

Mastering Invasion Games with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the tactical principles of invasion games, including attacking, defending, and creating space.

Read each question carefully and apply your knowledge of team sports and tactics. Max the Monkey is looking for your expert advice on how to win the game!

Invasion games involve teams working together to move an object into the opposition's territory to score points while defending their own area.

Word bank: Dribbling · Passing · Space · Intercepting · Marking · Possession · Strategy

1. Max is dribbling towards the goal, but two defenders are blocking his path. Explain why Max should look for a teammate who has found 'space' instead of trying to go past the defenders alone. (2 marks)

2. Define what 'marking' an opponent means in an invasion game and explain why it is a key defensive skill. (2 marks)

3. If your team loses possession of the ball, what is the first thing your team should do to prevent the other team from scoring? (1 mark)

4. Imagine you are playing a game where you must pass the ball to reach the goal. Why is it important to communicate with your teammates before you pass? (2 marks)

5. List two tactical decisions a player makes when they are in possession of the ball to help their team keep control of the game. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a football pitch showing how you would position your teammates to 'create space' for an attack. Use arrows to show the movement of the players.



Extension challenge: Research a traditional invasion game like netball, hockey, or rugby. Write a short paragraph explaining one specific rule that helps make the game fair and safe for everyone.