

Mastering Team Games with Max and Leo

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

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of team sports to provide detailed answers. Remember to think like Max the monkey, who loves planning strategies, and Leo the lion, who values fair play.

Word bank: tactics · communication · sportsmanship · formation · collaboration · respect

1. Max is planning a new formation for his team. Explain why having a clear 'tactic' or game plan is more effective than players just running around randomly. (2 marks)

2. In a team game, why is clear communication between teammates essential, especially when defending against the opposing team? (2 marks)

3. Leo the lion believes that showing good sportsmanship is just as important as winning. Give two examples of how you can show respect to the opposing team during a match. (2 marks)

4. Imagine your team is losing by £5 worth of 'effort points' (or falling behind in the score). What steps would you and your teammates take to improve your collaboration and get back into the game? (3 marks)

5. Why is it important for every player on a team to understand their specific position and responsibilities? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view map of a pitch or court. Label where your team members are standing in a specific formation and use arrows to show how they might move to pass the ball or move into space.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'Team Captain's Speech' (no more than 50 words) that you would give to your teammates before a big match to boost their confidence and encourage them to work together.