

Team Tactics: Designing the Perfect Match

Learning objective: To understand the importance of spatial awareness, teamwork, and tactical positioning in invasion games.

Follow the drawing steps below to design a field for a team game. Use your knowledge of how teams work together to position your players strategically.

Draw: Draw a large rectangular pitch in the centre of your page. Inside the pitch, draw two teams of five players using different shapes (e.g., circles for Team A, triangles for Team B). Show Team A attacking by drawing arrows to indicate where players are moving to find space. Use a ruler to ensure your pitch lines are neat and label the key areas using the words from the word bank.



Label words: Attacker · Defender · Goal area · Midfield · Tactical space · Teammate · Formation

Steps:

1. Why is it important for an attacker to move into 'open space' away from a defender?
2. Label the position on your drawing where a defender should stand to best protect the goal.
3. If your team was losing 0-2, what tactical change could you make to try and score a goal?
4. Why do we use specific formations in team sports?
5. List two ways you can communicate with a teammate without using your voice during a game.