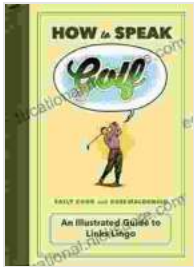


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Sports are a global language, but the jargon can be confusing if you're not a native speaker. This illustrated guide will help you learn the basics of links lingo, so you can follow the action and sound like a pro.

Golf

Golf is a game of precision and patience. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear on the golf course:

- **Birdie:** A score of one under par on a hole.
- **Bogey:** A score of one over par on a hole.
- **Eagle:** A score of two under par on a hole.
- **Fairway:** The short grass area between the tee box and the green.

- **Green:** The putting surface, where the hole is located.
- **Hazard:** An obstacle on the course, such as a water hazard or a bunker.
- **Par:** The number of strokes a good golfer is expected to take on a hole.
- **Tee box:** The starting point of a hole.

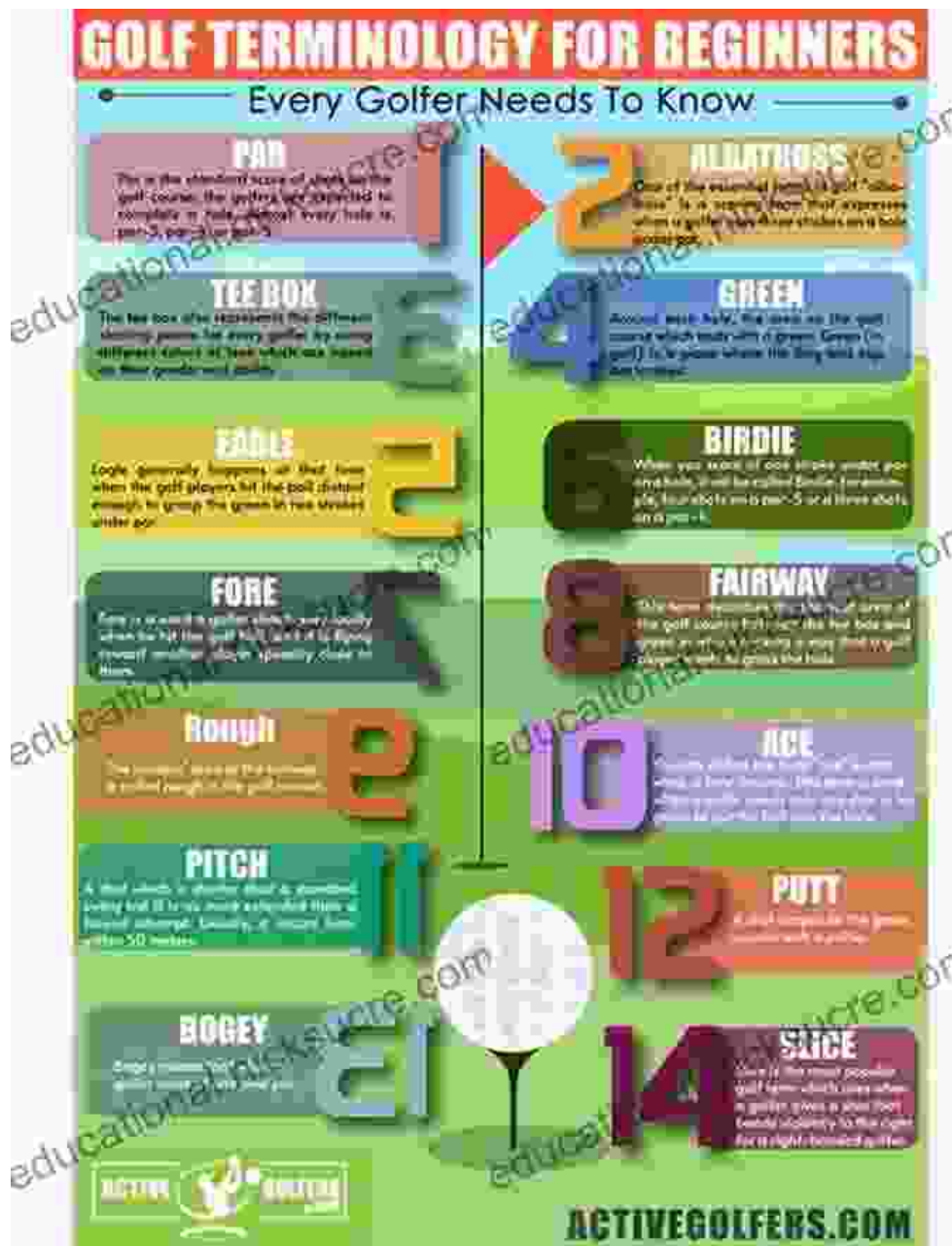


Tennis

Tennis is a fast-paced and exciting sport. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear on the tennis court:

- **Ace:** A serve that is not returned by the opponent.
- **Backhand:** A shot hit with the back of the hand facing the net.
- **Baseline:** The line at the back of the court.

