

Subject	PE
Unit	Badminton

Key vocabulary	Definition
Alley	Side-extension of the court by 1½ feet on both sides that is used for doubles play.
Back Alley	Area between the back boundary line and the long service line for doubles.
Backcourt	The back third of the court, in the area of the back boundary lines
Baseline	Back boundary line at each end of the court, that runs parallel to the net.
Centre Line	Line perpendicular to the net that separates the left and right service courts.
Clear	A shot hit deep to the opponent's back court.
Court	Area of play, as defined by the outer boundary lines.
Drive	A fast and low shot that makes a horizontal flight over the net.
Drop	A shot hit with finesse to fall rapidly and close to the net on the opponent's side.
Fault	A violation of the playing rules, either in serving, receiving, or during play (see common faults listed below).
Flick	A quick wrist and forearm rotation that surprises an opponent by changing an apparently soft shot into a faster passing one; used primarily on the serve and at the net.
Forecourt	Front third of the court, between the net and the short service line.
Kill	Fast, downward shot that cannot be returned; a "putaway."
Let	A legitimate cessation of play to allow a rally to be replayed.
Long service Line	In singles, the back boundary line. In doubles a line 2 1/2 feet inside the back boundary line. The serve may not go past this line.

Match	A series of games (at U.S. Olympic Festival-'93 it is three out of five), to determine a winner.
Net Shot	Shot hit from the forecourt that just clears the net and drops sharply
Push Shot	Gentle shot played by pushing the shuttle with little wrist motion, usually from net or midcourt to the opponent's midcourt.
Racket	Instrument used by player to hit shuttlecock
Rally	This occurs when the players hit the bird back and forth several times before one side scores a point
Serve/Service	Players put the shuttlecock into play for points by "serving" it to opponents, hitting it over the net into a special part of the court near their opponent
Service Court	Area into which the serve must be delivered. Different for singles and doubles play.
Shuttlecock	The name for the object that players hit, made of a ball of cork or rubber with a crown of feathers in an open conical shape.
Short Service Line	The line 6 1/2 feet from the net which a serve must reach to be legal
Smash	When a shuttle is floated high into the air, a player has time to unleash a powerful overhand shot straight to the floor of the opposing court