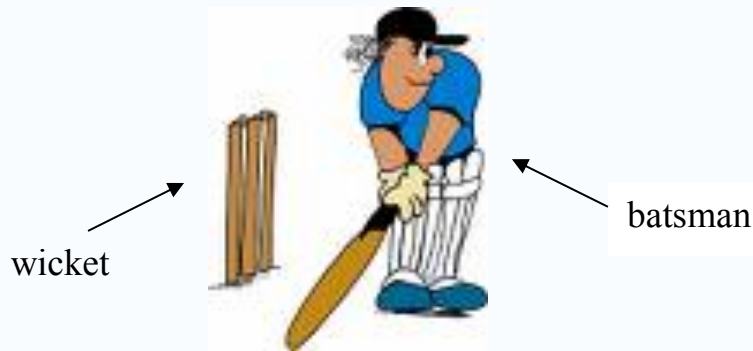


# All About Cricket



Similar to baseball, cricket is a bat-and-ball sport with two competing teams. Modern cricket developed in **England** and is very popular in many countries, including India, Australia, South Africa, and Bermuda.

A player from the fielding team, known as the **bowler** (=pitcher in baseball), throws a small, hard ball towards the **batsman** on the opposing team (=batter in baseball). Unlike baseball, the hard ball usually hits the ground once before reaching the **batsman** (=batter in baseball). The batsman must stop the ball from hitting a marker (sticking out of the ground), called the **wicket**. The batsman uses a **wooden cricket bat** to stop the **ball** from hitting the wicket.

The batsman, if he or she does not get **out** (by having the wicket hit by a ball, or by having his batted ball caught in the air), runs between the wickets, switching ends with a second batsman on their team, who has been waiting near the bowler of the opposing team (=pitcher in baseball). Each time the teammates switch ends, a **run** is scored.

The main goals of cricket are (1) to score as many runs as possible and (2) to **defend** your teams wicket.