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English Cricket, R.I.P

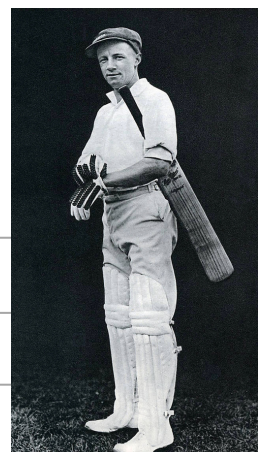
1. How did the test series competition between Australia and England get its distinctive name?

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



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?

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?





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?

6. How are the men's and women's Ashes series different?

7. Read these three facts about the English women's tour of Australia in 1934. What do you think the general attitude was to women's sport back in the 1930s?

- The London *Times* newspaper wrote: *"It does not seem nice to think that they are future mothers charged with the responsibility of setting an example of gentleness, refinement and restraint to the coming generation."*
- 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 and sixes)—players had to run all their runs, unless their ball hit a tree.



8. How much have attitudes changed? In your experience, is there equality in sport today?
