

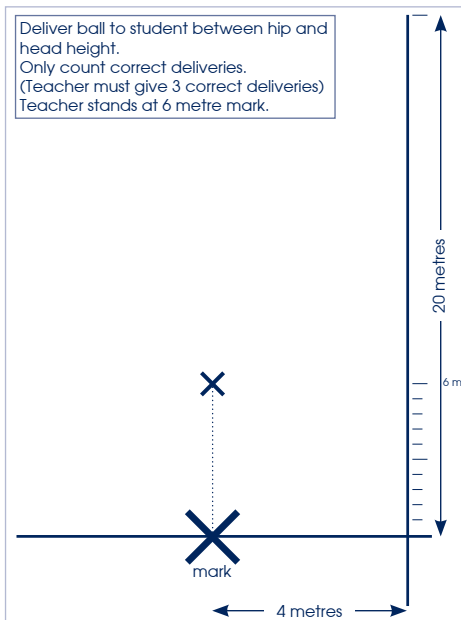
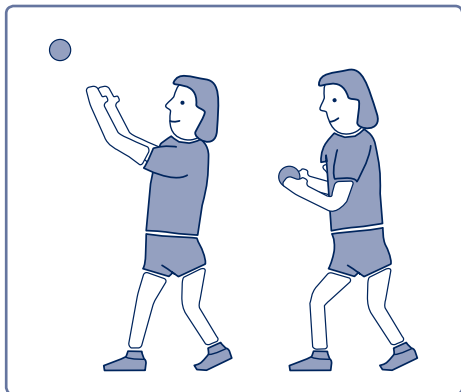
Trend Task: Small Ball Catch



Approach: Open space
Focus: Catching
Resources: 3 small balls, tray, floor plan as below

Year: 4 & 8

Questions / instructions:



Stand on the mark facing the teacher.

Catch the ball that is thrown to you.
You can move towards the ball as you catch it.

Have **three** goes - the first is a practise catch.

Number of properly thrown balls caught:

3	62 (56)	94 (89)
2	27 (24)	6 (9)
1	9 (16)	0 (1)
0	2 (4)	0 (1)

Catching Technique:

(eyes on ball throughout; body movement if necessary to catching position; hands moved to meet ball; hands and fingers positioned correctly; caught and controlled ball with hands only; elbows bent to absorb force of ball.)

very good/excellent	22 (19)	57 (49)
good	47 (39)	37 (45)
fair	25 (30)	6 (5)
poor	6 (12)	0 (1)

Total score:	6	22 (19)	56 (48)
	5	34 (27)	35 (40)
	4	18 (20)	6 (7)
	0-3	26 (34)	3 (5)

Subgroup Analyses:

Year 4
Score Range

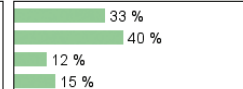
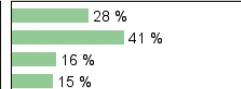
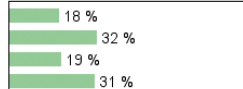
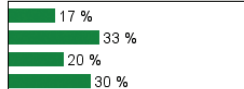
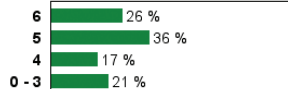
Boys

Girls

Pakeha

Māori

Pasifika



Year 8
Score Range

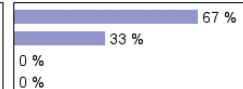
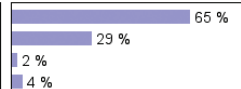
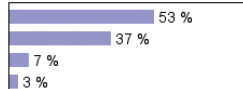
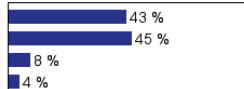
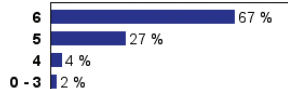
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Commentary:

Most year 8 students were very competent at catching. About one third of year 4 students dropped at least one ball. Māori and Pasifika students did particularly well. There was a small improvement for year 4 students between 2002 and 2006.