

Mastering Net and Wall Tactics with Max

Learning objective: To understand the tactical principles of net and wall games, focusing on spatial awareness, court positioning, and ball placement.

Follow the steps below to illustrate a tactical scenario for a net game. Use your drawing to demonstrate how a player can create space and outwit an opponent.

Draw: Draw a top-down view of a rectangular court divided by a net. On one side, draw Max the monkey in an athletic 'ready position'. On the other side, draw a generic opponent. Use arrows to show the 'trajectory' of a shuttlecock being hit into an empty corner of the opponent's court. Use a ruler for straight lines and ensure the court markings (lines) are accurate and clear.



Label words: Baseline · Service Box · Net · Trajectory · Ready Position · Court Coverage · Tactical Placement

Steps:

1. Explain why it is important to return to the 'centre-base' position after every shot in a net game.
2. Compare and contrast a wall game (like squash) with a net game (like badminton). How does the target area change the way you hit the ball?
3. Justify your answer: If your opponent is standing on the far left of their court, where should you aim your

next shot and why?

4. Label your drawing to show the 'ideal' landing spot to force your opponent to move the furthest distance.
5. What might happen if you focus only on power rather than tactical placement during a long rally?
6. Identify one way you can use 'deception' (pretending to hit one way but hitting another) to win a point.