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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Explain the meaning of the word, **predominantly**.

Predominantly means mainly or for the most part.



2. Why do you think the cricket bat evolved during the 18th and 19th centuries?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the bat evolved because the way people bowled changed.



3. In what year were the first set of cricket rules created?

The first set of cricket rules was created in 1744.



4. Summarise what you have learnt about cricket in 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Cricket started in the 13th century and was mostly played by boys. The bat, wicket, rules and how people bowled have changed since then.