

# Six and Out

## Getting Started

- \* Outdoor games have always attracted young children and teenagers everywhere in the world. Have you ever been in a situation where you have been forced to play outside the park because it closed down at a particular time? Share your experience.

The pitch was only smooth in parts;

*Unorthodox* It sank at either crease,

And motor vans and bakers' carts

At times disturbed the peace.

The bowlers found it hard to hit

The lamp-post's slender stem

The broader wicket opposite,

Was closed at 6 p.m.

*The team* It was a keen, determined school,

*passionate strong minded* Unorthodox and free;

Harsh circumstance oft made the rule,

And not the MCC.

The scorer, seated by the well,

Kept up a fire of talk;

He was both umpires, crowd, and all,

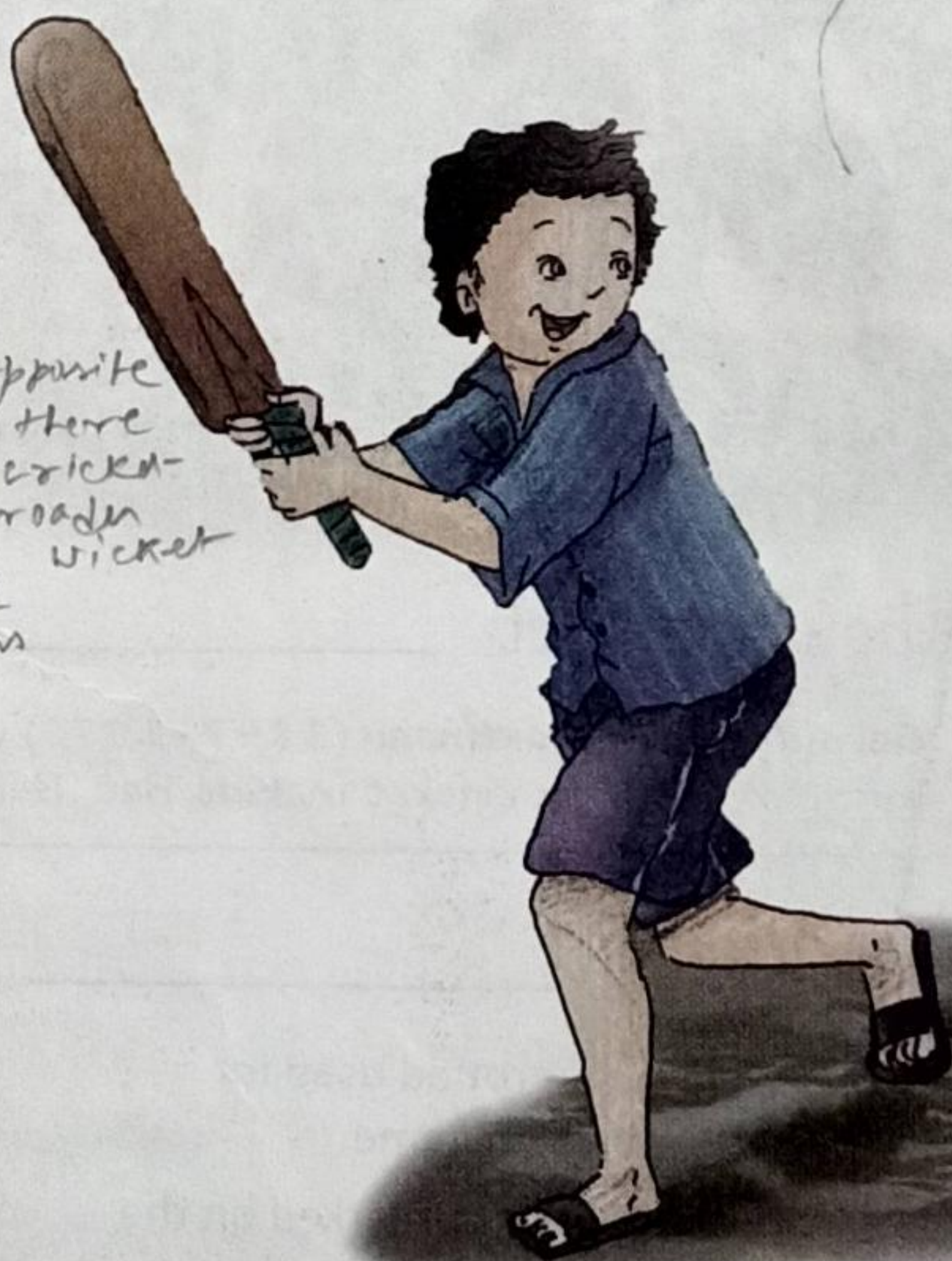
And plied a busy chalk.

So, standing musings on the scene,

I let the moments pass;

How well he drove it to the screen.

And then—the crash of glass.





majestic - having or showing impressive beauty

I watched the players as they ran,  
And heard, while yet they fled,  
The loud voice of an angry man,  
The law's majestic tread.

—Gerald Martineau

Law is majestic and violating the law creates fear in mind.



## About the Poet

Gerald Durani Martineau (1897–1976) was a prolific English cricket writer. Martineau's notable works on cricket include *Bat, Ball, Wicket*, and *All and They Made Cricket*.



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CLASS - VI, SUBJECT - ENGLISH-II

CHAPTER - 4. Six and Out.

15.06.20 TOPIC - Title, Summary, ~~Paragraphs~~,  
meaning of the poem.

Title of the poem:

The poem 'Six and Out' by G.D. Martineau focuses on children who are forced to play out on the road as the park closes at six o'clock. Hence the title 'Six and Out'.

Summary of the poem:

The children, while playing on the road, are disturbed by the motor vans and baker's cart. The road is narrow, they have to use the base of lamp post as wicket and wall of the well as score board. The wicket keeper scorer is both, the umpire and the crowd. yet they are determined to play out there and not bound by the rules of MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club)

The bowler hits the ball so hard that it goes and strikes a window and broke its glass. The man of the house shouted and the children fled from there.



## Meanings:

- (i) Pitch: an area of ground used for outdoor team game.
- (ii) Crease: number of lines marked on the playfield at specific places.
- (iii) Unorthodox: Open-minded.
- (iv) Circumstance: a situation connected to an event or action.
- (v) MCC: Marylebone Cricket Council.
- (vi) Plied: moved
- (vii) musing: thinking.
- (viii) tread: Step or footstep.



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17.06.20 TOPIC - Fill in the blanks, True/False  
Question Answers.

A - State whether the following sentences are true or false.

1. The pitch was uniformly smooth.
2. It was easy for the bowlers to hit the lamp-post's slender stem.
3. Before 6 in the evening, the players had to move out.
4. The MCC made rules for the team.
5. The players surrendered to the angry man.

B. Fill in the blanks for the statements given below.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ disturbed the peaceful atmosphere.
2. The scorer was seated by the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The narrator stood \_\_\_\_\_ on the scene.
4. The narrator watched the players \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ man had a \_\_\_\_\_ voice.



C. Answer the following questions.

1. Describe the pitch. Where the match was held.
2. Why did the bowlers find it hard to hit the wicket?
3. What role did the scorer play?

In the next class we shall discuss the question answers of the above segment published today.