

The Weekend - Bowling (C0305)

A: Alright, so the first thing that you need to know about bowling is that you should never cross that line where the lane begins.

B: Why not?

A: Because they polish and oil it to make the ball slide down. If you step there you will slip and fall.

A: OK, so I got my bowling shoes, my ball, our names on the scorecard, so now, how the heck do I play this?

A: You throw the ball down the lane and try to knock down all the pins. If you do, that is called a strike. If you don't knock them all down on the first try, then you get a chance to get the spare. After ten frames, we add up the points and see who has the most. Three hundred is a perfect score, but very hard to get.

B: Got it! OK, I'm gonna give it a go. Oh no! My ball went in the gutter!

A: I told you, its harder than you think. Now let a pro show you how it's done.

Key Vocabulary

bowling	<i>G</i>	a game where you try to knock pins down with a ball
polish	<i>V</i>	to make smooth and glossy, esp. by rubbing or friction
lane	<i>N</i>	any narrow or well-defined passage, track, channel, or course
knock	<i>V</i>	to strike in collision
gutter	<i>N</i>	a sunken channel on each side of the lane
pro	<i>A</i>	an expert player

Supplementary Vocabulary

split	<i>N</i>	separate or apart
perfect game	<i>P</i>	a game in bowling of 12 consecutive strikes.

pin	<i>N</i>	a small, slender, often pointed piece of wood, metal
strike	<i>V</i>	to hit, collide
gutter ball	<i>P</i>	A ball that goes into the gutter