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Slovak Playground Games



Blind Man's Buff or in Slovak the Blind Woman



Number of players

The more of players for this game the better because it is more fun to play that way.

Equipment

The equipment needed for this game is something to cover someone eyes.

How to Play

- 1. Take away everything that can break or get damaged.
- 2. Choose someone to be the Blind Woman and cover his/her eyes with a cloth so that the chosen person cannot see.
- 3. All the players stand around the blind woman in a circle
- 4. They choose if they want

A a clapped game

B a quiet game

C a whispered game

D a plucked game

A If they choose a clapped game, they try to escape from the touch of the blind woman and they run around her and clap. The blind woman runs to the place where she hears the clapping player and tries to catch him or her.

B If they choose a quiet game, they run around the blind woman without the word etc.

C If they choose a whispered game, they whisper the words ", the blind woman" etc.,

D if they choose a plucked game they pluck blind woman's clothes etc.

5. When she touches a player, he has to stop and the blind woman tries to recognize who is that. If she manages to guess the name of the player, the player becomes the blind woman.

The Golden Gate



Number of players

This game is played with any number of players.

Equipment

This game is played outdoors. No equipment is needed.

How to Play

Two of the children choose one the words that are similar in some way like an apple or a pear that will describe them. / other possibilities a spade or a rake, a strawberry or a cake,etc./

Then they will join their hands and make a gate holding lifted hands up.

Other pupils make a chain and go under the gate they say the rhyme. After the rhyme is over, the hands of the players that make a gate go down and the child that is inside has to choose an apple or a pear and replaces the player in the gate. The other pupil joins the chain.

Rhyme – there are more varieties of translation:

1.The go	lden	gate	was	opened
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And by the golden key bolstered

Entering the gate

you will lose your head

If you are a girl or a boy I will not let you go.

2.Golden gate was opened, unlocked by a golden key

But if you are late to enter

you will lose your head

Whether it's him, whether it's she...

Will be swept away by a broom.

3. The golden gate was opened

unlocked by a golden key

Whoever is late to enter, will lose their head,

Whether it's him or her...
Whack him with a broom

King! King! Give us

a soldier!

Number of players

This game is played with any number of players, the more the better.

Equipment

This game is played outdoors. No equipment is needed.

Rules of the game

The pupils say the chant King, king, give us a soldier and the class is devided into two armies.

They align facing each other.

The players hold hands tightly.

Players say the rhyme and choose one player from the opposing team who is going to break through the line.

The attacker usually chooses the weakest point in the chain to break through.

If he succeeds in breaking through the players whose handhold he or she broke through they are captured and go to the other team if the breakthroug fails, the attacker is held captive.

The team which has a great number of players by the end wins.

Chant:

The first army: King, king, give us a soldier

The second army: Whom do you want!

The first army: names the player that is going to break through enemy line



Geese, geese, come home!



The pupils choose a housekeeper and a wolf. Other pupils are geese. The geese run to the "meadow" and wolf hides "behind the bush". Pupils say the chant and the wolf acts according to the chant.

Chant:

The housekeeper: Geese, geese, come home!

The geese: No, we won't!

The housekeeper: Why?

The geese: Because of the wolf!

The housekeeper: Where is he?

The geese: Behind the bush.

The housekeeper: What is he doing there?

The geese: He is washing his face.

The housekeeper: What is he washing his face with?

The geese: With a towel.

The housekeeper: Geese, geese, come home!

I will give you some bread!

The geese: No we won't!

The housekeeper: I will give you some grain!

The geese: Yes! We will go!

The geese run to the housekeeper and the wolf runs from the bush and catches them. Geese turn into wolves. The game repeats till all the geese are caught.