



Rybalka Fishing Game

Game country of origin: Ukraine



"When I was growing up in the Ukraine children played on the street or in the courtyards. The Fishing Game was one of the most popular games we played".

"After school we would meet at the front of our building and play in the yard. The Fishing Game was one that many children could play at the same time regardless of their age or ability.

We would keep the game interesting by incorporating variations to the standard jumping over the rope with two feet such as jump and turn or hop on one leg.

When teaching this game to children today I find the game is still enjoyed just as much".

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Age Group Suitable for: 5+

Number of players: 3+

Indoor or outdoor

Equipment: rope at least 2m long

Instructions

1. One child is the Fisherman; the other children are the Fish. The Fish make a circle around the Fisherman who stands in the centre. The radius of the circle should be the same as the length of the rope.
2. The Fisherman holds one end of the rope in their hand and starts spinning the rope around them at ground level. The Fish must jump over the rope without it hitting them.
3. If one of the Fish does not jump in time and gets caught by the rope, they must leave the circle.
4. The game finishes when there is only one Fish left. They are the winner and become the Fisherman for the next round of the game.