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English Cricket, R.I.P

1. How did the test series competition between Australia and England get its distinctive name?

- ☐ From a humorous death notice for English cricket, after an Aussie win.
- ☐ The Aussie cricket captain was called Ashleigh Smith, so it was "Ash's" win.
- ☐ From a group of Melbourne women burning cricket bails and presenting them to the English captain.

2. Why was it hard for the English to believe that Australia had beaten them at The Oval?

- ☐ England only needed ten runs to win—it seemed easy.
- ☐ Australia was still a colony, and the English thought they were superior.
- ☐ It was raining, and everyone knows the English play better in the rain.



3. English all-rounder Ben Stokes is making a surprise comeback for the Ashes, after not playing for a while due to finger surgery and what else?

- ☐ Personal training with his own private batting coach.
- ☐ Taking a break for his mental health.
- ☐ Getting married.

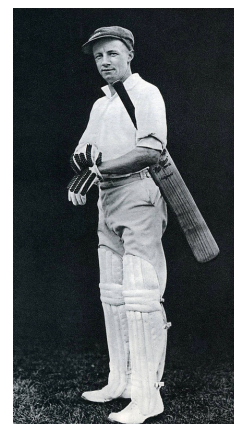
4. What kind of pressure do you think top-level athletes are under? Why would it be hard to be one of the best in the world?





5. One Australian player was so good that the English developed a rather unsporting way to bowl to him. What was his name?

- ☐ Don Cheadle
- ☐ Don Johnson
- ☐ Don Bradman



6. Why do you think the English bowling was called Bodyline?

7. The English didn't break the official rules when they bowled this way, although the rules were later changed. Do you think it's okay to do anything that's within the rules to win? Why or why not?

8. Why did Amanda say the women's Ashes was a "fast and furious" series?

- ☐ Because points are awarded for how fast women run between the wickets.
- ☐ Because all the matches are over within a week.
- ☐ The series has just one full five-day test, and six shorter matches.