

Net and Wall Games: The Court Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the layout and key features of a net and wall game court and identify the tactical roles of players.

Use your knowledge of net and wall games to complete the drawing and labelling activity below. Think about how players must use space effectively to outwit their opponent.

Draw: Draw an overhead view of a rectangular court divided by a net in the center. Include two players on the court: one player in a 'Ready Position' with knees slightly bent and racket held in front, and another player reaching for a ball. Use clear lines for the court boundaries (baseline and sidelines). Add labels from the word bank to point to the correct parts of your drawing.



Label words: Net · Baseline · Service Box · Sideline · Ready Position · Attacking Shot · Defensive Lob

Steps:

1. Label the area of the court where a player should stand to receive a serve.
2. Explain why a 'Ready Position' is important in a net and wall game.
3. Identify one reason why a player might choose to hit a 'Defensive Lob' instead of an 'Attacking Shot'.
4. Draw an arrow on your court to show the path of a ball that is landing just inside the baseline.
5. If Max the monkey is playing against a partner, why must he aim for the 'space' rather than directly at his

opponent?