



Playground Games

Finding out about the games people played when they were growing up is a great way to learn not only how things have changed but what may have stayed the same. You might recognise some of the games that our interviewees talk about playing in the past such as tag, chap door run or hopscotch or you might learn something new that you can teach your friends.

Listen to Sophie and Derry aged 8, talking about some of their favourite playground games. Listen very carefully and see if you can answer the questions below. (Write your answers in the space below each question.)

- What three games does Sophie say that girls play?
- What number does Sophie claim is the number you're supposed to go up to during her rhyme?
- According to Derry, do boys skip too?

What are your favourite playground games.? Do you know any rhyming games like the one Sophie talks about?

TASK:

Think about interviewing a parent, a grandparent or even a teacher to find out what games they played when they were at school. Do you recognise any of the games they used to play?

Write a few lines below to tell us what you learned. If you learned something new maybe you could teach your friends a new game.

.....write



TASK:

Use the space below to either draw or describe a game you might play in the playground. You could include instructions or words if the game involves a rhyme or a song.

.....draw

Find out more:

If you would like to listen to some more interviews, why not search the RESP website to find out more about playground games or other subjects that interest you. HINT try using the search box to search for things like school, school days, games, or childhood.

If you would like to hear more from Sophie and Derry you can listen to the rest of the interview by searching the names Sophie Smith and Derry Broadfoot and finding the page dedicated to them. (Look for the item 'Interviews of Sophie Smith aged 8 and Derry Broadfoot aged 8 and click on this.)

There are a lot of interviews to listen to on the RESP website and if you are not sure where to start or what to look for the secret is to just start looking and see what catches your interest. There are also other worksheets you can try on the Kids Only page that might give you some ideas.