

# Mastering Invasion Games with Max the Monkey

*Learning objective: To understand the tactical principles of invasion games, including attacking, defending, and spatial awareness.*

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of invasion game tactics. Use the definitions provided to help you explain how to perform better in games like netball, tag rugby, or football.

## Attacking

The phase of the game where a team attempts to move the ball or object towards the opponent's goal to score.

## Defending

The action of preventing the opposing team from gaining possession or scoring a goal.

## Spatial Awareness

Being aware of where you are on the pitch in relation to team-mates, opponents, and open space.

## Interception

When a defender reads the game and catches or deflects a pass intended for an opponent.

## Pivot

Keeping one foot planted on the ground while rotating the body to find a better passing option.

## Tactics

The clever strategies and plans used by a team to outsmart their opponents during a match.

## Possession

Having control of the ball or object as a team, using passing to keep it away from the opposition.

## Marking

Staying close to an opponent to stop them from receiving a pass or moving freely.

## Transition

The rapid change from attacking to defending (or vice versa) when possession is lost or won.

## Communication

Using clear, loud verbal instructions or hand signals to coordinate team-mates during play.