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THINK THROUGH IT...

*No dream is ever chased alone.*

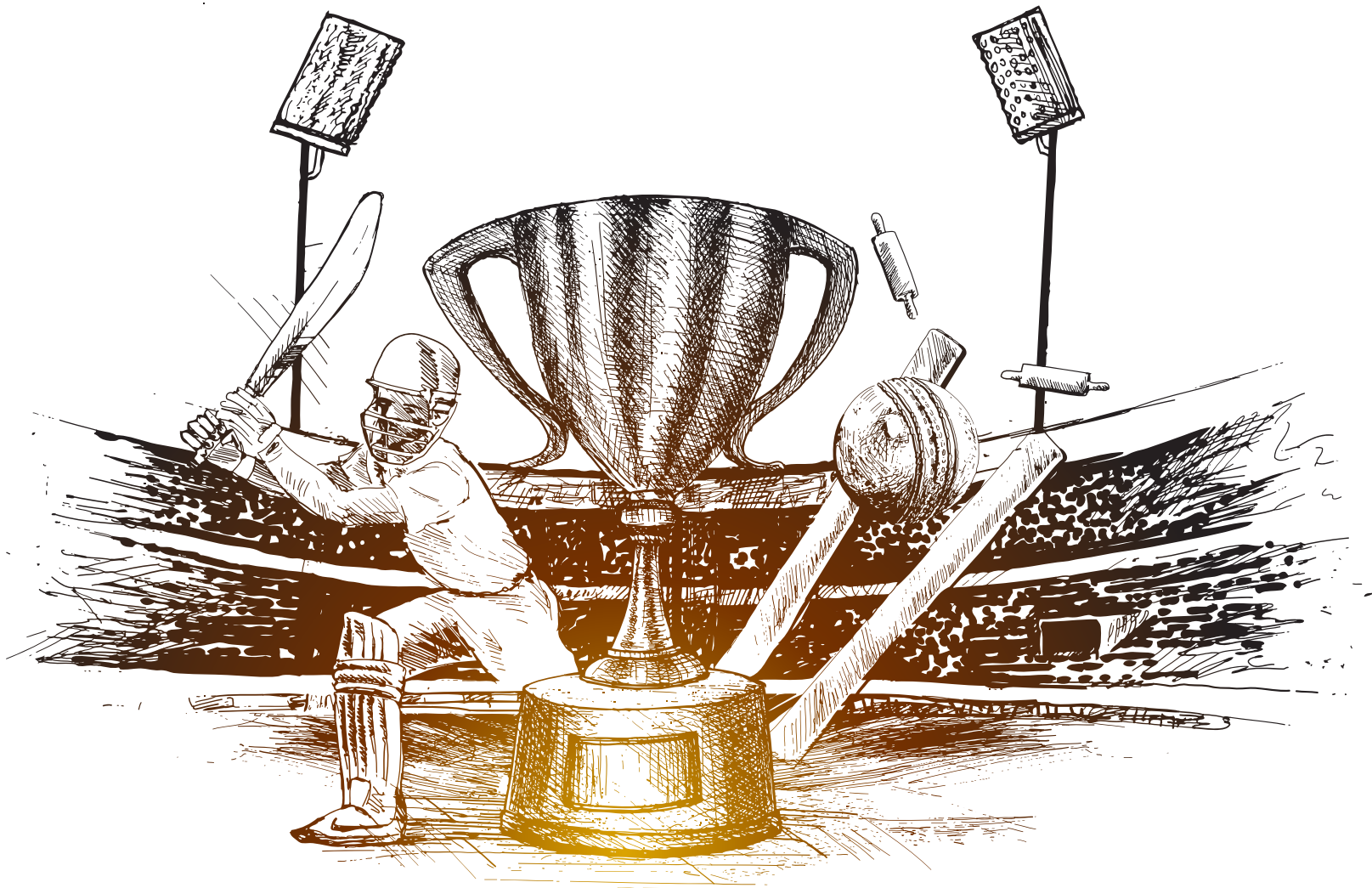
—Rahul Dravid



## Cricket World Cup

It is Cricket World Cup time again this June! This is an international tournament, held every four years, and is considered the most epic of all events in the cricketing world. The Cricket World Cup, known as the ICC World Cup, comprises the most popular one-day format. This year, the games are being hosted by England and the matches are underway already.






