

Shapes on a Sporting Field

Elaboration 3 · Naming and describing the lines on a court

ELABORATION FOCUS

Investigating the shapes of different sporting fields, describing and labelling their features including side lines, centre circles and goal squares, using spatial terms to describe them.

LEARNING INTENTION I can name the shapes and lines on a sports court.

Court

Side line

Circle

Centre

Parallel

1

Look at the Outline

Step 1: walk or trace the outside of the court. Step 2: name that shape.

2

Name the Lines

Step 3: find the side lines and end lines. Step 4: label each one.

3

Describe Them

Step 5: side lines face each other. Step 6: they are opposite and parallel.

MODEL · LABELLING A BASKETBALL COURT

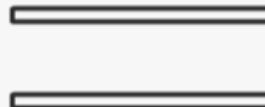
The court is a rectangle, the centre circle sits in the middle, and the side lines are parallel.



court outline



centre circle



parallel side lines



goal square

Say the shape first, then describe its lines using opposite, parallel, straight or curved.

TEACHER MODELLING ROUTINE I do → We do → You do

WATCH FOR

Naming the court but not describing how its lines sit in relation to each other.

REMEMBER

Say it to students as: "What shape is the court, and how do its lines sit?"

MATERIALS

Court diagrams, chalk, playground markings, rulers, clipboards, photos of fields.

Teacher note: take this one outside if you can. Standing on a side line and looking across to the opposite one makes the word parallel far more concrete than a diagram does.