

Golf Vocabulary

Ace	a hole in one
Albatross	a score of three strokes under par on a hole
Away	the player whose ball is furthest from the hole, "Who's away?"
Birdie	a score of one stroke under par on a hole
Bogey	a score of one stroke over par on a hole
Break	the amount a putt curves because of the slope and grain of the green
Buggy (also: Cart)	small vehicle for transporting players and their golf bags
Bunker	hollow obstruction or hazard, often containing sand
Caddie	person who accompanies a player, carries their golf bag and gives advice.
Cart (also: Buggy)	small vehicle for transporting players and their golf bags
Chip (also: Chip Shot)	a low short distance shot to the green
Course (also: Golf Course)	large area of land designed for playing golf, typically divided into 9 or 18 holes
Divot	piece of earth and grass that a golf shot cuts from the ground
Dogleg	a fairway that turns left or right
Double Bogey	a score of two strokes over par on a hole
Drive	shot played using the 1-wood, often the first shot on a long hole
Driver	golf club with a bulbous club head, the longest hitting club used for the first shot on a long hole, the 1-wood
Driving Range	a practice area with artificial turf mats or on grass
Eagle	a score of two strokes under par on a hole
Fade	a right-handed player's shot that moves slightly from left to right in the air (reverse for lefties)
Fairway	longest part of the golf course which is kept free of rough grass, located between the tee box and the putting green
Fairway Wood	club that features deep bulbous club heads that are made of metal (they used to be made of wood), used for long distance shots, a 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, or 11-wood



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Flag Stick (also: Pin) stick with a flag on it that stands in the cup on a putting green

Fore! a warning call when a ball is heading towards another player

Green (also: Putting Green) area of very short grass at the end of each hole, on which players try to "putt" their ball into a cup(hole)

Green Fee fee paid to play a round (a game) of golf



Grip the positioning of the hands on the handle of a club; also the rubber handle of golf club

Handicap a numerical representation of a golfer's playing ability

Hazard a difficulty or obstruction on a golf course such as lakes, ponds, fences or bunkers

Hole one of many playing areas on a golf course includes a tee, a fairway and a green; also the cup on a putting green

Honor the player with the best or lowest score on the previous hole has "the honor" , the right to tee off first on the next hole

Hook a right-handed player's shot that moves sharply from right to left in the air (reverse for lefties)

Hybrid a golf club used in place of long irons, they combine the workability and forgiveness of fairway woods with the distance and loft of a long iron

Irons metal golf clubs with blade-shaped club heads, from 1-iron to 9-iron

Lie position in which the ball has come to rest on the course

Links a golf course beside the sea

Mulligan a chance to re-do a shot which players grant each other in a friendly game, mulligans are not officially permitted

Nineteenth Hole Humorous way of referring to the club house (bar/restaurant), "See you at the 19th!"

O.B. an abbreviation for "out of bounds" or beyond the limits of the golf course indicated by white stakes, lines or fences.

Par The standard score (or number of strokes) taken on a hole or overall in a round of golf

Pitch-and-Run a shot from near the green in which the ball carries in the air before landing and rolling towards the hole

Pull Cart a stand, with wheels, for transporting golf bags - some are electric.

Putt a shot played along the ground on the putting green

Putter club used to putt the ball on the putting green



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Rough area on the golf course where the grass is longer and thicker than on the tee box, fairway or putting green

Round the completion of a game of golf (9 or 18 holes) on a golf course, "We played a round of golf"

Scratch a scratch golfer is a player who has a 0 handicap, likely to shoot a score near even par

Shoot to make a score, "What did you shoot today?"

Shot made when the golf club strikes the golf ball

Slice a right-handed player's shot that moves sharply from left to right in the air

Stroke movement of the club aimed at hitting the ball; counting toward the players overall score

Swing rhythmic movement which enables a golfer to hit the ball

Tee a small peg (wooden or plastic) on which the ball is placed for the first shot of each hole.

Tee Box (also: Tee) small flat area from which golfers play their first shot on each hole

Tee Off to play the first shot to start a round of golf

Tee Shot the first shot hit from a tee box on each hole

Tee Time time at which a player starts a round of golf, "I made a tee time for 10:00 am"

Teeing off playing your first shot in a game of golf, "What time are you teeing off?"

Trolley (also : Pull Cart) a stand, with wheels, for transporting golf bags - some are electric

Wedge golf club with a very slanted face, used to lift the ball for short distances and from sand bunker

Woods the longest clubs with bulbous club heads that are used to hit the longest shots, in the past they were made of wood but are now usually made of metal