- **Break point:** A point where the server is one point away from losing their serve.
- **Deuce:** A score of 40-40.
- **Forehand:** A shot hit with the front of the hand facing the net.
- **Lob:** A high shot that clears the opponent's head.
- **Net:** The mesh barrier that divides the court.
- **Rally:** A series of shots hit back and forth between two players.
- **Serve:** The first shot of a point.
- **Volley:** A shot hit before the ball bounces.

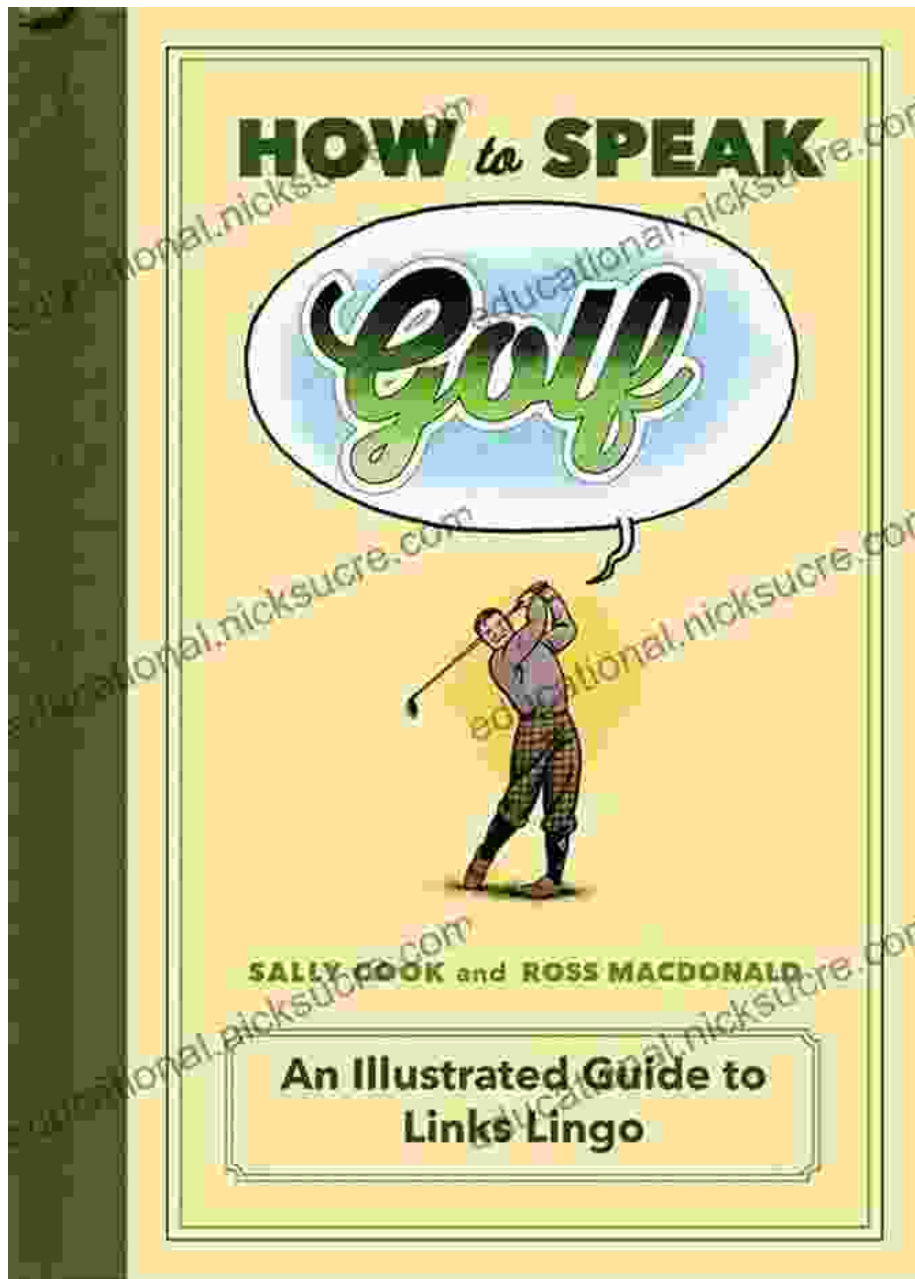


Basketball

Basketball is a fast-paced and physical sport. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear on the basketball court:

- **Assist:** A pass that leads to a basket.

