

Max's Net and Wall Games Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the tactical principles, rules, and scoring systems used in net and wall games such as tennis, badminton, and squash.

Max the monkey has been busy observing local sports matches. Use your knowledge of net and wall games to complete this quiz. Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Court, 5.B, 6.A, 7.Volley, 8.True, 9.B, 10.Serve. Max reminds you: Always shake hands with your opponent after a match to show good sportsmanship!

Word bank: Rally · Serve · Tactics · Fault · Court · Volley · Precision · Trajectory

1. 1. In a net game, what is the action of starting a point called? A) Rally B) Smash C) Serve* D) Drop shot (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: You are allowed to touch the net with your racket during an active rally. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name of the specific rectangular area where a net or wall game is played? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these is the most important tactical principle when playing against an opponent? A) Running as fast as possible B) Moving your opponent around the court* C) Keeping the ball in the air D) Staying in the corner (1 mark)

6. 6. What do we call a sequence of shots between players? A) Rally* B) Match C) Set D) Game (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the term for hitting the ball before it bounces on the ground? (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: In most net games, if the ball lands on the line, it is considered 'in'. (1 mark)

9. 9. If a game of tennis costs £5 per hour to book, how much would it cost for 3 hours? A) £10 B) £15* C) £20 D) £25 (1 mark)

10. 10. What is a 'fault' in a serving situation? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a net game court. Label the net, the service boxes, and show where a player might stand to cover the most space.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why moving your opponent to the corners of the court is an effective tactic. 2. Compare and contrast a net game (like tennis) with a wall game (like squash). What skills are the same? 3. Justify why communication is vital when playing a doubles match. 4. What might happen if the net in a game of badminton were set too high? 5. If a club charges £8 for a racket hire, how many rackets can you hire with £40? 6. Design a new rule for a net game that would make it more difficult for the server. How would this change the game's flow?