



# ASSESSING ABILITY

Level 3 is broadly defined  
as the 'making contact' stage.



**Level Three**  
Descriptor Cards

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

- Players have very little experience in the full game of tennis.
- Mini Tennis is the ideal tool to teach pupils at this level using the appropriate Mini Tennis rackets and balls. Detailed information on Mini Tennis can be found within the Modified Delivery Section of the Secondary Schools Tennis - Teacher Resource.
- Players at this level will be predominately working on skills relating to 'receiving' the ball that can build to be the basis of techniques from a single ball feed (one ball at a time).
- Without these basic skills of reading the flight of the incoming ball (both before and after the bounce), players often run to the point where the ball bounces and fail to make contact with the rising ball. Using receiving skills, they soon develop to coordinate the racket swing with the ball to make contact.
- They can compare and comment on the skills, techniques and ideas required.



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