- **Block:** A defensive play where a player prevents the opponent from scoring.
- **Dribble:** Bouncing the ball while moving.
- **Dunk:** A shot where the player jumps and puts the ball through the hoop with one hand.
- **Fast break:** A quick offensive play where the team gets the ball down the court and scores before the defense can set up.
- **Foul:** A violation of the rules that results in free throws for the opposing team.
- **Free throw:** A shot taken from the free throw line after a foul is called.
- **Jump ball:** A start of play where the referee tosses the ball up between two players.
- **Layup:** A shot taken close to the basket.
- **Rebound:** A ball that misses the basket and is grabbed by a player.
- **Three-pointer:** A shot taken from behind the three-point line.



Football

Football is a popular sport around the world. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear on the football field:

- **Blitz:** A defensive play where all or most of the defenders rush the quarterback.

- **End zone:** The area at the end of the field where touchdowns are scored.
- **Field goal:** A kick through the goalposts that is worth three points.
- **Fumble:** When a player loses control of the ball.
- **Hail Mary:** A long pass thrown as a last-ditch effort to score.
- **Interception:** When a defender catches a pass intended for the offense.
- **Kickoff:** The first play of the game, where one team kicks the ball to the other team.
- **Line of scrimmage:** The line where the ball is placed before each play.
- **Pass:** When the quarterback throws the ball to a receiver.
- **Punt:** A kick that is used to give the ball to the other team.
- **Sack:** When a defender tackles the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage.
- **Touchdown:** When a player carries the ball into the end zone or catches a pass in the end zone.



FOOTBALL TERMS

Penalty area	Dropped-ball	Coach
Penalty spot	Corner kick	Goalkeeper
Penalty kick	Pass	Player
Half-way line	Through ball	Substitute player
Centre spot	Shot kick	Defence
Goalpost	One-two pass	Midfielder
Assist	Cross ball	Forward
Throw-in	Fixture list	Supporters
Goal kick	Away team	First half
Indirect free kick	Referee	Second half
Direct free kick	Away game	Yellow card
Hat trick	Home team	Red card



