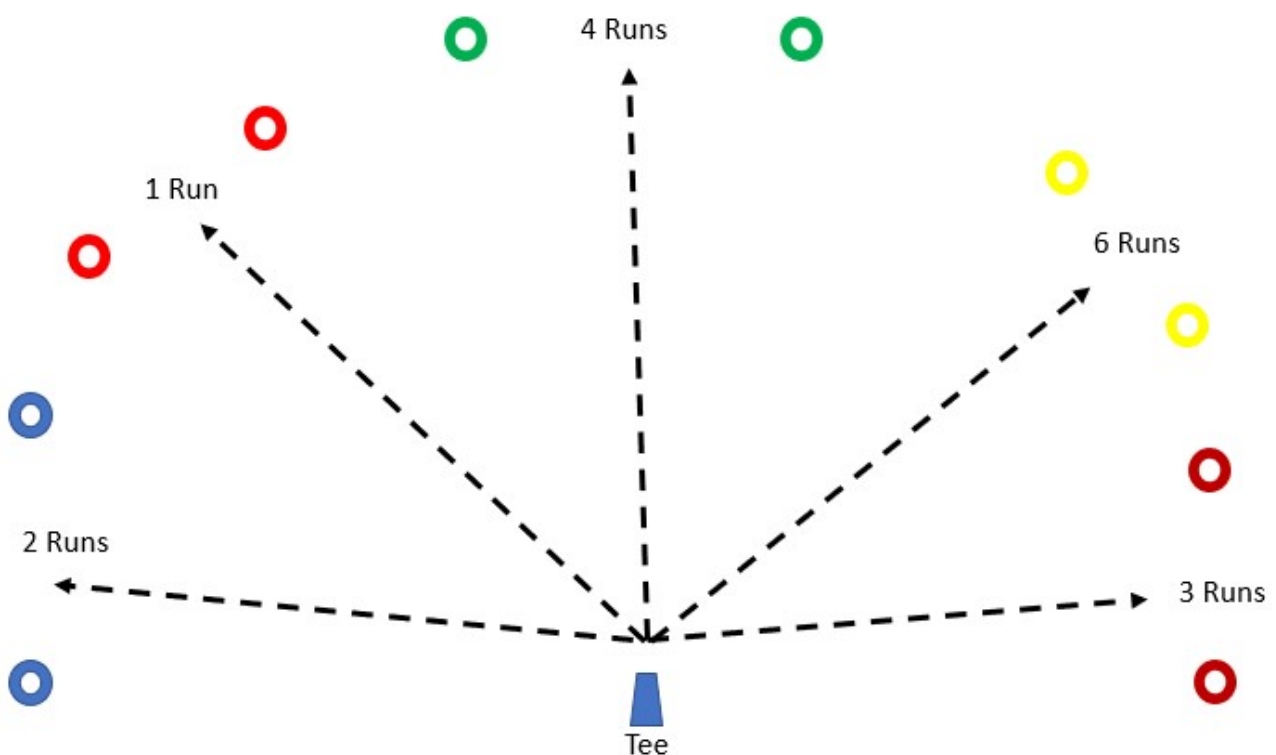
For this activity, you will need:

- A bat or something you can strike a ball with (I.e. Frying Pan, Tennis Racquet etc.).
- A ball
- A batting tee (You could use an empty toilet roll)
- Targets (E.g. Cones Areas, Cardboard Shapes, Cushions etc.)

Using the equipment, place the ball on the tee and spread the targets around your practice area. Then, try to hit the ball off the tee towards a target. You may decide that each target area should be worth some points – why not keep score and try to beat this score each day? Make sure to move any fragile objects and play in a safe space.

Learn how to play a drive: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpFR5QbEgsA>

Learn how to play a sweep: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=capGueDo8Tk>



## Activity 4: Cricket Snap

Using the pictures from the 'Guess Who' activity, divide the cards between 2 players and use them to play a game of snap. You may find the deck runs out quickly, so you may wish to print multiple copies of the photos or create your own cricket snap deck by finding pictures of other famous cricketers online.

