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Bat tapping

SKILL FOCUS

Each player has a suitable batting implement and ball. The aim is to keep tapping the ball into the air with the bat for as long as possible. Many variations are possible.

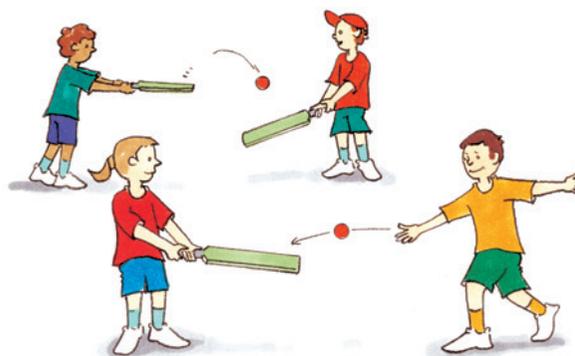


Scoring

- > Award 1 point per successful hit.

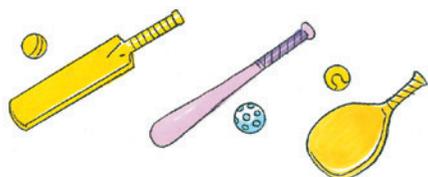
Change it

- > Vary the bat and ball.
- > Play cooperatively in pairs or groups of 3 and vary the distance between players according to ability.



What you need

- > 1 ball and batting implement per player (suitable to player ability)



What to do

- > Players tap their ball up and down on their bat, and count the number of consecutive taps they get.
- > If a player drops their ball, they start counting from the beginning.

- > See how many times players can tap the ball on different parts of the bat.
- > Players try to hop/jump as many times as they can while the ball is in the air.
- > Players see how long they can keep the ball on their bat without it rolling off.

Safety

- > Use bats and balls suitable for players' ability.
- > Check there is enough space between players and away from walls or other obstacles.
- > Bats must not be swung around or raised more than chest high.

ASK THE PLAYERS

- > Which part of the bat do you need to hit the ball with so that it will go straight up in the air?
- > What technique did you find was the best for making the most consecutive hits?
- > How high did you need to hit the ball in the air to make sure you had time to get ready for the next hit?
- > Which bats/balls make this easier/harder?

TEACHING TIPS

- > Keep your eyes on the ball
- > Keep the face of the bat parallel to the ground so that you can hit it straight up in the air.
- > Hold the bat at the bottom of the handle to have greater control and accuracy.

LEARNING INTENTION

Bat tapping supports students to develop hand-eye coordination and striking skills.

STRIKING

CONTENT DESCRIPTIONS

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