Do you know the first ever international world cup started in 1975? It was hosted by England as they were the only country who could afford all the resources needed for a tournament of such proportion! The teams that played the 1975 tournament included eight countries; these were England, West Indies, New Zealand, India, East Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Australia. The first Prudential Cup (as it was known then) was won by the West Indies team, with Clive Lloyd as the captain; they defeated Australia by 17 runs. Remember all the matches in this first ever world cup series were of 60 overs each. The team players wore white clothes and the cricket ball was red. Things have changed dramatically since that first world cup series.

India and Pakistan jointly hosted the World Cup for the first time in 1987, prior to this all the World Cup tournaments were hosted by England till 1983. The 1987 World Cup tournament also saw the overs reduced from 60 to 50 for the first time and that has been the standard ever since. This series was won by Australia with Allan Border as their captain.

The 1992 Cricket World Cup tournament hosted by Australia and New Zealand saw many firsts that continue till today. The traditional all-white clothes were dropped, in came the vibrant, colourful clothes for all teams. The India team sported blue and that's why we "bleed blue" when the world cup comes around. The ball changed from the red to the white ball we know now. The concept of day and night matches was introduced for the first time. It was in 1992 that a third umpire was used for the first time to judge run-out decisions with the help of television replays. However, the biggest first was that South Africa returned to the series after their international sports boycott came to an end. The boycott was in place since 1970 because of the South African government's policy of apartheid. The 1992 World Cup was won by Pakistan defeating England by 22 runs under the captainship of Imran Khan.

The 2003 World Cup series was the first to be played in Africa; it was co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya. Unfortunately, this series was marred by security concerns of playing in Zimbabwe and Shane Warne, Australia's star player, being sent home for testing positive on a drug test. Australia came up as winners against India and became the first team to take home the cup the third time!

2011 saw the ICC World Cup being co-hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. This was the first time ever that a host country won the world cup on their home soil. The India team led by MS Dhoni defeated Sri Lanka by 6 wickets to lift the trophy for the second time. India is ready to host the ICC World Cup again in 2023. Howzat!



# WOMEN IN CRICKET

While cricket is often referred to as the gentleman's game, the truth is much different. The first Women's World Cup was won by the England team in 1973, two years before the men's event was played! This tournament included seven teams from England, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, International XI and Young England. Rachael Heyhoe Flint was the captain of the winning team and Enid Bakewell scored a huge 118 against Australia. Even though the next Women's World Cup was held in India in 1978, the India women's team didn't get much support and fame till recently. It was only in 2005 that the India team made it to the finals and everyone sat up and noticed. The team was led by Mithali Raj, who became a familiar name after this series. In 2013, India played host again to the Women's World Cup and Jhulan Goswami became known as a pacer of repute. Australia has won the most number of times in the Women's World Cup series with six victories.



## India Dream Teams in 1983 and 2011

Lord's Cricket Ground, London, 25 June 1983 – India won their first ICC World Cup against the West Indies by 43 runs. This dream team of India was led by Kapil Dev and included stalwarts such as Sunil Gavaskar, Mohinder Amarnath, Kris Srikanth, Roger Binny and Madan Lal to name a few. 1983 is also remembered for the 175 not out score by Kapil Dev against Zimbabwe. When he came to play, India's score was at 9 for 4. Kapil Dev's 175 was the highest world cup score at that time.



The next time that India's dream team won the ICC World Cup was in 2011 at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, defeating Sri Lanka by 6 wickets with only 10 balls remaining. What a nail-biting match it was! While Captain MS Dhoni scored 91 of 79 balls and was not out till the end, he was supported by a stunning 21 of 24 balls by Yuvraj Singh. This win was made sweeter since it was Sachin Tendulkar's last World Cup.



