

Mastering Striking and Fielding Skills

Learning objective: To develop tactical awareness, striking technique, and fielding accuracy in striking and fielding games.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of sports like rounders or cricket to provide your answers. Max the monkey is looking for your expert help to solve these field puzzles!

Word bank: backstop · bowler · fielding · tactical · accuracy · communication · strike · base · anticipation

1. Max is standing in the field. Explain why it is important for a fielder to watch the batter's body language before the ball is even hit. Use the word 'anticipation' in your answer. (2 marks)

2. If you are the bowler, what is the main goal you are trying to achieve to help your team get the batter 'out'? (1 mark)

3. Imagine you have just struck the ball deep into the outfield. Describe two pieces of 'communication' you might shout to your teammate who is running to the next base. (2 marks)

4. Explain why it is better to use two hands rather than one hand when catching a high-flying ball in the outfield. (2 marks)

5. A team has a budget of £50 to buy new equipment. If a set of stumps costs £12 and a new bat costs £24, how much money do they have left? Show your working. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a field layout for a striking and fielding game. Label the positions of the bowler, the backstop, and at least two fielders using arrows to show how they might move to stop a ball.



Extension challenge: Research a sport that involves striking and fielding. Write three rules that make the game fair and explain how 'tactical' placement of fielders can stop the other team from scoring points.