To play the game of snap, each player must take it in turns to place a card face-up onto the table. If the current card and the previous card are the same, players race to say the word 'snap'. Whichever player wins takes all of the cards on the table. The winner of snap is the person with all of the cards, whilst the other player has none.

## Activity 5: Cricket Comprehension

The following article has some exciting information about the brand-new Cricket Competition in England, which you may be interested in. There will be lots of enthusiasm and conversations about this competition in the upcoming cricket season and it would be great if you could help other people learn about THE HUNDRED. Please read the article below and identify some key points that you could use to describe the competition to a friend. There are some questions below to help you.

The Hundred is an action-packed, unmissable new 100 ball cricket competition that will put you on the edge of your seat. Everyone is welcome. It will feature world-class players and massive names from around the world.

Eight brand new city-based women's and men's teams will compete over five weeks every summer. The teams will play at the following venues:

- Birmingham Phoenix at Edgbaston (Birmingham)
- London Spirit at Lord's (London)
- Manchester Originals at Emirates Old Trafford (Manchester)
- Northern Superchargers at Emerald Headingley (Leeds)
- Oval Invincibles at Kia Oval (London)
- Southern Brave at Ageas Bowl (Southampton)
- Trent Rockets at Trent Bridge (Nottingham)
- Welsh Fire at Sophia Gardens (Cardiff)



The women's teams will also play at selected other venues too.

A men's squad and women's squad will be formed for each team, with the competitions running alongside each other. Both the men's and the women's squads share the same team name.

Each team will select their players in the new Player Draft, which allows team managers to select a balanced and effective team. Each squad will be made up of 15 players with a maximum of three overseas stars from countries around the world, such as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan.

Competition organisers want the competition to be fast, affordable, easy to access, safe and entertaining. These ambitions will help the competition to attract new audiences and inspire the next generation of young cricketers. The Hundred Competition will be fun for all the family.

The Hundred will be broadcast on Sky Sports and the BBC.

Ticket Prices for 6-15 year olds are £5, with adult ticket prices starting at £10.

### Questions:

1. What adjectives have been used to describe the new competition?
2. Which teams have their home grounds located in London?
3. Who is welcome at the new Hundred Competition?
4. How much would it cost for 2 children and 2 adults to attend a fixture?
5. The Hundred will be broadcast on the BBC, but which other company will also be broadcasting?
6. What is the name of the women's team based in Cardiff?
7. The player draft allows the managers to do what?
8. How many players are allowed in 1 squad?
9. There are 8 teams in the competition, but how many different cities?
10. Will you be attending a fixture at the competition and why?

## Activity 6: Sensational Scoring

During the month of February, the England Men's Cricket Team compete in a test series against India. Meanwhile, the England Women's Team visit New Zealand to play in a number of One Day International Fixtures.

The players are essential for cricket, but so too are the scorers and they need your help! Using the scoresheets and tutorial videos below, can you help the scorers to keep track of each match for a period of your choice.

If you have access to the live fixture, this is perfect! If you can't access the fixture live, visit the England Cricket youtube pages for highlights reels for you to score.

ECB Basics of Scoring (Online Course, 13+): <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/c/express/501245fd-e917-45e8-827e-f14d10a1d0cb>

Basic Scoresheet:

Ball 1	Ball 2	Ball 3	Ball 4	Ball 5	Ball 6

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Ball 1	Ball 2	Ball 3	Ball 4	Ball 5	Ball 6

Ball 1	Ball 2	Ball 3	Ball 4	Ball 5	Ball 6

Ball 1	Ball 2	Ball 3	Ball 4	Ball 5	Ball 6

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DOT BALL	RUNS	NO BALL	WIDE	BYES	LEG BYES	WICKET

A detailed scoresheet can be found at the back of the activity book or online.

