

Age-old Favourite Games!

Tip the Can

"Tip the Can" is a mixture of hide and seek and chase!

The 'can' can be anything: a pipe, a fence pole, a tree trunk.

The rules are simple:

- The child who is on and becomes known as "it". He/she has to stand at "the can" and count to 20 seconds with their eyes closed, no peeking. During this time everyone runs for cover and finds a hiding place.
- Once the time is up, "it" hunts down those hiding and on spotting another player hiding, he/she races back to "the can" and declares "tip the can, 1,2,3 I see Johnny behind the roses".
- Johnny will then join all the others in "jail" whose hiding places have also been discovered.
- This continues until everyone is caught, with the first person caught soon to become "it" unless the last person standing, can stay silent as "it" passes their hiding place and then manages to get home to the can first and says "tip the can, 1,2,3, I free everyone".

Hop scotch

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This is a game of precision throwing and balance. It suits all ages and often requires a wall or a kerb for sitting on while you are waiting your turn. The easier version is as follows: You will need a flat stone or an empty tin of shoe polish and fill it with pebbles. The first person throws the stone on Square 1, hops over it and up to the top, landing on each stage before turning around and hopping back down. When you reach the square before your stone or tin, you pick up the stone without losing balance or standing on Square 1. Standing on lines, standing or falling on the square that has the stone or losing balance are fouls and means you lose your go. You have to wait until your turn comes around again. The purpose of the game is to complete the circuit by throwing the stone / tin on each of the squares, one at a time.

