

## Street games

Age: 2+

Name of Game: Ring a ring a rosie

What you need: nothing

What to do:

- Everyone hold hands and make a circle.
- Sing the verses while skipping around following the lines of the verse:

Ring a ring a rosie,  
A pocket full of posies,  
A-tish-oo, a-tish-oo!,  
We all fall down!

Mammy in the teapot,  
Daddy in the cup,  
1,2,3  
and we all jump up!

Age:4+

Name of Game: Queenie Eye Oh!

What you need: A ball and more than 3 people.

What to do.

- Elect a thrower and call her "Queenie".
- Queenie stands with their back to the others who are in a straight line.
- Queenie throws the ball over her head to them.
- The others must catch the ball and then hide it behind one of their backs.
- They then call out the verse:

Queenie eye o,  
Who has the ball?  
Is she small or is she tall?

- Queenie then has to turn around and guess who has the ball.
- If she guesses correctly, she stays Queenie but if not, the person with the ball becomes Queenie.

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Name of Game:Hopscotch

What you need; chalk, stone/ empty polish tin.

What to do.

- Draw a six squares on a pavement/footpath, in the shape of a cross.
- Number them one to six.
- Each player then throws the stone/ polish tin as far as possible down the numbers.
- They have to hop as far as the tin, pick it up and hop back.
- The number the tin lands on is their score.
  
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- If one person catches the ball without it touching the ground, they become queenie automatically.
- They call out "Caught ball eye o"

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Name of Game: Four Corners.

What you need: a clear area and five players.

What to do:

- Four players stand in a corner each.
- The fifth player stands in the middle.
- The players in the corners must attempt to swap corners without the middle player getting a corner.
- If the middle player gets the corner, the other player becomes the middle player.

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Name of Game: Donkey

What you need: A ball and a group of people

What to do:

- Everyone stands in a circle.
- Throw the ball to one another and try not to drop it.
- Every time you drop it you get a letter out of the word "DONKEY" e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> drop – D, 2<sup>nd</sup> drop – O, 3<sup>rd</sup> drop – N etc.
- The first one to get the whole word is called the "DONKEY" and the game can begin again.

Age: 5+

Name of Game: Three Legged Race

What you need: a tie or pair of old tights.

What to do:

- Divide into pairs.
- Tie your left leg and your partner's right leg together with the tie/ tights.
- On the word "Go!" race from the start line to the finish line together.
- First pair over the finish line wins.

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Name of Game: Spud and Spoon Race

What you need: Borrow a spoon and a small potato from your kitchen!!

What to do:

- At the start line, put your potato onto your spoon.
- On "Go" race from start to finish with the potato in your spoon.
- You cannot drop the potato. If you do go back to the start.

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What you need: a length of rope and a few people.

### What to do

Skipping can involve as many people as you like. Many rhymes and songs exist to skip to. These few below can be used to the beat of the skipping.

There was an old man,  
And his name was Dan,  
He lived in the bottom,  
Of an old tin can.  
He had a pair of slippers,  
(And) he turned them into kippers,  
and they all lived together  
in the old tin can.



Two little dickie birds,  
Sitting on the wall,  
One named Peter,  
The other named Paul,  
Fly away Peter,  
Fly away Paul,  
Come back Peter,  
Come Back Paul.



Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Tip the ground,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Twirl around,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Show your shoe,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
That will do,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,

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Go up the stairs,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Say your prayers,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Put out the light,  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
Say good night!



Apple jelly my jam- tart,  
Tell me the name of your sweetheart,  
A-B-C-D-E- etc.

Down by the river,  
Where the green grass grows,  
Where (Name),  
Washes all her clothes,  
Where she sang, and she sang,  
And she sang so sweet,  
She called so sweetheart,  
Down the street,  
Sweetheart, sweetheart,  
Will you marry me,  
Yes, my love,  
At half past three,  
Half past three is  
Much too late,  
So we'll be married  
at half past eight.