## TechNews

Cricket is largely considered to be a game filled with tradition. However, technology has made its presence felt in many quarters. Have you heard about the **Hawk Eye** system? This was introduced in 2008 and used multiple cameras to produce a projection of the ball's trajectory. This helped the umpire make better decisions in case of LBW (leg before wicket) scenarios. Another great use of technology in cricket has been the **Snicko** or Snickometer. This uses sound and video to gauge whether a ball has hit a batsman's edge. The mic is placed on the stumps and is connected to a device that reads sound waves. **Hot Spot** is another super use of technology which helps to know whether a ball hit the bat or the pad. This technology makes use of two or four infra-red cameras that continuously record images. Friction is created when the ball hits the bat or the pad and this increases the temperature. And this rise in temperature is used to check what hit what! Together these three technologies are now used in the **Decision Review System (DRS)**, but note that this is still a work in progress. Many countries including India do not agree to play when DRS is working.





# World View

In strife torn Afghanistan, cricket has worked its magic in the most profound ways possible. This country, which has seen so much struggle and suffering, found in cricket a hope to stay alive. The Afghanistan national cricket board was formed in 1995 and it was in 2001 only that the team was recognized as an affiliate member of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Cricket was prohibited under the Taliban till 2000. The country re-discovered cricket because of people who were living in the refugee camps near the Pakistan border. A huge boost was given by **Afghan Connection**, a charity organization founded by Sarah Fane in 2002, who made it their mission to provide Afghan children with education and cricket. As Raees Ahmadzai, former captain of the cricket team, said in an interview to CNN, “Before cricket, everyone just knew Afghanistan because of war.” The team came into the limelight when they were runners-up in the Middle East Cup in 2006. The team has moved very fast to achieve a formidable position be it in the T20 format or ODI. They have made all this possible with their sheer grit and in less than 20 years, a team that never existed before is making a mark in the world of cricket. Today, players like Rashid Khan, Gulbadin Naib and Mujeeb Ur Rahman are known the world over for their energy and fearlessness on the cricket field.





# RIDDLES WHO AM I?

1

I stand in the middle,  
surrounded by two  
more like me. I wear a  
cap and fall down when  
my cap flies away?  
Who am I?

2

I go to all matches but  
I play none. My special  
role comes only when  
someone is done. I  
hold no bat, my tool is  
the ball. Who am I?

3

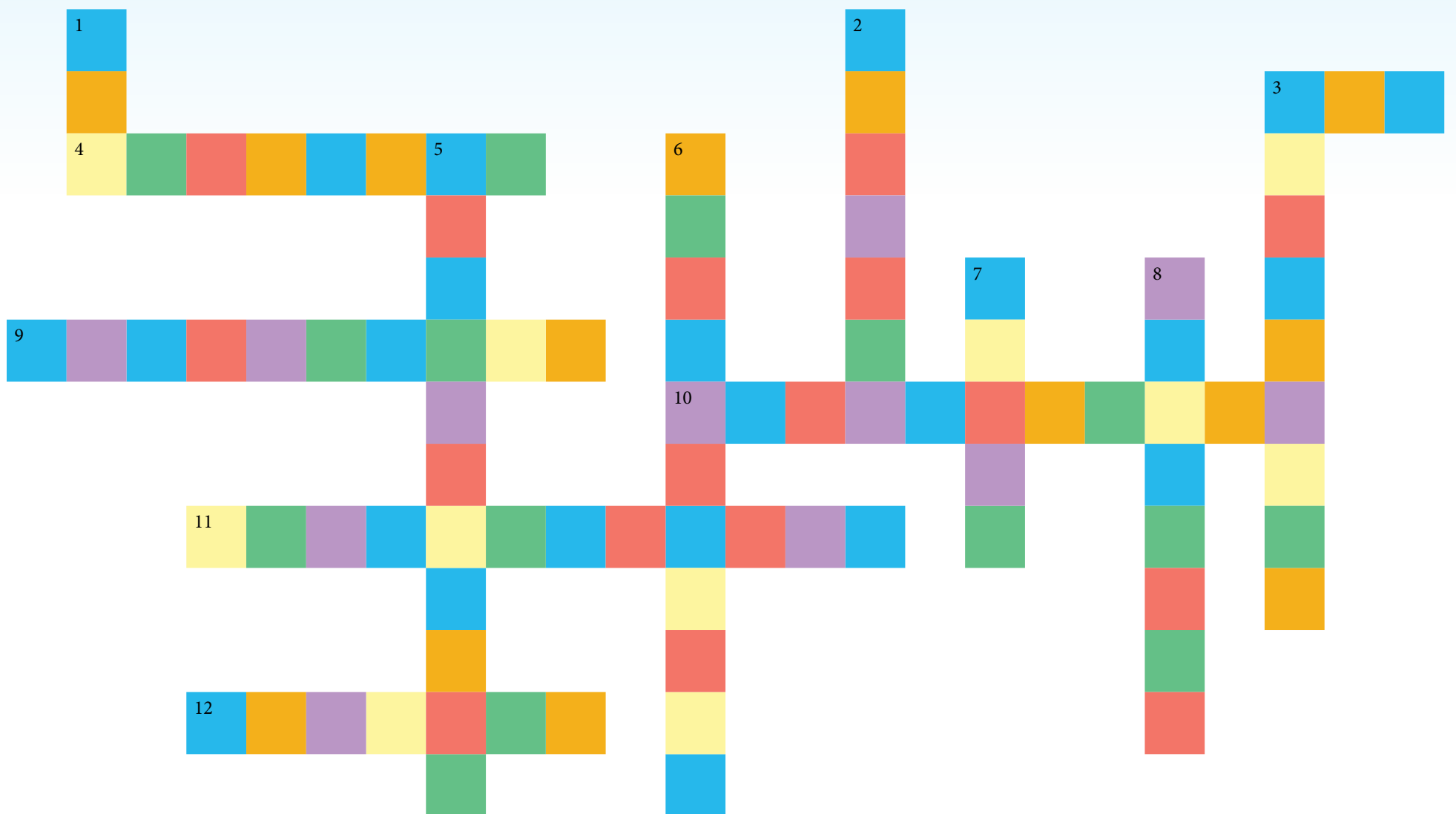
My fingers do the  
talking. I stand tall  
amidst all the throwing  
and running. My voice is  
the law. But my name is  
less known. Who am I?

