

Mastering Team Dynamics: Tactics and Fair Play

Learning objective: To evaluate the importance of communication, tactical positioning, and sportsmanship in competitive team games.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of movement, strategy, and teamwork to provide detailed, logical responses. Think like a team captain!

Word bank: Communication · Tactics · Sportsmanship · Formation · Collaboration · Resilience · Strategic · Inclusion

1. Max the monkey is coaching a game of tag-ball. He suggests that the team should spread out across the pitch rather than chasing the ball in one big group. Explain why 'spacing out' is a more effective tactical decision. (2 marks)

2. Leo the lion notices a teammate is feeling discouraged after missing a goal. As a leader, what specific verbal feedback could Leo give to maintain team morale and encourage 'resilience'? (2 marks)

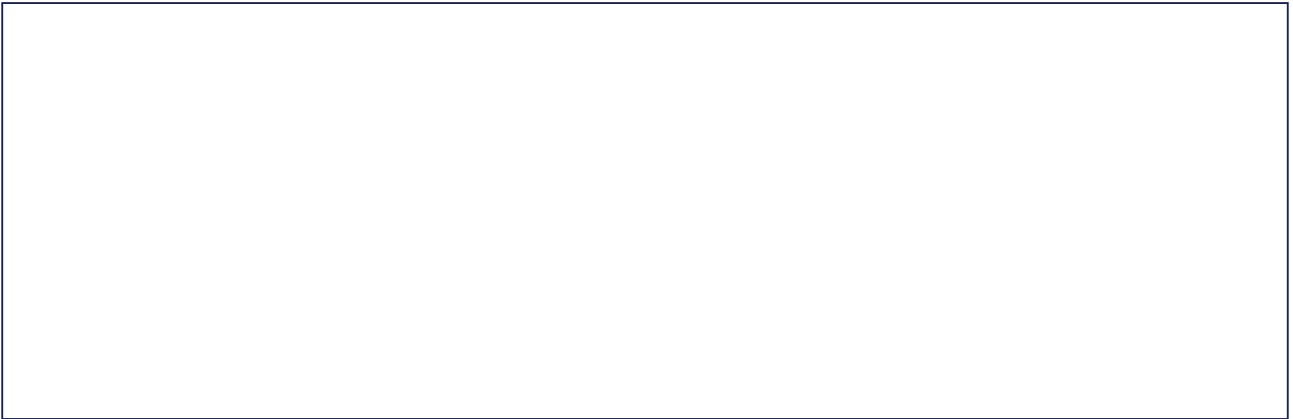
3. Compare and contrast the roles of a 'defender' and an 'attacker' in a team game. How do these two roles rely on each other to succeed? (3 marks)

4. Kit the fox is designing a new team game. He wants to ensure that every player feels included, regardless of their speed or strength. Justify why having diverse roles within a team is essential for a fair game. (3 marks)

5. If a team chooses to ignore the referee's decision during a match, what might happen to the atmosphere of the game and the outcome of the competition? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

6. Zara the zebra argues that 'patterns' exist in team games. Describe what she might mean by this in relation to passing sequences or movement around the field. (2 marks)

Draw: Sketch a birds-eye view of a sports pitch. Draw your own team formation, using arrows to show how the players should move to work together effectively.



Extension challenge: Design a new team game that requires at least three different skill sets (e.g., speed, accuracy, and clear communication). Write a set of 'Fair Play Rules' for your game that ensures every player, regardless of ability, has a meaningful part to play.