

Team Tactics with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the rules, strategic principles, and physical requirements of various team games.

Max the Monkey loves a challenge! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember, in team games, communication and fair play are just as important as the final score.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Tactics, 5.B, 6.Collaboration, 7.A, 8.False, 9.True, 10.B. Max's Top Tip: A team is only as strong as its weakest link, so always encourage your teammates!

Word bank: Communication · Tactics · Resilience · Fair play · Formation · Strategy · Collaboration

1. 1. In a team game, what is the primary purpose of a 'formation'? A) To look good for the crowd B) To confuse the referee C) To organise players to cover space effectively* D) To ensure everyone touches the ball (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Fair play' means following the rules of the game even when the referee is not looking. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: In most team invasion games, it is more effective to run towards the ball than to move into open space. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the term for the specific plan or 'method' a team uses to try and outwit their opponents? (1 word) (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these is the most important element of effective teamwork? A) Having the fastest player B) Clear communication* C) Wearing the same kit D) Arguing about the score (1 mark)

6. 6. What term describes a group of people working together towards a common goal, such as winning a match or maintaining possession? (1 word) (1 mark)

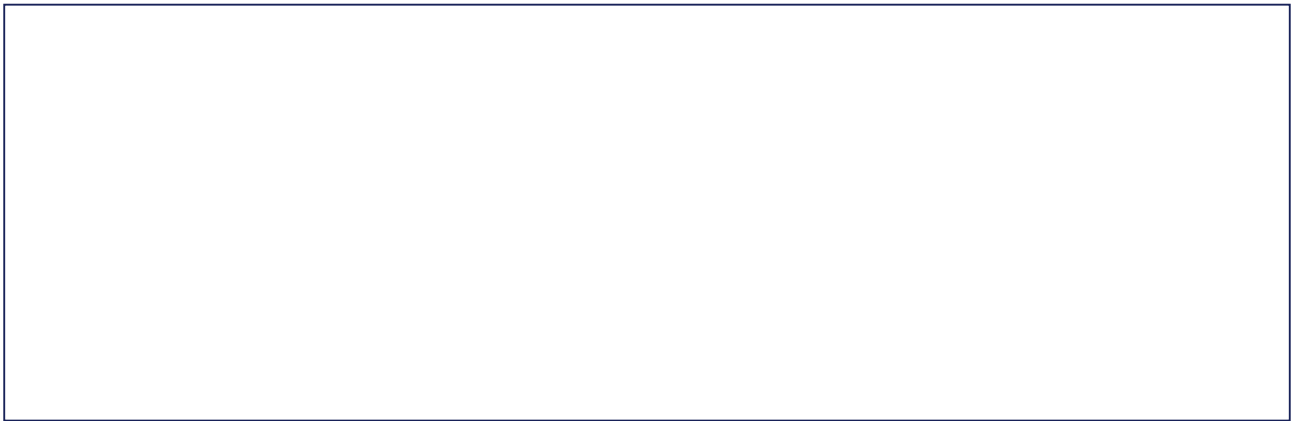
7. 7. If your team is losing, what is the best way to show resilience? A) Keep encouraging teammates and try a new tactic* B) Blame the teammates who made mistakes C) Give up and walk off the pitch D) Shout at the opposition (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A 'substitute' is a player who is only allowed to play if they are the captain. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Being a good spectator involves showing respect to both your own team and the opposition. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which action best demonstrates 'sportsmanship'? A) Celebrating a goal in the opponent's face B) Shaking hands with the opposition after the game* C) Refusing to accept a foul D) Avoiding the post-match talk (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a sports pitch. Use symbols to show where you would place your teammates in a defensive formation and use arrows to show how they should move to defend the goal.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why communication is more valuable than individual skill in a team sport. 2. Compare and contrast an invasion game (like netball or football) with a striking-and-fielding game (like rounders). How does the strategy change? 3. Justify why a team might change their formation halfway through a match. 4. What might happen if a team prioritises individual glory over team success? 5. Design a new team game that requires at least three different skills (e.g., throwing, dodging, and spatial awareness). 6. Write a short paragraph explaining the importance of the 'Spirit of the Games' in a competitive environment.