4

Most like it dry, some  
like it moist. Whatever  
be the weather, I remain  
the same everywhere.  
Always 20.12 m long  
and 3.05 m wide.  
Who am I?



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- 3 The shortest format of cricket
- 4 First test cricket player to make more than 10,000 runs
- 9 Current captain of India team
- 10 Number one T20 all-rounder
- 11 Highest wicket taker in T20 international cricket
- 12 Host of ICC World Cup 2019

## Down

- 1 Largest cricket stadium in the world
- 2 Known as "The Don"
- 3 Scored the most centuries in international cricket
- 5 Rashid Khan is a bowler of this team
- 6 Largest cricket stadium in India
- 7 Jersey colour of the New Zealand team
- 8 Test series between England and Australia





# ACTIVITY SHEET

## ACTIVITY 1

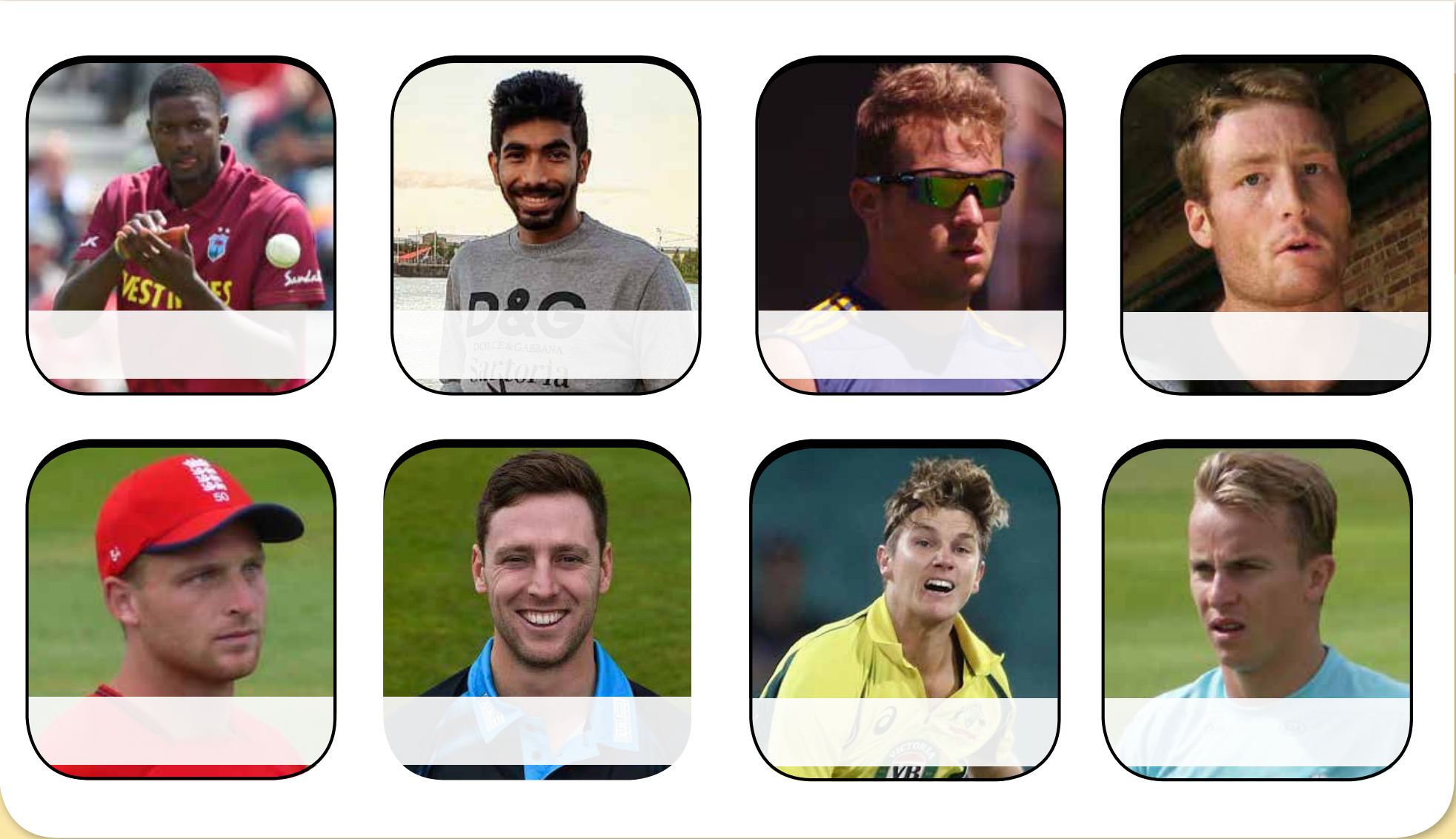


**Many words and phrases from the sport of cricket are used in the English language on a regular basis. Find the cricket-related words and match them with their meanings.**

1. The Maths paper was so difficult. I was stumped.
2. Sheena had a good innings at the bank; she is now moving back to Dehradun.
3. Poorva and Manoj are on a sticky wicket with their Geography assignments; they haven't even started on them!
4. Class 7 really carried the bat at the annual function. That is why it was so much fun!
5. The entire group was working on the model since morning when Kim asked them to pull up the stumps.

# ACTIVITY 2

Do you know these players? See who all you know and which teams they are from. Write the names in the boxes below the images.



### ANSWERS FOR RIDDLES

- 1. The middle stump.
- 2. The twelfth man. This player is not allowed to bowl, bat, wicket keep or captain the team; his or her sole duty is to act as a substitute fielder.
- 3. The umpire. The two umpires on the field and the third umpire are who decide when it's a four, or a six, a batsman is dismissed or when a no ball has been played.
- 4. The pitch. It is the rectangular central strip on a cricket field between the wickets.

### ANSWERS FOR ACTIVITY 1

- 1. The Maths paper was so difficult. I was **stumped**. – Means 'to be surprised'.
- 2. Sheena had a good **innings** at the bank; she is now moving back to Dehradun. – Means 'long and successful period'.
- 3. Poorva and Manoj are on a **sticky wicket** with their Geography assignments; they haven't even started on them! – Means 'difficult situation'.
- 4. Class 7 really **carried the bat** at the annual function. That is why it was so much fun! – Means 'works for the entire time and is successful'.
- 5. The entire group was working on the model since morning when Kim asked them to **pull up the stumps**. – Means 'stop doing something'.

