



GAMES PLAYED AROUND THE WORLD



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Games and the culture around games differ from community to community. Games often teach cultural norms and other important social aspects of life. Also, everyday critical thinking, concentration, and patient skills are taught through games. The games we played as children all had some type of benefit. It's the same in all the cultures in the world. Learning about games worldwide is vital to understanding different cultures. Here is a list of 20 unique games that are played throughout the world.



GREECE: STATUES

American children may not be familiar with the classic Discus Thrower, but Greek children have access to some amazing marble statues that date to ancient times. After visiting a museum, it's only natural that they would incorporate some of these awe-inspiring characters into an imaginative game.

HOW TO PLAY : Choose one player to be "It" and have them stand, eyes covered, in the center of a large, open playing field. They start to count, at least to 10, but they can go higher. The point is that there's no set ending number; only "It" knows when they'll stop and open their eyes. While "It" is counting, the others scatter around, never sure when they'll yell "Agalmata!". On this cue, players freeze, taking on poses that mimic famous statues. "It" tags any statues that are moving (they're out), then tries to make the steady ones laugh or move. The last player remaining composed is the winner and becomes the new "It."



Ghana: Pilolo

In rural parts of Ghana, in West Africa, children's choice of toys is quite limited, but they find plenty of ways to have fun.

What You'll Need: Sticks and stones—or if that would be confusing for kids when playing in a backyard packed with them, you can use one penny for each player.



HOW TO PLAY : Designate a leader and a timekeeper, and determine a finish line. The leader secretly hides the pennies while the other players have their backs turned. The timekeeper waits at the finish line to judge which player is first. When the leader says "Pilolo!" the timekeeper starts the watch and players race to be the first to find a penny and take it across the finish line. The winner is awarded one point. To play again, gather the pennies and designate a new timekeeper and leader.

Armenia: Egg Jousting



For American kids, egg hunts are a big part of the Easter celebration. Armenian children have a different tradition that pits hard-boiled egg against egg in a silly jousting competition.

What You'll Need: A colored hard-boiled egg for each player.

HOW TO PLAY : Facing each other, the two players gently tap the small end of their eggs together until the end of one egg cracks. Next, they joust with the large end of their eggs. Hard-boiled eggs can withstand three to four "hits" before cracking, and maybe more depending on the tapping force. Mom testers say the two eggs do not crack at the same time; in all cases, only one of the eggs was destroyed. The cracked egg is given to the winner as a trophy, then you can make egg salad sandwiches for lunch!

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