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Birdies and Courts: Discovering Badminton Gear

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Possible strategies could include moving quickly to position yourself under the shuttlecock, using the appropriate shot technique to return it accurately, and possibly trying to place the shuttlecock in a difficult spot for your opponent.
2. Good footwork involves efficient movement around the court, allowing a player to reach the shuttlecock quickly and maintain proper positioning. It helps a player respond faster to shots and maintain balance while playing.
3. The weight and materials used in a shuttlecock affect its flight characteristics. A heavier shuttlecock may be more stable in windy conditions, while lighter ones may be faster but less stable. The choice of materials also influences durability and playability.
4. "In" and "out" refer to whether a shot lands within the boundaries of the court. The boundary lines on the court help determine this by marking the limits of the playing area. Shots that land on or inside these lines are considered "in," while those that land outside are "out."

