

Mastering Net and Wall Games with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the key tactics, rules, and skills required for net and wall games, such as tennis, badminton, and squash.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of net and wall games. Read the front of the card, think of the answer, then check the back to see if you are correct!

What is the main goal of a net game like tennis or badminton?

To hit the ball or shuttlecock over the net so that your opponent cannot return it within the court boundaries.

In wall games like squash, what must you do with the ball?

You must strike the ball against the front wall so that it bounces back for your opponent to hit.

What is a 'rally' in a net or wall game?

A rally is the sequence of back-and-forth hits between players that continues until someone wins the point.

What is the 'serve' used for?

A serve is the shot used to start a point and put the ball or shuttlecock into play.

Why is 'trajectory' important when hitting over a net?

Trajectory is the path the ball takes; you must choose the right height and angle to make sure it clears the net and lands inside the court.

Max the monkey wants to win his game. What are 'tactics'?

Tactics are the clever plans or strategies you use to try and outwit your opponent, such as hitting to an empty space.

What is a 'volley'?

A volley is when you hit the ball or shuttlecock before it touches the ground.

In a game of doubles, why is communication important?

Communication helps you and your partner decide who should go for the ball, preventing you from bumping into each other.

What does the term 'baseline' refer to in a court game?

The baseline is the boundary line at the very back of the court.

Why should you always keep your eye on the ball or shuttlecock?

To track its movement accurately so you can react quickly and move your feet into the right position to hit it.

What should you do immediately after you have hit the ball?

Return to a 'ready position' in the centre of the court so you are prepared to move in any direction for the next shot.

If you were buying a new racket for £15.50 and a pack of balls for £4.25, how much would you spend in total?

£19.75