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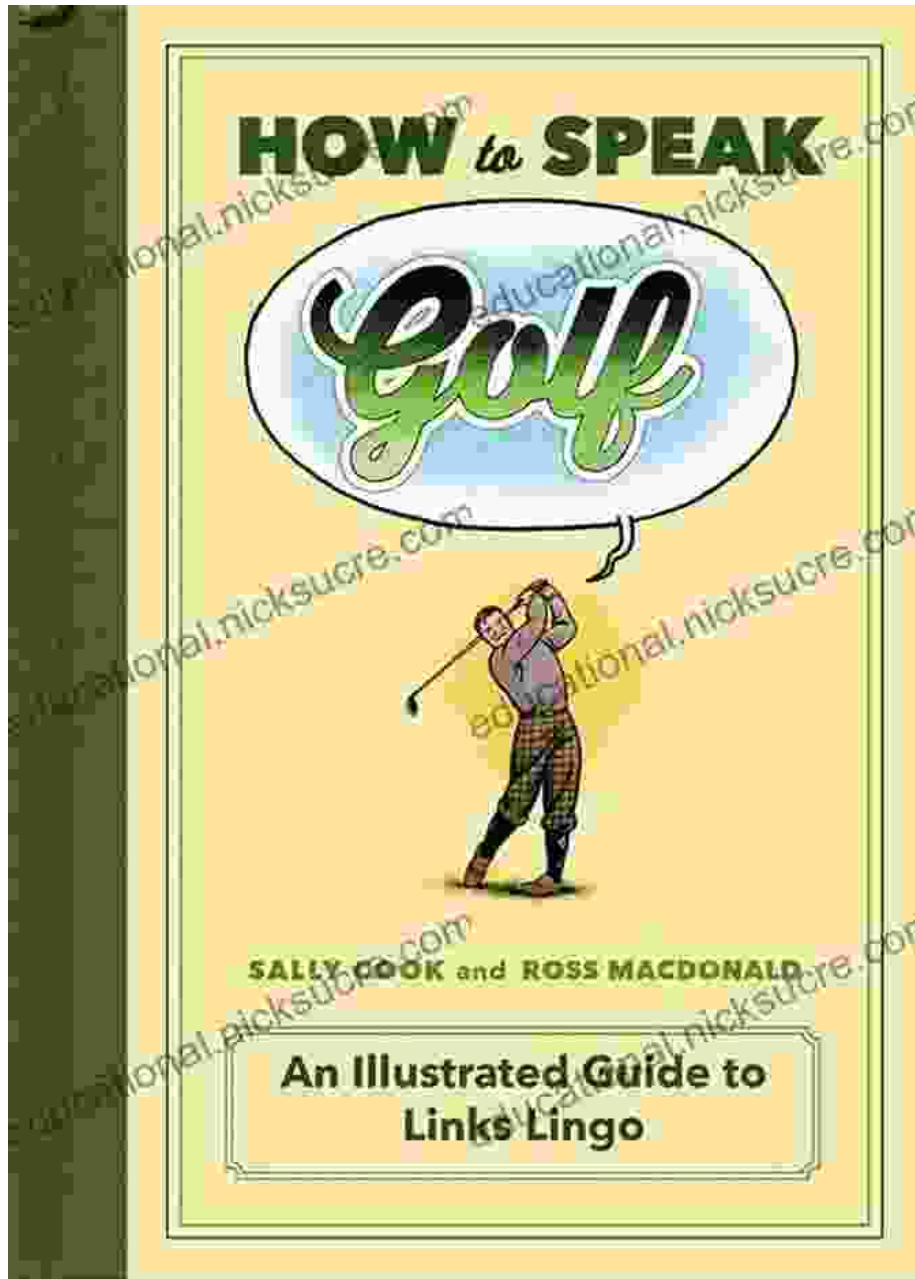


Baseball

Baseball is a classic American sport. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear at the ballpark:

- **Ball:** A pitch that is not in the strike zone.
- **Base:** One of the four bases that runners must touch in order to score.
- **Batter:** The player who is hitting the ball.

- **Double:** A hit where the batter reaches second base.
- **Grand slam:** A home run with the bases loaded.
- **Home run:** A hit where the batter hits the ball over the fence.
- **Inning:** A half of a game, where each team bats once.
- **Out:** When a batter is retired.
- **Pitch:** When the pitcher throws the ball to the batter.
- **Strike:** A pitch that is in the strike zone and not hit by the batter.
- **Walk:** When the pitcher throws four balls to the batter.

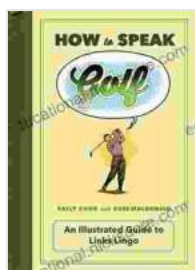


Hockey

Hockey is a fast-paced and exciting winter sport. Here are some of the most common terms you'll hear at the hockey rink:

- **Assist:** A pass that leads to a goal.

- **Blue line:** The line that divides the offensive zone from the defensive zone.
- **Face-off:** When two players drop the puck and try to gain possession.
- **Goal:** When the puck goes into the net.
- **Hat trick:** When a player scores three goals in a game.
- **Penalty shot:** A shot awarded to a player who is fouled on a breakaway.
- **Power play:** When one team has more players on the ice than the other team.
- **Puck:** The object that is used in the game.



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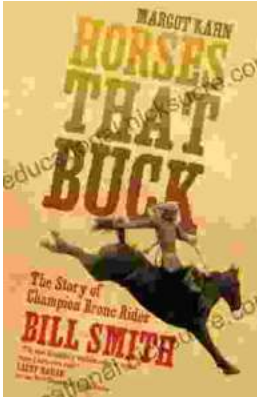
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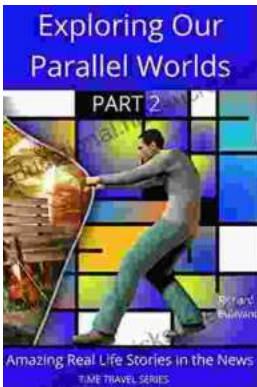
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