

Max's Mighty Invasion Games Challenge

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of tactics, rules, and fundamental skills required for invasion games.

Join Max the monkey as he applies his mathematical brain to the sports field! Read each question carefully and select the best answer or write your response clearly.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Dribbling, 5.B, 6.A, 7.True, 8.B, 9.Spatial awareness, 10.A. Extension guidance: Encourage pupils to justify their choices using terms like 'marking' or 'passing channels'.

Word bank: attack · defend · possession · tactics · interception · dribbling · spatial awareness · teamwork

1. **1. In an invasion game, what is the primary objective? A) To score the most goals/points, B) To stand still, C) To hold the ball for the whole game, D) To run in circles. *Correct: A (1 mark)**

2. **2. True or False: 'Defending' means trying to stop the opposition from scoring. (1 mark)**

3. **3. True or False: You are allowed to use your hands in every invasion game (e.g., football). (1 mark)**

4. **4. What is the skill called when you move the ball or puck forward with your feet or a stick while keeping it close to your body? (1 mark)**

5. **5. Which of these is an example of a tactical decision? A) Choosing your favorite color, B) Deciding who to pass to based on where your teammate is standing, C) Counting the clouds, D) Ignoring your coach. (1 mark)**

6. **6. What does 'possession' mean? A) Having control of the ball or object, B) Throwing the ball away, C) Sitting on the bench, D) The name of the team. (1 mark)**

7. **7. True or False: Good communication with your teammates can help you win the game. (1 mark)**

8. **8. An 'interception' occurs when: A) You score a goal, B) You catch or block a pass made by the opposition, C) You fall over, D) You switch teams. (1 mark)**

9. 9. What do we call the ability to know where you, your teammates, and the opponents are on the pitch? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is a safe way to play? A) Playing with awareness of others, B) Tripping up an opponent, C) Arguing with the referee, D) Playing with eyes closed. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a pitch showing where Max is positioned to receive a pass from his teammate. Label the 'attacking zone' and the 'defending zone'.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why 'spatial awareness' is more important than speed in a team game. 2. Compare and contrast attacking and defending roles; how do the requirements for each differ? 3. Justify why fair play and honesty are essential in games without a referee. 4. What might happen to a team's performance if they do not communicate? 5. If a game is too easy, what tactical changes could you make to increase the challenge? 6. Design a new invasion game where the rules involve using a foam ball and two cones; explain how a team would score a point.