## Activity 7: Match Winning Maths

In cricket, your team will often be batting second and chasing a total to win. A key skill in chasing is being able to work out how many runs you need and at what rate you need to score them. Unfortunately, the scoreboard at the cricket ground is broken and your team need your help to work out some crucial information for several scenarios. Can you fill in the missing information to help your team win each match? You may want to use the space to show your workings.

(Remember: To Win the Game, you need to score 1 more run than the opposition.)

1. Opposition Score: 199  
Current Score: 150  
Overs Remaining: 10  
Required Run Rate (per over): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Opposition Score: 144  
Current Score: 125  
Overs Remaining: 2  
Required Run Rate (per over): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Opposition Score: 249  
Current Score: 0  
Overs Remaining: 50  
Required Run Rate (per over): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Opposition Score: 120  
Current Score: 100  
Overs Remaining: 3  
Required Run Rate (per over): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Opposition Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Score: 0  
Overs Remaining: 10  
Required Run Rate (per over): 10
6. Opposition Score: 299  
Current Score: 298  
Overs Remaining: \_\_\_\_\_  
Required Run Rate (per over): 0.5
7. Opposition Score: 199  
Current Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
Overs Remaining: 5  
Required Run Rate (per over): 6
8. Opposition Score: 186  
Current Score: 139  
Overs Remaining: 4  
Required Run Rate (per over): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Opposition Score: 233  
Current Score: 201  
Overs Remaining: \_\_\_\_\_  
Required Run Rate (per over): 3
10. Opposition Score: 273  
Current Score: 179  
Overs Remaining: \_\_\_\_\_  
Required Run Rate (per over): 5



## Activity 8: Virtual Scavenger Hunt

This activity may challenge your knowledge of Cricket in Wiltshire and across England.

Enjoy a virtual scavenger hunt for information across the Wiltshire Cricket, Western Storm and England Cricket websites. Use the questions and clues below to find the answers online.

1. What junior cricket programme is described as a “fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction to for all 8-11 year olds new to sport”.

*Wiltshire Cricket Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which cricket club is hosting a ‘Girls U13 Soft Ball Cricket Festival’ on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021?

*Wiltshire Cricket Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is table cricket?

*Wiltshire Cricket Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. The acronym OSCA describes an award for brilliant cricket volunteers. What does OSCA stand for?

*Wiltshire Cricket Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who are Western Storm?

*Western Storm Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many players are in the Western Storm squad and who is the captain?

*Western Storm Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which 3 players were awarded their first professional contracts for Western Storm in 2021?

*Western Storm Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. The 2020 season was significantly different to a usual year, but what was the name of the 2020 trophy that Western Storm were playing for?

*Western Storm Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. The England Women’s team are playing against New Zealand in February, but which team are they scheduled to play in October and where?

*England Cricket Board Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. There are 10 ways to be dismissed by the fielding team in Cricket. Can you list them all?

*England Cricket Board Website*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

