

Max's Net and Wall Games Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the rules, tactics, and movement skills required for net and wall games in Year 5 PE.

Max the monkey has been watching tennis and squash games all week! He wants to see if you can solve his sports puzzles. Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.B, 5.True, 6.A, 7.Serve, 8.True, 9.B, 10.Rally. Note: In net and wall games, the primary goal is to place the ball or shuttlecock in a space where your opponent cannot return it. Always remember to stay on the balls of your feet and keep your eyes on the ball!

Word bank: Volley · Rally · Serve · Tactics · Court · Fault · Communication · Accuracy

1. 1. What is the main objective in a net game like tennis or badminton? A) To hit the ball as hard as possible, B) To touch the net, C) To land the ball in the opponent's area so it cannot be returned*, D) To bounce the ball three times. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: In a wall game like squash, the ball must hit the wall before it touches the floor. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: It is acceptable to step over the baseline before you have made contact with the ball during a serve. (1 mark)

4. 4. What do we call the continuous exchange of shots between players? A) A fault, B) A rally*, C) A warm-up, D) A deuce. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Using 'tactics' means choosing where to aim your shot to make it difficult for your opponent to reach. (1 mark)

6. 6. If you are playing a doubles game, why is 'communication' important? A) To tell your partner where to move*, B) To distract the other team, C) To ask for a break, D) To argue about the score. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the name of the specific shot used to start a point in a game of tennis? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: You should always keep your eyes on the ball or shuttlecock to improve your reaction time. (1 mark)

9. 9. If a player hits the ball into the net, what is it called? A) A smash, B) A fault*, C) A volley, D) A lob. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is it called when you hit the ball before it bounces on your side? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a net game court. Label the net, the baseline, and use an arrow to show where you would aim the ball to make it difficult for your opponent to reach.



Extension challenge: Max challenges you: If a tennis racket costs £24.50 and a pack of 3 balls costs £3.75, how much would it cost to buy one racket and two packs of balls for your PE kit?