### ANSWERS FOR ACTIVITY 2

Left to Right

- 1. Jason Holder (WI)
- 2. Jasprit Bumrah (IND)
- 3. David Miller (SA)
- 4. Martin Guptill (NZ)
- 5. Jos Buttler (ENG)
- 6. Matt Henry (NZ)
- 7. Adam Zampa (AUS)
- 8. Tom Curran (ENG)



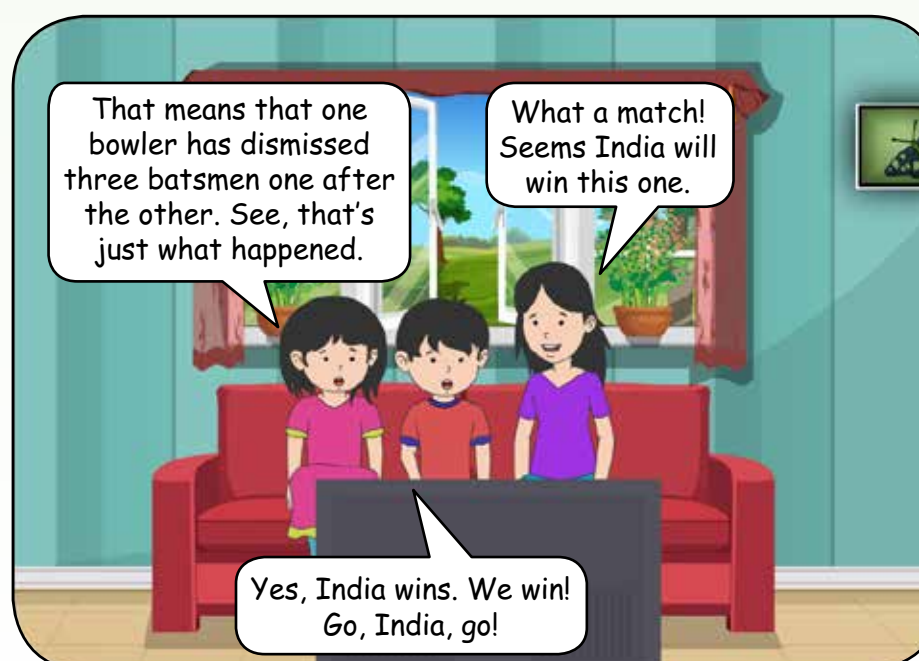