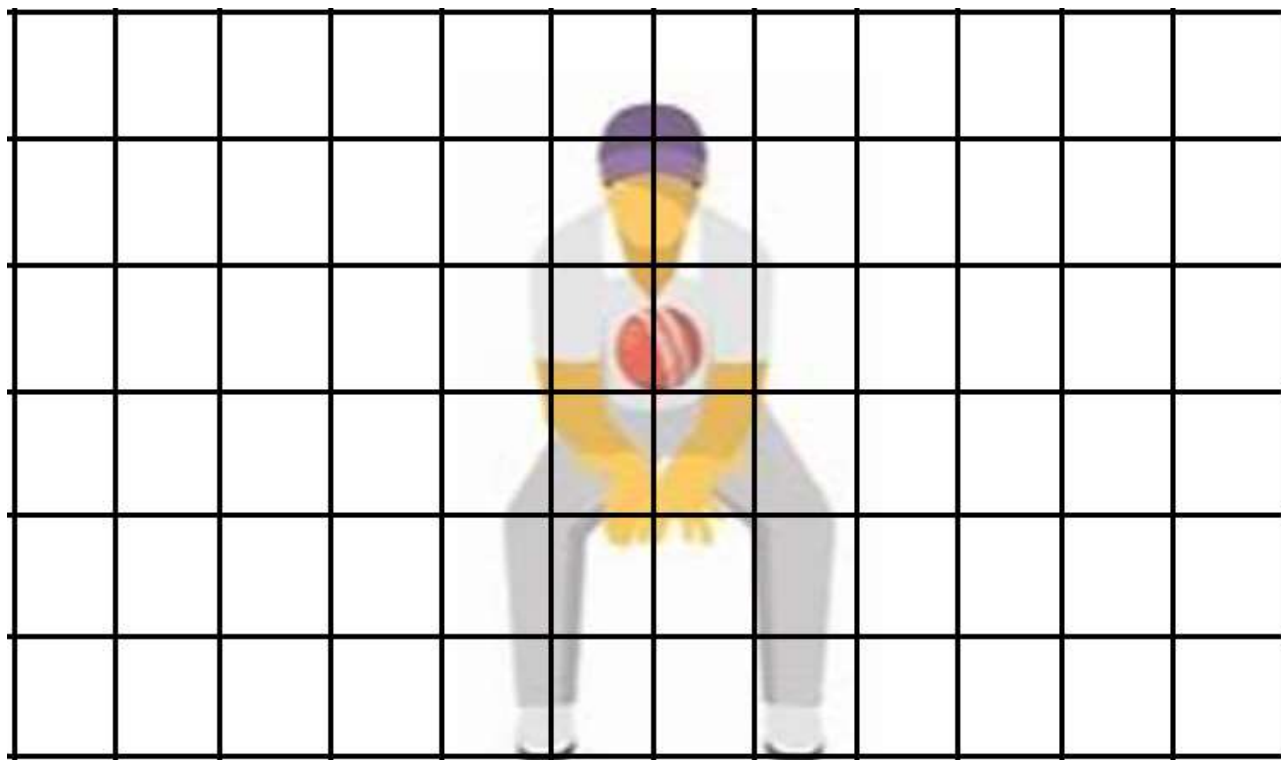
## Activity 9: Catching Grid

The best fielders can take basic and extraordinary catches. These fielders practice catching all the time and identify their strengths and weaknesses. Using the grid below, can you identify where your stronger and weaker catching areas are??

Ask a parent or family member to throw or hit some flat catches for you and mark an X on the grid each time you drop the ball. After a while, you may see a cluster of X's on the grid, which identifies a key catching area to practice and develop.

You could change the difficulty of this practice by changing the speed of the feed or feeding further away from the body.

Alternatively, you could draw an 'O' every time you catch the ball and see if there are any gaps!



## Activity 10: Match Preparation (COMPETITION)

With cricket season fast approaching, lots of cricketers have started to get fit, learn new skills and develop their batting, bowling and fielding. Lots of these cricketers have been doing all of the above at home with some inventive games and drills.

For this activity, we'd like to see your best practice videos in a 30 second video montage. You might need parents or family members to help with filming and editing the video. (Top Tip: Imovie, Photogrid, Splice are useful apps for putting videos together).

You could include: Batting, Bowling, Catching, Throwing, wicket keeping, Game-Face Selfies, fitness sessions, exciting drills, motivational team talks and innovative equipment (e.g. frying pans if you haven't got a bat/socks instead of a ball etc.).

Send your video montages to Sam Dent at Wiltshire Cricket to be in with a chance of winning the competition!

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## Activity 11: Tactical Genius

In the previous activity book (April 2020 – available on Wiltshire Cricket website), one of the activities suggested memorising some fielding positions, which you may find helpful when playing a game of cricket. In this activity, will you be a tactical genius with fielding position when challenged by a family member??

Below, there are 2 cricket field diagrams. The first one has all of the fielding positions listed – this is for parents/helpers. The second diagram is blank and is for the upcoming 'tactical genius'.

