

# Hunt the Slipper

## A GUESSING GAME THAT'S GOOD FOR WINDING DOWN

- All but one of the players sits in a circle. The remaining player sits in the middle with eyes closed.
  - The players chant the following words: “Cobbler, Cobbler, mend your shoe. Have it done by half past two.” During this chant the children pass a shoe around the circle behind their backs.
  - The centre player then chants Cobbler, Cobbler, tell me true. Which of you has got my shoe?” When the last word is chanted the circle stop passing the shoe and the player who has it makes sure it is hidden behind their back.
  - The centre player opens their eyes and has to guess who has the slipper just by looking at the players faces. If they fail, they change places with the person who holds the slipper.
  - ANOTHER GAME LIKE THIS: “Who’s Got The Cheese”

# cat + mouse

A SIMPLE CHASING GAME, THAT DOESN'T NEED MUCH SPACE AND KEEPS THE WHOLE GROUP INVOLVED.

- To begin, designate one player as the “Cat” and another as the “Mouse.”
  - The rest of the players hold hands and form a circle around the “Mouse,” while the “Cat” remains outside the circle.
  - The “Mouse” starts the game by darting outside the circle and around the players. The “Cat” must try to tag the “Mouse,” while staying on the outside of the circle. The players may lift their arms over the “Mouse’s” head in order to help him/her, since they usually sympathise with the mouse. Likewise they will try to block the “Cat.”
  - When the “Cat” finally tags the “Mouse,” the “Mouse” becomes the new “Cat,” the “Cat” joins the circle, and another player becomes the “Mouse.”

# Fruit Salad

**LISTEN FOR YOUR FRUIT TO BE CALLED THEN RUSH TO YOUR PARTNERS SPOT.**

- Players get into pairs and come up with the name of a fruit. Only one pair per fruit.
  - The group sits around in a circle of chairs (not next to their partner), facing inwards with a single player standing in the middle.
  - When the person in the middle calls out the name of a fruit, those two players must swap seats.
  - Meanwhile the person in the middle will try to beat them to a chair and if successful becomes that fruit and the person left becomes the new caller.
  - If “fruit salad” is called, everyone swaps seats.

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