

Max's Striking and Fielding Masterclass

Learning objective: To analyse, evaluate, and refine tactics used in striking and fielding games.

Use this template to plan your tactical approach to a striking and fielding game. Think like Max the monkey—treat the pitch like a giant maths puzzle! Fill in each section to explain how you will help your team succeed.

Word bank: tactics · trajectory · communication · velocity · placement · collaboration · precision · anticipation

1. Attacking Strategy: Describe the best technique for striking the ball with precision. How does your body position affect the trajectory of the ball? (2 marks)

2. Defensive Positioning: Justify why fielders must spread out across the pitch rather than standing in one group. What might happen if the team ignores these gaps? (3 marks)

3. Communication Tactics: Explain why clear verbal communication is essential between fielders when a ball is hit into the air. (2 marks)

4. Comparative Analysis: Compare the risk of 'swinging for power' versus 'tapping for accuracy'. Which approach is more effective and why? (3 marks)

5. Team Dynamics: If your team is trailing by £5.00 in a fictional 'run-value' game, how would you change your batting strategy to recover the score? (3 marks)

6. Creative Extension: Design a new rule for a striking and fielding game that makes it fairer for the fielding team. How would this change the game's flow? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are the team captain. Write a short, motivating speech to your teammates explaining how you will use teamwork to overcome the opposition's strong hitters.