

Mastering the Net: A Sports Tactics Drawing Sheet

Learning objective: To understand the spatial awareness, court positioning, and tactical layout required for net and wall games.

Use the grid space provided to design a tactical court layout for a net game. Follow the drawing prompt below and use the word bank to label the key components of your playing area.

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a rectangular court on the provided grid. Use a ruler to ensure your lines are straight. Include a net across the centre. Sketch Max the monkey in the middle of one side, showing him in a 'Ready Position' with knees bent and hands out. Use shading to highlight the 'Service Boxes' and use arrows to show the direction of a potential shot towards an empty space on the opponent's side.



Label words: Baseline · Service Box · Net · Sideline · Ready Position · Tactical Space

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large rectangle to represent the court. Divide it in half with a thick line to show where the net sits. Label the 'Net'.
2. Step 2: Draw Max the monkey standing in the 'Ready Position' in the centre of his half. Why is this the best place to stand to cover the whole court?
3. Step 3: Label the 'Baseline' and the 'Sideline'. Explain why a player would want to hit the ball close to

these lines.

4. Compare and contrast: How would the tactical positioning change if Max were playing a doubles game with a partner instead of a singles game?
5. Justify your answer: If your opponent is standing very close to the net, where is the most tactical place to hit the ball? Explain your reasoning.
6. What might happen if the net was set at a much higher level? How would this change the way you hit the ball?