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semi-final [semi-final semi-finals] BrE * NAmE * (also semi) noun

one of the two games or parts of a sports competition that are held to decide who will compete in the last part (the final)

• He's through to the semi-final of the men's singles.

Derived Word †semi-finalist

See also: ↑semi

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[Word Family: noun: †final, †semi-final, †semi-finalist, †finale, †finality, †finalization; verb †finalize; adverb †finally; adjective: †final]

one of two sports games whose winners then compete against each other to decide who wins the whole competition