

Quick International Games

Here are some quick games from around the world. These games don't require any equipment and can be played pretty much every where.

Funny Bunnies (Great Britain)

- Make a wide circle with all the girls facing the same way, squatting on the heels, with their knees apart (this is the bunny position).
- When everyone is in position they begin to hop around un a circle.
- Hands must not be used to steady themselves, when a player loses her balance, she is out.
- The last Bunny still hopping is the winner.

Queen, Pretty Queen (Italy)

- One girl is the Queen. She faces a wall and cannot see the rest of the group. The rest of the group lines up on the other side of the room.
- The girls say " Queen, pretty Queen, how many steps will you give me?"
- The Queen replies "One (or five, six, whatever she chooses) as a dog (or other animal: ideas could be money, elephant, cat, bird, snake etc)
- The girls now take the number of steps given as the animal the Queen has mentioned (ie dogs walk on all fours so the girls would mimic this action)
- The Queen changes the number of steps and type of animal each time the girls ask
- The first girl to reach the Queen becomes the new Queen.

Fishes in the Sea (Sierra Leone)

- The girls sit in a circle and number off in to teams of 4 or 5
- Each team is given a name of a fish (ie snapper, trout, cod, herring)
- When the Guider calls out the name of a fish the girls in that group get up and run around the outside of the circle, back towards her place
- Before the girls reach their spot the Guider calls out another action
 - Tide Turns: Girls stop and run in the opposite direction
 - Seas Calm: Girls walk around the circle
 - Storm Brewing: Girls run as fast as they can
- The first girl back to her place scores a point (if you want to keep score)

Clap Ball (Cameron) *this one requires a small or medium sized ball*

- Girls line up in two even teams facing each other about six feet from each other (can be closer for younger girls)
- The first player throws the ball to any player on the other team
- All players clap when the ball is thrown
- When the ball is caught all the players stamp their feet
- The player with the ball now throws to another player and the girls clamp and stamp as before
- If the catcher misses the ball, it is given back to the thrower and she tries again
- No one wins or loses this game, it is a game played just for the fun and rhythm

