

Team Tactics with Max the Monkey

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

Max the Monkey is designing a new playground game, but he needs your help to organise his team! Read the scenarios below and choose the best 'Tactical Move' from the word bank to ensure the team plays fairly and effectively. Write your chosen term in the gap provided.

Word bank: Communication · Marking · Fair Play · Passing · Strategy · Spatial Awareness

1. 1. When a player stands close to an opponent to prevent them from receiving the ball, they are using the skill of _____. Why is this important for a team's defence? (2 marks)

2. 2. Max shouts 'Behind you!' to his teammate while running. This is an example of _____. How does this help the team work together? (2 marks)

3. 3. To move the ball quickly across the pitch, the team uses _____. Why is this better than one person trying to run with the ball alone? (2 marks)

4. 4. Even when the score is close, the team always shakes hands with the opponents. This shows _____. Why is this vital in all competitive sports? (2 marks)

5. 5. Before the game starts, Leo the Lion draws a plan on a whiteboard to decide where everyone should stand. This is called a _____. Why do teams need a plan before starting? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a sports pitch. Use arrows to show how the players are moving and mark where the team is using 'Spatial Awareness' to create space for a teammate.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are the captain of Max's team. Write three 'Golden Rules' for your team to follow that focus on positive sportsmanship and effective communication during a match.