

Test yourself - 7 THE WICKET IS DOWN

Q1. Complete this statement from the Laws.

The wicket is put _____ if a _____ is completely _____ from the _____ of the stumps or a _____ is struck out of the _____.

Q2. What's Your Decision?

Mark with an "X", "Out" or "Not Out" for each scenario.

If out, say how the batsman is out.

Scenario	Out?	Not Out
1. The keeper is standing up to a quicker bowler who bowls a short ball. The batsman ducks. The keeper takes the ball over his head and kicks the stumps removing a bail. He appeals. The batsman is out of his ground.	How Out ? _____	
2. The batsman plays and misses at a delivery that shaves the off stump. The long spigot is removed from the bail groove but the short spigot remains in place. There is an appeal, presumably for "bowled".	How Out ? _____	
3. In playing the ball the batsman's back foot makes contact with the stumps, removing a bail. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	
4. The batsman jams down a fast yorker. His bat shatters and a piece hits the stumps, dislodging a bail. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	
5. The ball is returned from the outfield. The fielder standing over the stumps catches the ball in his right hand and simultaneously removes a bail with his left. The batsman is stranded, well short of his ground. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	
6. It is a windy day. The batsmen are taking a third run when the wind removes one of the bails. The ball is returned to the keeper who removes the remaining bail with a classic sweep of the gloves. The batsman is out of his ground and there is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	

7. On the same windy day, you and your colleague have decided to dispense with the bails. The batsman plays a delivery on to the ground and the ball rolls back and makes contact with the stumps. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	
8. The wind continues. The bails remain removed. A shy at the stumps hits the stumps and pushes them back but not out of the ground. The batsman is clearly out of his ground.	How Out ? _____	
9. The bails have been replaced. In delivering the ball the bowler has accidentally dislodged both bails whilst delivering the ball. The batsmen are running. A shy at the stumps is a direct hit, pushing two stumps back but not removing them from the ground. The batsman is mid pitch. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	
10. The batsman plays a magnificent hook shot that is clearly going for 6. As he spins, his hat falls from his head and dislodges a bail. There is an appeal.	How Out ? _____	

Q.3 In Keystone Cops type scenario, all three stumps are out of the ground, yet a run out chance still exists. What action can the fielding side take in order to affect a run out?

Q.4 If the wicket has been put down and play continues, is the umpire required to reset the wickets for the fielding team? (Yes / No)

Q.5 A run out is attempted, the bails are off and 2 of the stumps are out of the ground. The batter is within their ground and not out. The ball has ricochet away and the batter decides to run. The fielder picks up the ball facing away from the stumps and throws the ball between the legs towards the remaining stump which falls flat to the ground. The fielder appeals. What is your decision?
