

# World Games

## 1. Rabbit without a House (Brazil)

- ❖ **Directions:** Pick someone to be "it" (the rabbit without a house) and someone to be the "caller". Divide the others into groups of three. Each group makes a rabbit in a house by two girls holding hands (the house) and one girl (a rabbit) standing inside. The caller yells out "Find a house" and all the rabbits, including the one without a house, have to run to find another house. The rabbit left without a house becomes it.
- ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision  
[http://guidezone.e-guiding.com/jmrabbit\\_house.htm](http://guidezone.e-guiding.com/jmrabbit_house.htm)

## 2. Cinco Marias (Brazil)

- ❖ **Directions:** Typically played with stones but to go with the "winter" theme, use white ping pong balls like snowballs – throw one stone in the air and pick up another pebble (ping pong ball) and catch the one in the air
- ❖ **Supplies:** White ping pong balls (or stones if more convenient)
- ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision  
<http://www.easyfunschool.com/article1370.html>

## 3. Keep the Ball (Mexico)

- ❖ **Directions:** To play this game, you form two teams. There is no limit on the number of players. It's played with your hands and sometimes with your feet. You play with a soft ball and before the game, you decide the rules: for example, the time of the game and the size of the field. The game starts when somebody throws the ball up to the sky. The player who catches the ball has to keep the ball for his team. He has to throw the ball to his partners and each person on the opposite team has to try to 'steal' the ball. You can't return the ball to the person who gives it to you. When the time is up, the team that has kept the ball wins.
- ❖ **Supplies:** A soft ball
- ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision

## 4. Down, Down, Down (Australia)

- ❖ **Directions:** Two players throw a ball back and forth. When one of the players drops the ball, both, say down, down, down. After that, the player who dropped the ball gets down on one knee, elbow, or chin, etc. The game continues on like this until one of the players cannot go "down" anymore.
- ❖ **Supplies:** A ball
- ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision  
[http://www.gameskidsplay.net/games/ball\\_games/down\\_down\\_down.htm](http://www.gameskidsplay.net/games/ball_games/down_down_down.htm)

## 5. Pele [Hopscotch] (Aruba)

- ❖ **Directions:** Throw the puck into box one on the grid (you can spray food colouring mix in water and draw in the snow!). Hop over the first box into box two. The player then jumps into boxes three and four putting one foot into each box at the same time
  - ❖ Next, hop into box five on one foot and then jump into boxes six, and seven putting one foot into each box at the same time (just as you did in the previous step)
  - ❖ Jump and turn at the same time landing in boxes six and seven facing the other direction. Hop to box five on one foot and then into boxes three and four just as you did the previous times. Next hop into box two on one foot and pick up the puck from box one. Hop out of the pattern, without landing in box one
  - ❖ Every turn, you throw the puck into the next box. Do not hop into a box with your puck or the puck of another player. If your puck does not land in the right box or if you step on a line you lose and it is the next player's turn. When you lose your turn your puck stays in that box until a person can complete it
  - ❖ The person who completes the whole pattern first, wins the game
  - ❖ **Supplies:** A puck and a hopscotch grid
  - ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision
- <http://library.thinkquest.org/J0110166/hopscotch.htm#Aruba>

## 6. Caught you (China)

- ❖ **Directions:** Sit down side by side in a large circle except for one person who is selected and sits outside the circle, blindfolded. As soon as everybody is ready, the leader declares a start. At that moment, begin to pass the small ball one by one around the circle, and the one who sits alone shouts "Stop!" at any time she wishes. Then the girl who has the ball in her hand has to stand up and sing a song, tell a story, do something funny, etc. The person outside the circle gets replaced every five minutes
- ❖ **Supplies:** A blindfold, small ball
- ❖ **Supervision requirements:** Flexible supervision