

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IES CAMPIÑA ALTA (El Casar)

Badminton Vocabulary

word	example sentence	meaning
ace	Jenny's accuracy means she serves lots of aces.	a serve that the opponent fails to hit
backcourt	I ran to the backcourt to return his lob.	back third of the court (same as "rearcourt")
backhand	If his backhand is weak, play more to his left side.	a stroke made on the side of the body opposite the racket side
baseline	The shuttlecock landed just inside the baseline.	back line of the court
bird / birdie	The U.S. players say birdie instead of shuttlecock.	shuttlecock (mostly used in North America)
carry	The umpire called my shot a carry, so I lost the point.	an illegal stroke in which the shuttle is caught and held on the racket before being released; also called a "sling" or "throw"
centre line	The centre line divides the court into two service courts.	a line that separates the left and right service courts
clear	She hit a clear high and to the back of her opponent's court.	a shot hit deep into the opponent's court
doubles	Why don't you ask her to be your partner in mixed doubles?	a game between teams of two players

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drop shot	He was at the back of the court, so I played a drop shot and he couldn't reach it.	a shot that just clears the net and then drops sharply
drive	She played a forehand drive straight down the line and won the point.	a fast hard shot
fault	It is also a fault if the shuttlecock hits the ceiling during a rally.	a foul shot, such as one that hits the net or lands outside the court
forecourt	If you play from the forecourt, you'll have a better chance of hitting a winner.	the front third of the court
home position	Players in singles matches try to get back to the home position whenever they can during a game.	central position on court which is halfway between the baseline and net, and the two sidelines
kill / kill shot	You can hit a net kill if the shuttlecock comes high over the net.	fast downward shot that cannot be returned
let	Unlike in tennis, if a serve hits the top of the net and then goes over it isn't called a let.	a minor violation of the rules requiring a rally to be replayed
lob	Her lob flew high into the air and dropped into the back of the court, just inside the baseline.	a shot that is hit in a high arc, usually over the opponent's head
net	The shuttlecock hit the top of the net and just went over, so she won the point.	the length of meshed material supported on a cord between two posts that divides the court

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net shot	Net shots are good to play if your opponent is in his or her rearcourt.	a shot hit from the forecourt that just clears the net and drops sharply
passing shot	She beat her opponent with a strong passing shot down the line.	a shot which passes the opponent
push shot	He tried to play a push shot, but it was too soft and it went into the net.	a soft shot played by pushing the shuttlecock with a little wrist motion
racket (also <i>racquet</i>)	A badminton racket is smaller and lighter than a tennis racket.	the instrument used by players to hit the shuttlecock
rally	The crowd applauded after watching another long, exciting rally.	a series of shots hit back and forth across the net
rearcourt	Players try not to get caught in the rearcourt if possible.	rear third of the court (same as "backcourt")
serve	In tennis players use overhead serves, but in badminton they use underarm serves.	a shot which begins play
service court	You have to serve from inside your own service court.	the area into which a serve must be hit
short serve	A good player can surprise his or her opponent by disguising a short serve.	a serve that barely clears the net and lands just inside the receiver's service court
smash	Dan jumped high in the air and hit a powerful smash to win the rally.	a powerful overhead shot

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wood shot	He was lucky when he hit a wood shot and the shuttlecock still went over the net.	a legal shot in which the shuttlecock hits the frame of the racket