



Little Lion at Bat Glossary

What in the world are they talking about? For the very young and those new to cricket, here's a guide to some of the words used in "Little Lion at Bat."

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4	wicket	The wicket is the 22 yard strip in the middle of the field, where the central part of a cricket match takes place. The word wicket is also used to describe the set of stumps and bales at each end.
4	Walcott	Sir Clyde Walcott. One of the famous 3Ws of West Indies cricket. Along with Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell. All three were born in Barbados and were dominant batsmen in the 1950s. At that time, Walcott was considered the best batsman in the world. He later became the first black man to lead the International Cricket Council.
4	Weekes	Sir Everton de Courcy Weekes. Born in 1925, Weekes was the first man to score five centuries in consecutive innings in a Test match.
4	Worrell	Sir Frank Mortimer Maglinne Worrell was born in Barbados, but lived much of his life in Jamaica. He was the first black cricketer to captain the West Indies cricket team for an entire series, breaking the colour barriers then found in cricket.
4	Sobers	Sir Garfield Sobers is considered the best all rounder in the history of the game. He held the world record for the most runs until it was broken by Brian Lara. Sir Gary was born with two extra fingers, one on each hand, which were removed at birth. He also excelled at other sports, and played golf, football, basketball, table tennis and dominoes for his native Barbados. He is universally regarded as one of the most exceptional players ever to grace the game. He is the author of a children's novel about cricket, <i>Bonaventure and the Flashing Blade</i> .
4	Richards	Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards, or Viv as he was called, was the most explosive batsman of the seventies. Born in Antigua, he was loved throughout the West Indies and internationally for his attacking style of batting. He was also known as the 'Master Blaster'.
4	Lloyd	Clive Lloyd is the most successful captain in the history of West Indies cricket. He led the West Indies between 1974 and 1985 and oversaw their rise to become the dominant Test-playing nation of the time, including two World Cup victories in 1975 and 1979.
4	Headley	George Headley was born in Panama, but moved to Jamaica at age 10. He was considered the best West Indies batsman of the 1930s and 40s. He was the first black

cricketer to break the colour barrier and dominate West Indies batting. The George Headley Stand in Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica is named in his honour.

8	fine leg	A fielding position on the boundary, almost behind the wicketkeeper but to the left.
8	six	A ball hit over the boundary ropes without touching the field.
10	ducks	Scoring a duck (or ducks) means the batsman makes no runs in his turn to bat.
10	batsman	The batsman is the player batting at the wicket.
12	clean bowled	A batsman gets clean bowled when the bowler gets him out by hitting his wicket (the stumps) directly with the ball.
12	caught behind	A batsman gets caught behind when he hits the ball and the wicketkeeper behind the stumps takes the catch.
17	cover drive	A type of batsman's shot played by swinging the bat down in a vertical arc, through the line of the ball, hitting the ball along the ground, in the direction of cover (one of the fielding positions.)
17	Lara	Brian Charles Lara. The first cricket superstar of the modern era. Born in Trinidad, Lara is a record-breaking batsman and arguably the greatest batsman of this generation. He is the current captain of the West Indies team and has topped the Test batting rankings on several occasions. Nicknamed the "The Prince of Port-of-Spain" or "The Prince") he holds two of the most prestigious World Records for batting in Tests: highest individual innings and all-time leading run scorer.
17	four	A ball hit to the boundary ropes but touching the field before it reaches the boundary.
17	googly	A ball bowled in a really tricky way that makes it spin and change direction.
19	square cut	A shot played square from the wicket on the off side.
19	hooking	Playing a shot to a short pitched delivery from a fast bowler generally hit in the area from mid wicket to long leg.
19	pulling	Playing a shot to a short pitched delivery hit in the area of mid wicket.
19	flicking	Playing a shot off the batsman's legs in the area behind square leg.
19	driving	Playing a shot off the front foot in front of the wicket either on the off or onside.
22	tallawah	A Jamaican word that means strong or brave; usually used to refer to someone who is small but strong.