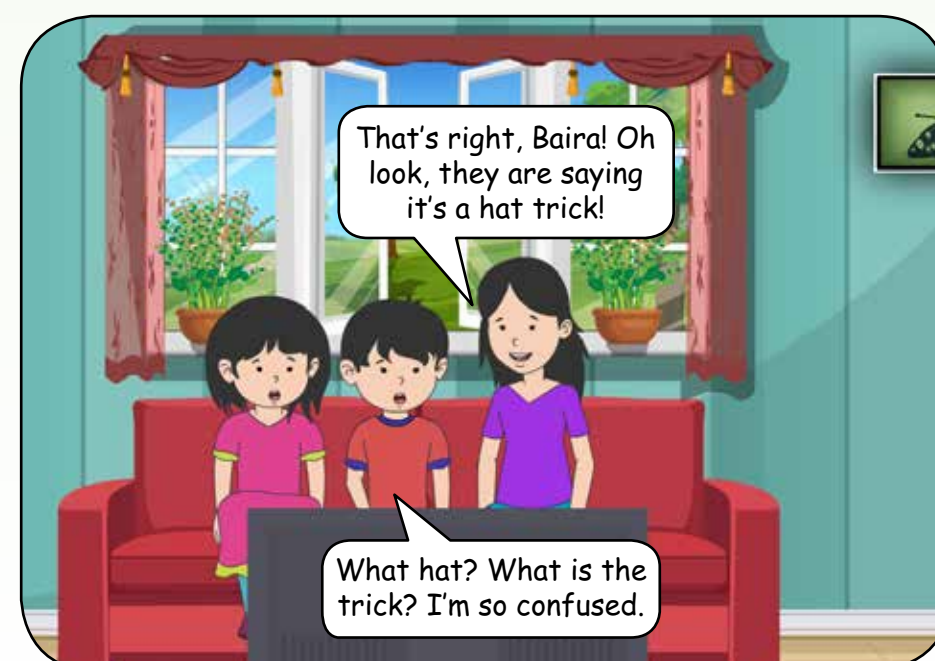
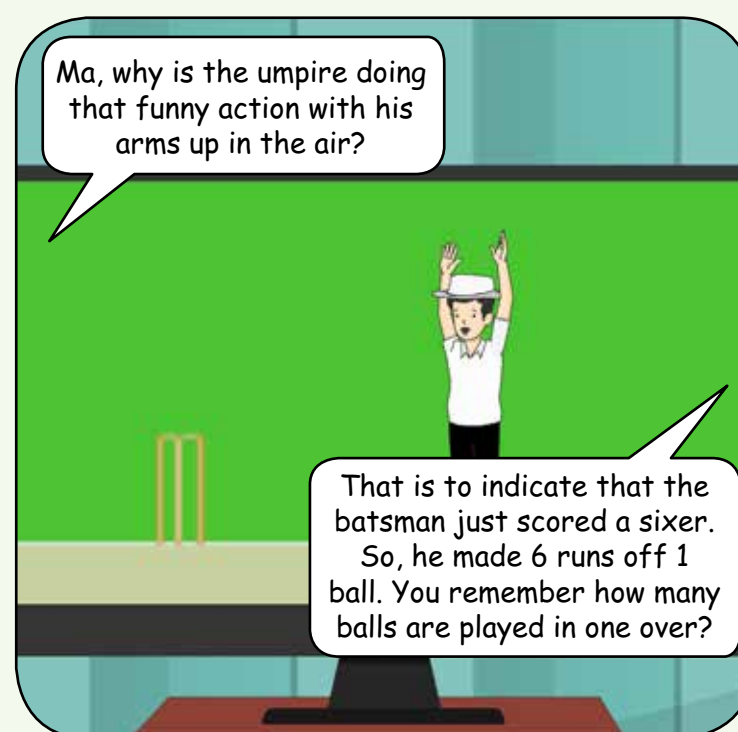
- 1. MCG
- 2. BRADMAN
- 3. TENDULKAR
- 4. GAVASKAR
- 5. AFGHANISTAN
- 6. EDEN GARDENS
- 7. BLACK
- 8. THE ASHES
- 9. VIRAT KOHLI
- 10. GLEN MAXWELL
- 11. SHAHID AFRIDI
- 12. ENGLAND





