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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 newspaper 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 taking a break to prioritise his mental health. What kind of pressure do you think top-level athletes are under? Why would it hard to be one of the best in the world at something?

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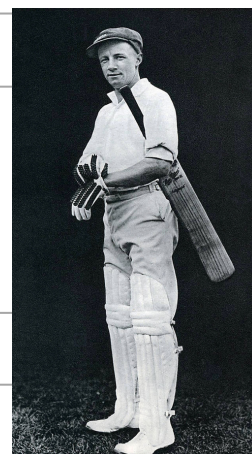
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4. Don Bradman was such a good batsman that the English developed a new method of bowling to him and his teammates. What did the Aussies call it, and why do you think they gave it that name?

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5. The English didn't break the official rules when they bowled this way in 1932-33, 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?

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6. 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.
- ☐ Because the series has just one full five-day test, and six shorter matches.

7. Here are three facts about the English women's tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1934. **What do they make you think? How do they make you feel?**

- The London *Times* newspaper wrote that it was not "nice" for "future mothers" to be travelling and playing sport.
- The women had to pay their own way. English women continued having to spend their own money on blazers and tours until 1997.
- There were no boundaries (fours or sixes). Players had to actually run to earn all their runs, unless their ball hit a tree.



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