To play this game, the helper will call out a fielding position, using the diagram. The 'tactical genius' must then draw an X on the blank diagram, where they think that fielding position is.

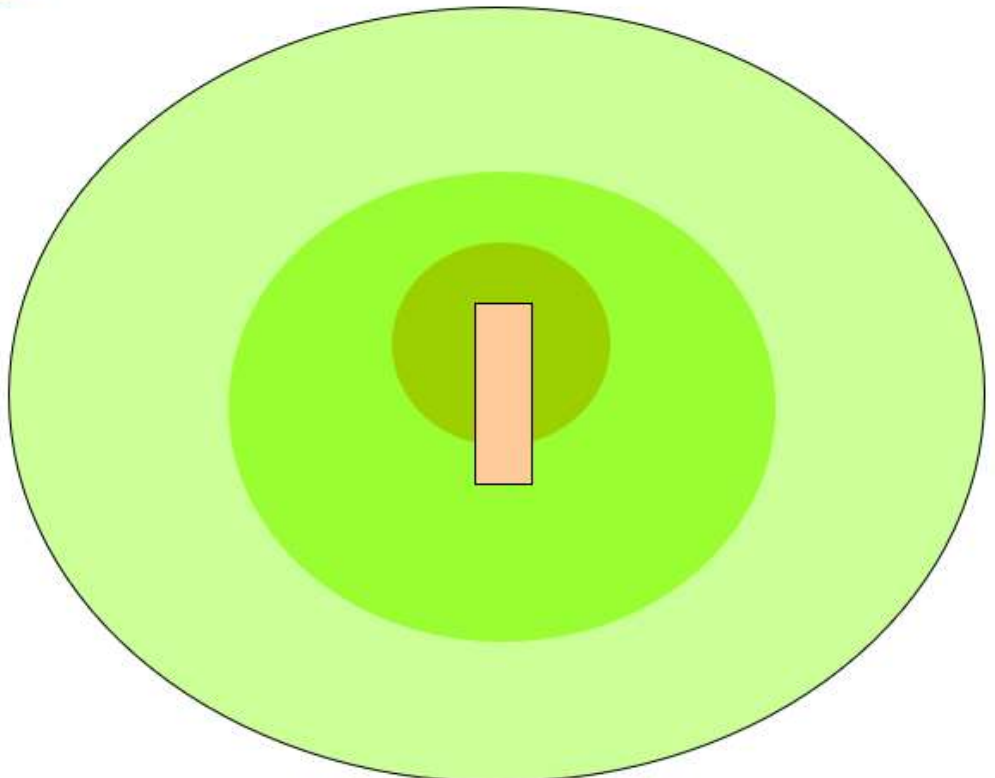
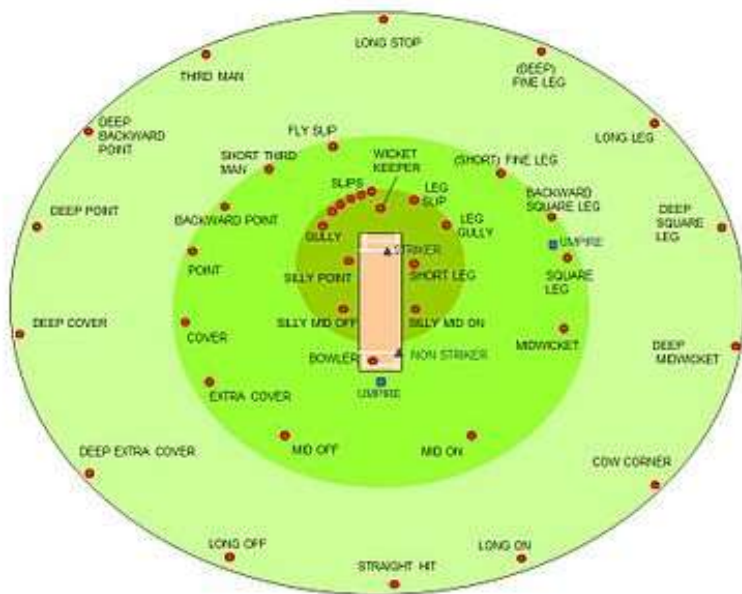
After each turn, check your answers.

