

Leo the Lion's Teamwork Tactics

Learning objective: To understand the importance of communication, fair play, and tactical positioning in team games.

Leo the Lion is coaching a team of forest animals! Read the scenarios below and decide if the action shows 'Great Teamwork' or 'Needs Improvement'. For the ones that need improvement, write a short tip on how the player could be a better teammate.

Word bank: Communication · Fair Play · Strategy · Encouragement · Positioning · Respect

1. Pip the caterpillar is playing a game of tag. Pip stays in one spot and refuses to pass the ball to anyone else because they want to score the goal themselves. Is this Great Teamwork or Needs Improvement? Why? (2 marks)

2. During a match, Max the monkey notices a teammate looks sad after missing a catch. Max runs over, pats their shoulder, and says, 'Don't worry, you'll get it next time!' Is this Great Teamwork or Needs Improvement? Why? (2 marks)

3. Zara the zebra is playing a team game. Instead of shouting at their teammates, Zara uses hand signals to show them where to stand to block the opposing team. Is this Great Teamwork or Needs Improvement? Why? (2 marks)

4. The opposing team falls over during the game. Kit the fox stops playing immediately to help them stand up and check if they are okay before continuing the match. Is this Great Teamwork or Needs Improvement? (2 marks)

5. Leo the Lion wants to know: If you were the captain of a team, which two words from the word bank would be the most important to use during a game and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a team of animals working together to play a game. Make sure to draw them using 'Communication' (like talking or pointing) or showing 'Encouragement' (like high-fiving).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are designing a new team game that costs £5.00 to play. Write a set of three simple 'Fair Play' rules that every player must follow to ensure the game is fun and safe for everyone.