# Comic Strip

## BAIRA AND BELA



# CURRENT EVENTS UPDATES

## APRIL 2019

### 10 April 2019

New Zealand, under the leadership of Jacinda Ardern, voted to ban military-style semi-automatic weapons. This decision comes after a mass shooting incident in Christchurch killed at least 50 people when they were at prayer in mosques.



### 15 April 2019

Sudan's president Omar al-Bashir was removed from office by the military after 30 years in power. Bashir had been indicted on charges of war crime and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court earlier.



### 16 April 2019

The Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, France, was gutted by a huge fire. It led to severe damage to the world heritage site and evoked reactions and emotions from across the globe.



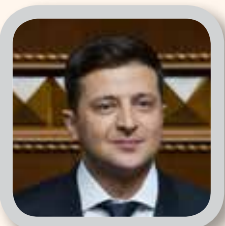
### 17 April 2019

The TIME's 100 Most Influential People - 2019 list was released and included the world's most influential pioneers, artists, leaders and icons of the year. Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani and public interest litigators Arundhati Katju and Menaka Guruswamy, who spearheaded a historic legal battle for LGBTQ rights in India, are among the Indians who were included in the world list.

### 23 April 2019

More than 300 people were killed across Sri Lanka in a series of terror attacks on churches and top-end hotels on Easter Sunday. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State (IS) later.

Volodymyr Zelenskiy, a popular comedian, won the Presidential elections in Ukraine. He won 73 percent of the votes against Petro Poroshenko, who was elected after the 2014 revolution. Zelenskiy is faced with getting Ukraine back on track, since it is embroiled in conflict due to tensions between Russia and the West.



### 24 April 2019

The 23rd edition of the Asian Athletics Championship concluded in Doha, Qatar, with India in fourth position after winning 17 medals (3 Gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze).

### 25 April 2019

India launched the MERA India campaign to eliminate malaria by 2030. MERA stands for Malaria Elimination Research Alliance. India was praised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) for its efforts to eradicate malaria.

