

Games



Play large-group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Dodgeball
- Large garbage can (or something else that won't be damaged by being knocked over)

LARGE-GROUP GAME: SPUD

Materials: A dodgeball

Object of game: To be the last player to spell "spud"

How to play: First, give all the players a number. Then have them gather in a circle with one student in the middle. Give the middle student the ball, and instruct them to throw the ball straight up and yell any number that goes with the students in play. The student whose number was called must run to the ball, and all the other students run away from the ball in any direction. When the player whose number was called has the ball, they yell "SPUD!", signaling all the other players to freeze. The player with the ball can then take three steps in any direction and throw the ball at one of the other players. All the other players must keep their feet still, but can move any of their bodies to try to avoid the ball. If the throwing player misses, he/she receives a letter to spell the word "spud"; if the throwing player hits another player, that hit player receives a letter. Play then repeats with the player that received a letter standing in the middle of the circle and throwing the ball up.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: CLUMP TAG

Materials: None

Object of game: To avoid being tagged for as long as possible

How to play: Designate two students to be "it". All the other students will run around the room trying to avoid being tagged. They can avoid being tagged in one of two ways: outrunning "it" or linking arms to form a group of the indicated number of students. For example, say, "The number is three," and all the students who are in "clumps" (groups of students with arms linked) of three will be safe from being tagged. Keep changing the designated number as the game progresses. The game ends when all students have been tagged.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: CAN-CAN

Materials: A large garbage can (or something else that won't be damaged by being knocked over)

Object of game: To be the last player to touch the can

How to play: Have all the students form a circle and hold hands around the trash can, which is placed in the center. Then, all the students can move around, but everyone must make sure that they do not touch the trash can in any way with any part of their body. If a student touches the can, they are out, and the people in the circle that were on either side of them will join hands. Students can also get out if they lose their grip on the player next to them and break the circle. In this case, both students are out. Play until only one student is left.