

Step 6: Score runs

Score runs by hitting the ball if you're a batter. After a batter hits the ball, both batters run to the opposite end of the pitch. Batters can repeatedly score runs by running back and forth to the wickets until the opposing team gets them out.

If a batter hits the ball past the far boundary of the field, their team is automatically awarded six runs. If the ball hits the ground before it passes the boundary, the team receives four runs.

Step 7: Win

Win by scoring the most runs. An "inning" is complete when everyone on the batting team has batted. After each team plays one inning, the team with the most runs is the winner. If that happens to be your team, don't gloat. Cricket is a difficult but exciting sport -- cut the losing team a break.

Although the origin of cricket is unknown, it is believed to have originated as early as the 13th century and was played by country boys who bowled at a tree stump.