How many fielding positions do you know?

What happens if the batter is right-handed? Do the positions change for a left-handed batter?

What happens if the team are bowling from the other end?

(You could also do this on a whiteboard and rub out the positions after each go)



## Activity 12: Coaching Masterclass

With lots of coaching activities currently on 'pause', use the following activity to develop your knowledge of key cricket skills. Use this knowledge to impress your coach when we restart cricket training.

**Bowling Off-Spin:** <https://www.ecb.co.uk/videos/1121055/bowling-off-spin-the-masterclass>

**Attacking the Ball:** <https://www.ecb.co.uk/videos/1097271/attacking-the-ball-fielding-masterclass>

**Playing against Spin:** <https://www.ecb.co.uk/videos/1097265/attacking-spin-the-graham-thorpe-masterclass>

**T20 Batting:** <https://www.ecb.co.uk/videos/847441/jos-buttler-gives-a-t20-masterclass>

**Other Sky Sports Masterclasses:** [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=sky+sports+cricket+masterclass](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sky+sports+cricket+masterclass)

Using the space below, can you identify 3 key words for each skill. These key words should be commonly used in the masterclasses and help a player to improve their performance. One example could be the word 'Balanced'.



### Activity 13: A Trip to the Cricket

There are a huge number of cricket matches taking place in England & Wales this summer, but nobody is available to organise the trip, except you! Can you plan all of the details for going to a cricket match and stay within budget? You will need to consider the realistic costs of anything involved with your day. There are some examples below.

You have a budget of £600 to take your class from School.  
Use the space below to show any working.

You will need to think about:

- Bus Hire (Don't forget, you need to go there and back)
- Travel Time
- Which match and which venue.
- Food and Drinks
- Number of pupils/teachers in your class
- Spending Money
- Anything else?? (What would make it the best day ever and how much would it cost?)

Costs:

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| a) Test Match Ticket = £10 per person.          | j) Match face paint = £3.50 per person                       |
| b) One Day International Ticket = £8 per person | k) Match Programme = £3 per person                           |
| c) T20 Fixture = £5 per person.                 | l) Player Autographs = Free (but only for half of the class) |
| d) Bus Hire (£1 per mile)                       | m) Player Meet & Greet Session = £75 for the whole class     |
| e) Burger and Chips = £5.50 per person          | n) Cricket Ball Souvenir = £2.50 each                        |
| f) Portion of Chips = £2 per person             | o) Cricket Bat Souvenir = £3.50 each                         |
| g) 3 Course Meal = £12 per person               |  |
| h) Packed Lunch = Free                          |  |
| i) Match T-shirt = £7 per person                |  |

## Activity 14: County Cricket Q&A

Wiltshire and all of the other counties in England have a Men's and Women's County Cricket Team. These teams are made up of the best players from that county and they compete against each other to win competitions and trophies. All of the players have practiced a lot and have lots of experience playing and training for cricket.

Now is your chance to ask the players and their coaches some questions.  
You could ask about their emotions, their experiences, their top tips etc.

List all of your questions for the county players/coaches below....

TOP TIP: If you email your questions to the County Women's Coach, Sam Dent ([sam.dent@wiltshirecricket](mailto:sam.dent@wiltshirecricket)), he can ask some of the players your questions and send you their response!

Questions:

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10.

## Activity 15: Pencil Pavilions

Cricket is a very old and traditional sport, which means lots of the cricket grounds and buildings are very old too. Some of them are grand and expensive, others are small and welcoming.



The bad news is....some of these old pavilions are getting too old and falling apart, and we need some new, modern and exciting buildings to replace them with.

Using the space below, can you draw and label a modern, stylish and purposeful pavilion for your local cricket ground.

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