

# Tennis Terminology

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## Basic Terms

- Ace ○ A serve that the opponent cannot touch or return.
- Deuce ○ A score of 40-40 in a game.
- Advantage ○ The point scored after deuce. If the server wins the point, it's "Advantage In"; if the receiver wins, it's "Advantage Out."
- Fault ○ A serve that lands outside the service box.
- Double Fault ○ Two consecutive faults, resulting in the server losing the point.

## Court Terms

- Baseline ○ The back boundary line of the court.
- Service Box ○ The area a serve must land in for it to be considered valid.
- Alley ○ The area between the singles and doubles sidelines. Used in doubles play.
- Net ○ The barrier dividing the two halves of the court over which the ball must be hit.

## Shot Types

- Forehand ○ A shot hit from the racket side of the body.
- Backhand ○ A shot hit from the non-racket side of the body.
- Volley ○ A shot hit before the ball bounces on the ground.
- Smash ○ A powerful overhead shot, typically played close to the net.
- Lob ○ A shot that sends the ball high and deep into the opponent's court.

## Match Terms

- Break Point ○ A situation where the receiver has a chance to win the game on the next point.
- Break ○ Winning a game as the receiver.
- Hold ○ Winning a game as the server.
- Rally ○ A sequence of back-and-forth shots between players.
- Let ○ A serve that hits the net but lands in the service box, requiring a replay of the serve.

## Scoring Terms

- Love ○ A score of zero.
- Set ○ A unit of the match, won by the player who first wins six games with a margin of at least two games.
- Match ○ The overall contest, won by the player who wins the required number of sets.
- Tiebreak ○ A game played to decide a set when the score is 6-6. The first player to reach 7 points with a margin of two wins the tiebreak.

## Positions

- Baseline Player ○ A player who plays most points from the baseline.
- Serve-and-Volley Player ○ A player who follows their serve to the net to volley.
- All-Court Player ○ A player who can play effectively from both the baseline and the net.
- Doubles ○ A match where teams of two players compete against each other.

## Strategies

- Crosscourt ○ A shot hit diagonally across the court.
- Down the Line ○ A shot hit straight along the sideline.
- Drop Shot ○ A softly hit shot that lands just over the net.
- Passing Shot ○ A shot aimed to get past an opponent who is at the net.
- Spin ○ Hitting the ball in a way that affects its bounce and trajectory (e.g., topspin, backspin).