Games Overview

The games in this book may involve any number of children from two players to teams of five or more. In this chart, Group indicates teams of 3 or more players or a small group of 3 or more players.

Name of Game	Number of Players			Type of Game
	2	3+	Groups	
Tug of War (Afghanistan)	✓			strength
Run (China)	✓			skating
Nine Men's Morris (Egypt)	✓			strategy
跳长绳 (China)	✓			skipping
Cycle and Chicken (Malaysia)	✓			skipping
Tag (Fiji)	✓			circle (guessing)
打陀螺 (Netherlands)	✓			circle (spinning)
Tchoki (Mali, Guinea)	✓			girls
Pitu (Zambia)	✓			girls
Tongali Mali (South Korea)	✓			girls
Pole (Bolivia)		✓		tagging
La Thuluma (Bolivia)		✓		tagging
Pegando (Colombia)		✓		tagging
Escondi (France)		✓		tagging
Kabaddi (Kuwait)		✓		tagging
Tiche-Tiche (Peru)		✓		tagging
Catapult (Malaysia)		✓		tagging
It Game (Zambia)		✓		tagging
Chinese Whispers (Australia)		✓		guessing
Hand Jive (Indonesia)		✓		girls
Kabbi Kabaddi (Bangladesh)		✓		girls
Hunter Gun Hunter (China)		✓		shooting
Jogo da Pedra (Portugal)		✓		throwing
中小学生体育课 (China)		✓		throwing
Tops (Zimbabwe and Hungary)		✓		throwing
飞机场 (England)		✓		circle (running)
Cricket (United States)		✓		striking
Lucky Number Throw (Spain)		✓		counting only
Whistling Race (Zimbabwe)		✓		counting
Hoop (Denmark)			✓	relay
Children (Canada)			✓	striking/counting
打陀螺比赛 (China)			✓	striking
Bhagal, Bhagal, Kaun (Germany)			✓	circle (guessing)
Jumbo Mumbo (India)			✓	circle (chasing)
Circle Around (Netherlands)			✓	circle (chasing)
Boogie-woogie (Australia)			✓	chasing
Big Snake (Germany)			✓	chasing
Snake Game (Germany)			✓	chasing
Butterfly, Fence, and Fox (Germany)			✓	chasing

Introduction

Skills and Games from

China

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At a Glance

Area: 3,705,407 square miles
9,596,960 square kilometers

Population: 1,337,705,000

Capital: Beijing

Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese, local dialects

China Fast Facts

The People's Republic of China is the fourth largest country in the world but is the home to more people than any other country. One in every five people on Earth is Chinese. The country's landscape includes towering mountains, dry deserts, and lush valleys. And it has enabled history's richest civilization for more than 5,000 years.

Chinese Farming: China has some of the world's fastest growing and most modern cities. But China is also very rural. People in the countryside may live in wooden houses with reed roofs or clay tiles. Hunan, or Southern, in Guangdong, the Chinese Plateau, there are terraced rice fields reminiscent and time to grow two crops.

Mealtimes: The biggest holiday is Chinese New Year on the first day of the lunar calendar and falls fifteen days. People clean their houses, everything must be finished and making way for good luck. Foods are planted and are decorated with red patterns symbolizing happiness, wealth, and long life.

Chinese Foods: During the Tangun Festival, people eat moon cakes or dumplings called Guanyuan. Vietnamese are partial served during the Mid-Autumn festival. The cakes are thick and filled with nine sweet paste and yolks of duck eggs. The eggs are decorated with symbols for long life.

Sports and Games: Kids have been played in China for centuries and badminton is enjoyed by children and adults. Many people practice sports or martial arts and in forms of gymnastics including tightrope balancing, juggling, and tumbling. A form of shuttlecock played on a board where two men hopping triangles have a role shape. The Chinese call the game relay which means jumping down.

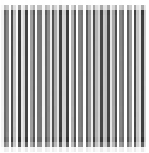
Run

Needed: 11 small sticks, about the size of toothpicks
Number of players: 2

The strategy of this game comes in knowing when to pick up one, two, or three sticks to avoid being in a position to pick up the last remaining stick.

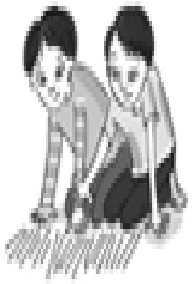
How to Play

1. Line up 11 small sticks in a row on a table or on the ground.



2. The first player picks up 1, 2, or 3 sticks.

3. The second player picks up 1, 2, or 3 sticks.

4. Players continue to take turns picking up either 1, 2, or 3 sticks with each turn.

5. The player to pick up the last stick loses.