# Year 5 Cricket Lesson 4 – Batting 1

**Learning objective:**
- to use the proper grip and stance when batting
- to hit the ball cleanly from a tee and a bowled delivery
- to run between the wickets with clear communication

*(all) will be able to use the proper batting grip and stance and run between wickets
*(most) will be able to strike the ball cleanly with some consistency
*(some) will be able to strike the ball cleanly consistently and move into the line of the ball*

## Lesson Structure

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| **Cricket Netball** – Set up 3 equal areas, each with a set of cricket stumps at either end. Divide the class into 6 teams, 2 teams per area. In teams, children must throw and catch the ball and try to throw the ball to hit the stumps. 1 point is scored every time the stumps are hit. **Arrange teams based on ability.** | 10 mins | Extend:  
- HA groups have 3 seconds to pass the ball or throw at the stumps  
- If the ball is dropped, possession goes to the other team  
Support:  
- LA groups can roll/bounce the ball to each other  
- If the ball is dropped, possession stays with the same team |

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| **Activity 1: Clean striking**  
Create groups of 3 or 4 with one bat, one batting tee, one windball/tennis ball per group. Set up 2 cones, roughly 15-20m apart and 15-20m away from the batsman. Children must practise a straight shot, aiming to hit the ball from the tee between the cones to score points. Fielders stand behind scoring zones to collect the ball for the batsman. Rotate roles until all group members have had a turn at batting. **Progress:** instruct fielders to stand in front of scoring zone to try and stop the batsman from scoring  
**Key Coaching Points:** eyes on ball, face of the bat pointing towards scoring zone. | 15 mins | Extend:  
- Create smaller scoring zone for HA pupils  
- Encourage fielders to bowl the ball for the batsman rather than using a tee  
Support:  
- bring scoring zone closer for LA pupils |
| **Activity 2: Running between the wickets.**  
For this activity, the group should be divided into groups of 5, with one ball, one bat and 2 cones per group. There will be 2 batters, 1 wicket keeper, 1 fielder and a bowler. The bowler bowls underarm and the batters hit the ball and then make a decision about whether to run between the wickets, calling either “Yes!”; “No!” Communication is key for this activity and if a pair fails to make a call before running, they will be out and a new pair of batters take their place. Each pair faces 10 balls each and 1 point is scored for every successful run. If a batter is caught, they lose 1 point. **Discuss when we should and shouldn’t run between wickets.** **What are the triggers?**  
**Support:**  
- LA pupils can hit the ball from a tee rather than from a feed from a bowler if they are struggling to make contact | 15 mins | Extend:  
- HA pupils are encouraged to try to hit the ball into spaces away from fielders  
Support:  
- LA pupils can hit the ball from a tee rather than from a feed from a bowler if they are struggling to make contact |
| **Activity 2: Mini Cricket**  
Divide the class into groups of 5 in abilities. Each group will have a set of stumps, a bat and a | 15 mins | Extend:  
- HA pupils must bowl overarm |
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<td>- HA pupils only score when they hit the ball</td>
<td>- HA pupils encouraged to try a variety of different shots (sweep, pull, straight drive – see visual aids)</td>
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<td>- LA pupils score 2 points for every ball they hit</td>
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**Plenary**

1. Can you describe the proper batting grip and stance to the person next to you?  2. Where on the bat should we aim to hit the ball?  3. Why is communication so important when running between wickets?