

General tennis terms:

- Forehand – stroke used to return balls on racquet side of body
- Backhand – stroke used to return balls on non-racquet side of body
- Rally – a series of strokes made between players during the play for a point
- Let ball – served ball that touches the net AND lands in the proper court
- Volley – a stroke made by hitting the ball before it has touched the ground
- Foot fault – stepping on/over the line before hitting the ball in a serve
- Lob – a ball that is hit high in the air
- Singles – 2 participants (one player against the other)
- Doubles – 4 participants (two against two)
- Service – to put the ball into play

Scoring:

- Love – no point
- 15 – 1st point
- 30 – 2nd point
- 40 – 3rd point
- Game – 4th point
- Deuce – when both sides have 3 points (40)
- No ad scoring – when the winner of the deuce point wins the game
- Ad scoring – when games must be won by 2 consecutive points
- Ad in – when the server wins the deuce point
- Ad out – when the server loses the deuce point
- Set – when one team wins 6 games (by a margin of two games... up to 6-6)
- Tie breaker – played when a set is tied at 6-6.
- Match – 2 out of 3 sets (typically in girls/womens tennis)

Court Identification:

- Center mark
- Back court
- Fore court
- Singles lines
- Doubles lines
- Right/deuce court
- Left/ad court
- Alley
- Service line
- Base line
- Center line