

Max's Invasion Games Masterclass

Learning objective: To understand the tactics and skills needed for invasion games, such as attacking, defending, and spatial awareness.

Max the monkey has been watching a game of tag-ball and needs your help to sort these tactical moves. Look at the word bank and place each skill under the correct category: Attacking (trying to score) or Defending (trying to stop the other team). Then, answer the tactical questions to show how you would play.

Word bank: Dribbling · Marking an opponent · Creating space · Intercepting a pass · Passing to a teammate · Blocking a shot · Moving into open grass · Tackling

1. Sort the words from the bank into 'Attacking' and 'Defending'. Explain why 'Creating space' is important when your team has the ball. (3 marks)

2. If you are playing an invasion game and an opponent is running towards your goal, what should you do to stop them? (2 marks)

3. Why is it helpful to communicate (talk) with your teammates during a game? (2 marks)

4. Imagine you have the ball. Two defenders are standing right in front of you. What tactic could you use to help your team progress? (2 marks)

5. True or False: In an invasion game, the goal is to keep the ball away from the other team while moving towards their target area. Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a playing field. Use 'X' for your team and 'O' for the opposing team. Show one player from your team 'creating space' by running into an empty part of the field to receive a pass.



Extension challenge: Max wants to know how much it costs to hire a local sports hall. If it costs £12.50 per hour and your team plays for 2 hours, how much will you spend in total? If you share the cost between 5 players, how much does each player pay?