

# HOW TO WRITE A SPORTS MATCH REPORT

In [\*Spid the Spider Challenges for the Cricket Cup\*](#), there is lots of cricket action! So this fun activity empowers children to become a sports reporter and write a sports match report about the big cricket game using action verbs.

This activity helps children practice:

- creative writing
- sequencing events
- using verbs and adjectives
- sports vocabulary
- comprehension and recall



## WHAT IS A SPORTS MATCH REPORT?

A match report tells people:

- Who played
- What happened
- Who did well
- Who won

## WHAT ARE ACTION VERBS?

Action verbs are "doing words" like:

**ran, smashed, bowled, caught, cheered, leapt, dived, chased, shouted, celebrated**

Use powerful **action verbs** to make your sports match report exciting!

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While writing a sports match report might at first seem difficult, breaking the task into small-bite-size activities makes this easier. So here is a simple four step process for children to follow!

### **Step 1: Create a Headline**

A headline grabs attention.

Examples:

- **Spid's Team Wins the Cricket Cup!**
- **Amazing Catch Saves the Match!**
- **Spidwell Spinners Smashed by the Spids!**

Now write your own

### **Step 2: Answer these Questions**

Consider these 5W questions to help:

- **Who played in the match, who won and who was the star player?**
- **What exciting things happened?**
- **When did the match take place?**
- **Where was the match played?**
- **Why did the winning team win?**

An alternative question to **why** did a team win/lose, and of particular relevance to sports events, is **how** did a team win/lose? The answers to these questions are often summarised in the first paragraph of a newspaper report.

If this was a television interview, another common question you'll hear asked of players is "**how do you feel** about the match and outcome?" Next time you are listening to a post-match interview, listen out for the questions asked!

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## Step 3: Use Action Verbs

Can you use some of these in your report?

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## Step 4: Write Your Match Report

Use this starter if you like:

- **Yesterday, Spid the Spider and the Spids played an exciting cricket match against .....**
- **Spid smashed the ball .....**

## NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

To encourage children to take their sports match report to the next level, encourage your children to include:

- ✓ an adjective (amazing, noisy, brilliant)
- ✓ an action verb
- ✓ an exclamation mark!
- ✓ a quote from a player or fan

Example:

**“We never gave up!” shouted Spid.**

This activity can also be extended to create newspaper front or back page with a picture box.

Encourage your children to read their match reports aloud to their classmates, and to instil confidence and help them learn, give everyone a round of applause and seek classmate's feedback on everyone's creative endeavours. Here are two starter for ten questions: "what is the one thing you enjoyed most about this report?" or "how did it make you feel?".