



51 Bowling Terminology

Trivia Questions and Answers

1. What is a 'Ball Rack' in bowling?
2. Describe the typical weight range of a bowling ball.
3. What is the role of 'Bumpers' in a bowling alley?
4. Explain the significance of the 'Foul Line'.
5. What is meant by a 'Perfect Game' in bowling?
6. How many pins are set up at the end of a bowling lane?
7. Define a 'Spare' in bowling.
8. What does achieving a 'Strike' mean?
9. What does 'Action' refer to in advanced bowling terms?
10. Describe the 'Address' position in bowling.
11. What does making an 'Adjustment' mean in bowling?
12. Define the term 'Anchor' in a bowling team.
13. What is an 'Approach' in bowling?
14. What does 'Area' refer to in bowling?
15. Explain 'Arm Swing' in the context of bowling.
16. What are 'Arrows' used for in a bowling lane?
17. Define 'Axis Tilt' in bowling.
18. What is a 'Baby Split'?
19. Describe the term 'Back Ends' in bowling.
20. What is a 'Backup Ball'?
21. Define 'Bad Rack' in bowling.
22. What does 'Bagger' mean?
23. Explain the 'Baker Game or System'.
24. What is 'Balance' in the context of a bowling ball?
25. Describe the 'Ball Return' system in bowling alleys.
26. What is the 'Ball Track' on a bowling lane?

27. Define 'Beak' in bowling terminology.
28. What is meant by 'Belly the Ball'?
29. Describe a 'Big Four' in bowling.
30. What is a 'Blind Score'?
31. Define 'Blocked Lane' in bowling.
32. What does 'Blow' mean in bowling terms?
33. Describe a 'Board' in bowling lane construction.
34. What is 'Body English' in bowling?
35. Define 'Boomer' in bowling context.
36. What is 'Bottom Weight' in a bowling ball?
37. Describe 'Bowl Out' in league play.
38. What is the 'Break Point' in bowling?
39. Define 'Brooklyn' in bowling terms.
40. What is a 'Bucket' formation of pins?
41. Describe 'Carry Down' in a bowling lane.
42. What does 'Center of Gravity' mean for a bowling ball?
43. Define 'Channel or Gutter' in bowling.
44. What is a 'Cherry' in bowling terms?
45. Describe 'Chop' in bowling.
46. What is a 'Christmas Tree' in bowling?
47. Define 'Clean Sheet or Clean Game'.
48. What does 'Closed Pocket' mean in bowling?
49. Describe 'Conventional Grip' in bowling.
50. What is meant by 'Count' in the context of bowling?
51. Name 5 variations of ten pin bowling

Answers:

1. **Ball Rack**: The area where bowling balls are placed before and after a player's turn.
2. **Bowling Ball Weight Range**: Typically between 6 and 16 pounds.
3. **Bumpers**: Metal or plastic rails that prevent balls from entering the gutters.
4. **Foul Line Significance**: Crossing this line during delivery invalidates the throw.
5. **Perfect Game**: Scoring 300 points by knocking down all pins with strikes in every frame.
6. **Pins at Lane End**: Ten pins.
7. **Spare**: Knocking down all pins within two throws in a frame.
8. **Strike**: Knocking down all ten pins with the first ball in a frame.
9. **Action**: Refers to the ball's spin, flying pins, or one-on-one bowling for money.
10. **Address**: The bowler's stance before beginning their approach.
11. **Adjustment**: Changing tactics, alignment, or equipment during the game.
12. **Anchor**: The last player to bowl in a team, typically the best player.
13. **Approach**: The way a player walks to the foul line to deliver the ball.

14. **Area**: The ability of a player to hit multiple boards and still hit the pocket.
15. **Arm Swing**: The motion of the player's arm from the first movement to the release.
16. **Arrows**: Triangles on the lane that assist bowlers in aiming.
17. **Axis Tilt**: The direction the ball's axis faces upon release.
18. **Baby Split**: Splits 2-7 or 3-10, are considered easier to pick up.
19. **Back Ends**: The lane area where players should see the most hook.
20. **Backup Ball**: A ball that moves left to right for right-handed bowlers and vice versa.
21. **Bad Rack**: Pins not adequately positioned at the lane's end.
22. **Bagger**: A series of consecutive strikes.
23. **Baker Game or System**: Team play where players contribute to one game's score in a set order.
24. **Balance (for a ball)**: Refers to the weight distribution in a bowling ball.
25. **Ball Return**: The machine that brings the ball back to the player after delivery.
26. **Ball Track**: The area where most balls roll down the lane.
27. **Beak**: The center of the headpin.
28. **Belly the Ball**: Throwing the ball wide and having it swing back into the pocket.
29. **Big Four**: The 4-6-7-10 split.
30. **Blind Score**: A placeholder score used when a team member is absent.
31. **Blocked Lane**: Lane conditions promoting high scores.
32. **Blow**: Missing a spare opportunity, not including splits.
33. **Board**: Individual slats make up the lane.
34. **Body English**: Movements by a bowler trying to guide the ball.
35. **Boomer**: A ball or player known for a big hook.
36. **Bottom Weight**: Weight distribution on the lower side of the bowling ball.
37. **Bowl Out**: Allowing a player to finish beyond their turn due to time constraints.
38. **Break Point**: Where the ball starts its hook towards the pocket.
39. **Brooklyn**: A ball that hits the opposite side of the headpin for the bowler's hand.
40. **Bucket**: A diamond-shaped cluster of pins, such as 2-4-5-8.
41. **Carry Down**: Movement of lane oil affecting ball motion.
42. **Center of Gravity**: Heaviest part of a bowling ball, often marked by the manufacturer.
43. **Channel or Gutter**: Ditches alongside the lane.
44. **Cherry**: Knocking down only the front pin(s) in a group.
45. **Chop**: Hitting only one pin in a spare setup, leaving adjacent pins.
46. **Christmas Tree**: A 3-7-10 or 2-7-10 split.
47. **Clean Sheet or Clean Game**: No open frames in a game.
48. **Closed Pocket**: When the headpin is slightly off-center from the bowler's hand side.
49. **Conventional Grip**: Fingers inserted up to the second joint in the ball.
50. **Count**: The number of pins knocked down following a spare or strike.
51. **Bowling Variations**: 5pin, 9pin, Candlepin, Bocce, Lawn, Duckpin, Feather