



CATCH IT IF YOU CAN Forget the Kangaroos!

Tri-Nations of a different kind are on this summer, with Aussie cricketing legends facing up to some old foes from the West Indies and England for the Beach Cricket Tri-Nation Series. To hone your fielding skills, here are some tips:

- 1** When fielding, always stay on the balls of your feet so you can react quickly.
- 2** Try to anticipate where ball will go – do this by watching the batter closely.
- 3** When throwing in from the deep, aim just above the keeper's head – the ball should drop nicely into his gloves.
- 4** When catching in close, watch the ball all the way into your hands, allowing the ball to come to you.
- 5** When catching in the deep, catch the ball at eye level and cushion the ball into your chest to soften the impact.

MY NAME IS _____

Preparation before reading:

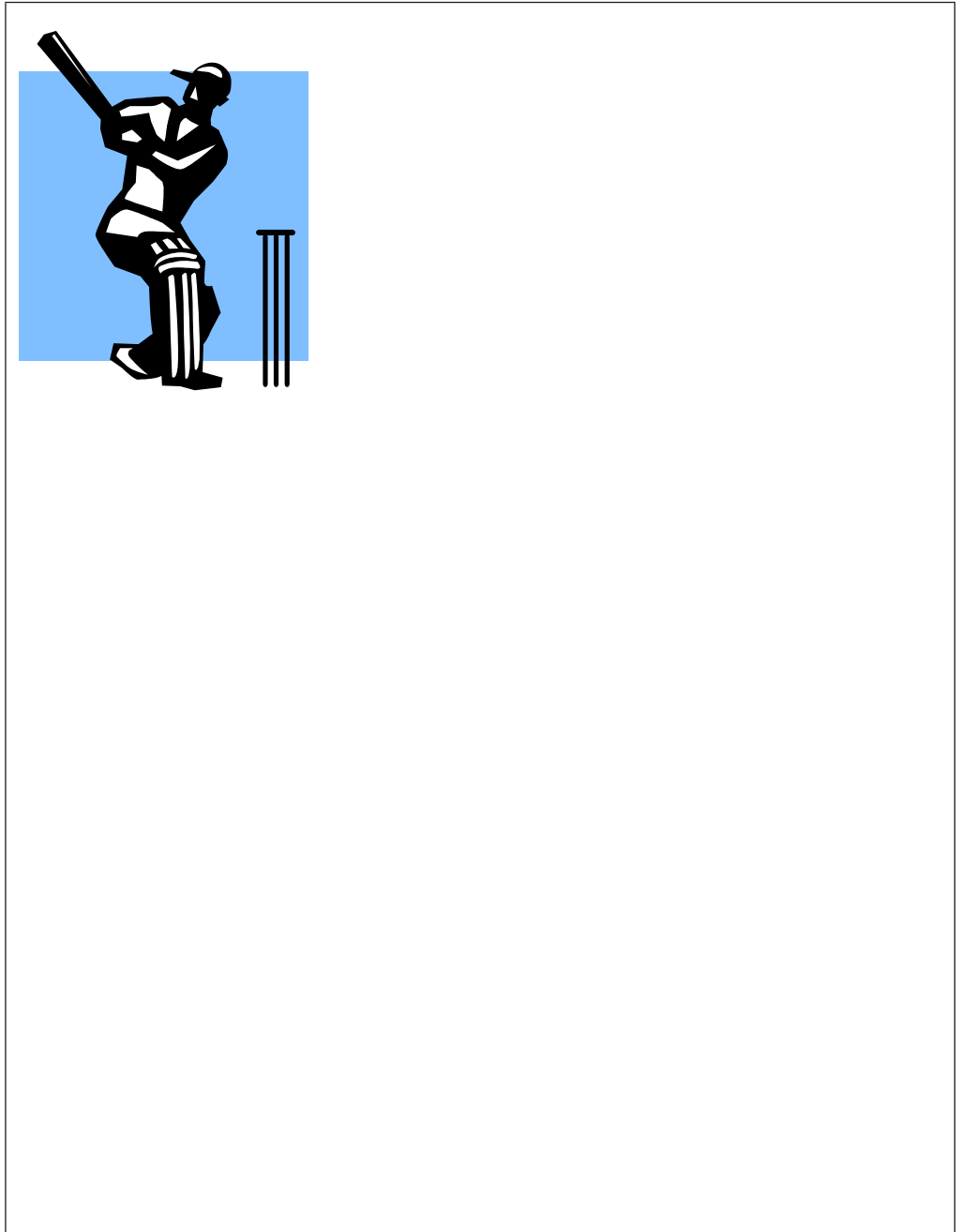
It's summer again and that means beach cricket!

This summer, Australia plays against England and the West Indies in the Beach Cricket Tri-Nation series.

This report gives you five tips for improving your cricket fielding skills.

ACTIVITY 1: PLAYING CRICKET

In the box below, draw your own picture of you and your friends playing cricket.



Describe what is happening in your picture.



ACTIVITY 2: FIVE TIPS FOR PLAYING BEACH CRICKET

In the boxes below, illustrate the five tips for better fielding and label each picture.



Illustration 1




Illustration 2



Illustration 3



Illustration 4

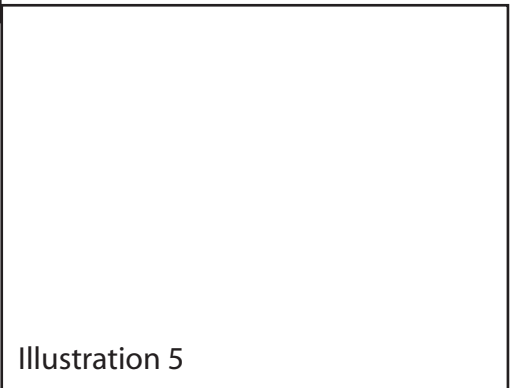


Illustration 5



ACTIVITY 3: READING FOR MEANING

This report tells us that the world's legends of cricket will be in Western Australia this summer playing in the Beach Cricket Tri-Nations series 2007.

Beach Cricket Tri-Nations will be held at Scarborough Beach on 27-28 January 2007. Australian cricket legends Allan Border, Jeff Thomson, Kim Hughes, Dean Jones, Dennis Lillee, Damien Fleming and Mark Waugh will play against former greats from England and the West Indies.

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1. Which countries will be playing in the Beach Cricket Tri-Nations series?

2. When fielding, always stay on the balls of your feet so you can react quickly. TRUE FALSE

3. Watching the batter closely will help you to anticipate where the ball will go. TRUE FALSE

ACTIVITY 4

Here is a list of things you would find at the beach when you are playing cricket.

Write each word out on the line next to it:

players _____

stumps _____

umpires _____

Who would you like to see playing beach cricket and why?