### 29 April 2019

The fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections in India began on 29 April. This phase covered nine states; seven phases are planned.

Pepsico, the global beverage brand, sued Indian farmers for growing a variety of potatoes called FC5. The company claims that FC5 potatoes are patented by them and are used in their popular Lay's potato chips due to their low moisture content.

### 30 April 2019

Japan's Emperor Akihito abdicated and will be succeeded by his son, Prince Naruhito. This is the first time in 200 years in Japan that an emperor has announced his stepping down from the throne.



## MAY 2019

### 03 May 2019

Cyclone Fani made landfall in Puri, Odisha. This was a severe category storm with wind speeds of upto 200 km/hr. Massive evacuation operations covering approximately 1 million people, were carried out by the government, which resulted in minimal casualties during the cyclone.



## CURRENT EVENTS UPDATES

**04 May 2019**

Maha Vajiralongkorn was crowned the new king of Thailand. This is a first in 69 years. The earlier king, Bhumibol Adulyadej who died in 2016 was very popular with the Thais and well respected.



**08 May 2019**

Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, announced the country's partial withdrawal from the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action agreement. This agreement was also known as the Iranian nuclear deal that Iran had entered into with UK, China, Russia, France and the European Union.



**12 May 2019**

Manchester City F.C. win England's 2018 – 19 Premier League for the second year in a row with 98 points, while Liverpool F.C. come in second with 97 points, continuing their 29-year title drought.

**15 May 2019**

Representatives from 17 world governments and various US technology companies met in Paris to support a set of anti-terrorism guidelines called the "Christchurch Call to Action". This was drafted by the governments of France and New Zealand.

**17 May 2019**

Taiwan becomes the first country in Asia to legalize same-sex marriages, a big step forward in the LGBTQ movement.

**23 May 2019**

BJP, led by Narendra Modi, was declared a clear winner in the Lok Sabha elections in India. This 72nd Lok Sabha is being called as Modi 2.0 government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi received congratulatory messages from across the globe.



**24 May 2019**

Theresa May, Britain's Prime Minister, announced her decision to step down following the continuous back and forth with respect to the Brexit deal in the UK parliament.



**JUNE 2019**

**04 June 2019**

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande from Nigeria was elected as the President of the United Nations General Assembly. He will assume the office in September succeeding María Fernanda Espinosa, who is from Peru.

Thousands of people come together in Hong Kong to mark the 30th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. Hong Kong and Macau are the only places in China where such commemoration can be held.

**05 June 2019**

The Social Democrats party got majority in the general elections of Denmark. Mette Frederiksen, 41, is set to be their youngest prime minister.



**08 June 2019**

Australian Ashleigh Barty defeats 19-year-old Czech Markéta Vondroušová to win the 2019 French Open women's singles championship; this is her first Grand Slam singles title.



**09 June 2019**

More than 1 million people protested in Hong Kong to oppose a controversial extradition bill that would enable China to extradite fugitives from the city. This was known as the largest demonstration since the city was handed back to China in 1997.

Spain's Rafael Nadal defeated Austrian Dominic Thiem to win his 12th French Open men's singles championship and his 18th Grand Slam title.



# CURRENT EVENTS UPDATES

**17 June 2019**

Former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, who was ousted in a coup in 2013 and was detained in jail since then, died after fainting during an espionage court hearing.



**22 June 2019**

Chennai became the first city in India to witness severe shortage of water. This is being seen as the first of many cities that are impacted by global climate conditions along with major human mismanagement issues.

**23 June 2019**

Massive protests were held in Prague, Czech demanding the resignation of Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš; this was the country’s biggest protest since the Velvet Revolution in 1989.

**26 June 2019**

Severe heat wave conditions spread across Europe. Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, France and Spain report record breaking high temperatures.

**27 June 2019**

Virat Kohli breaks Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara’s record to become the fastest batsman to score 20,000 international runs. He accomplished this feat in the ICC World Cup match against West Indies.

**28 June 2019**

The 14th G20 summit is underway at Osaka, Japan; this is the first time it is being held in Japan.

**30 June 2019**

Donald Trump becomes the first sitting US president to set foot in North Korea, after meeting Kim Jong-Un in the area dividing the two Koreas.

