

Striking and Fielding Masterclass with Max and Kit

Learning objective: To understand the core terminology, rules, and tactical roles involved in striking and fielding games.

Read the front of the card and try to recall the definition. Flip the card mentally (or use a partner) to check your understanding of these key PE concepts.

What is the primary role of the batter in a striking and fielding game? To strike the ball into open space and score runs by travelling between bases or wickets.	What does 'fielding' mean? The act of catching, stopping, or returning the ball to prevent the opposing team from scoring runs.
What is a 'boundary' in a game like cricket or rounders? The outer edge of the playing area; hitting the ball to or beyond this line usually results in extra points.	Max asks: What is an 'innings'? A period of play where one team has their turn to bat while the other team fields.
Kit explains 'communication'. Why is it vital for fielders to talk to each other? To decide who should catch a high ball, coordinate where to throw the ball, and avoid collisions.	What is meant by 'backstop' or 'wicket-keeper'? The player positioned directly behind the batter to catch the ball if the batter misses it.
What is the difference between an 'underarm' and an 'overarm' throw? An underarm throw is made with the arm swinging below the shoulder; an overarm throw is made with the arm swinging above the shoulder for more distance and speed.	What does 'tactics' mean in this context? The decisions made by a team, such as where to stand on the field to cover gaps or choosing when to run between bases.
What is a 'no ball'? A ball that is delivered incorrectly by the bowler (e.g., outside the target area), usually resulting in a penalty point for the batting team.	Why is 'accuracy' important for a bowler or pitcher? To make it difficult for the batter to hit the ball by aiming for specific areas or stumps.
What is a 'catch' in striking and fielding? A way of getting a batter 'out' by securing the ball in your hands before it touches the ground after it has been hit.	What is a 'base' or 'wicket'? A safe zone or target that a batter must reach or defend to score points or stay in the game.