

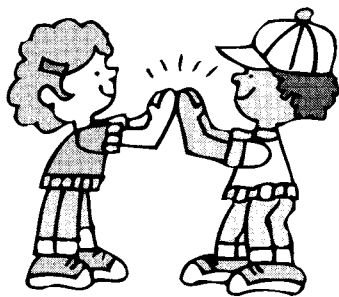
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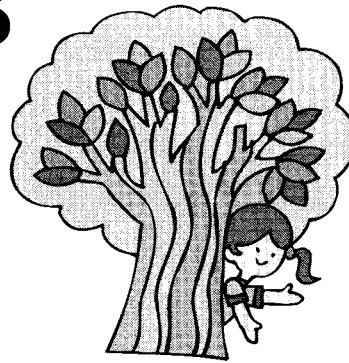
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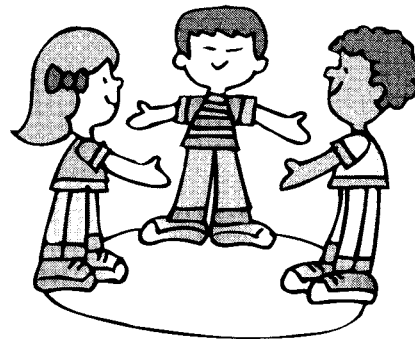
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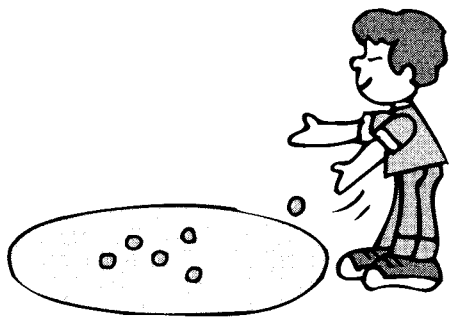
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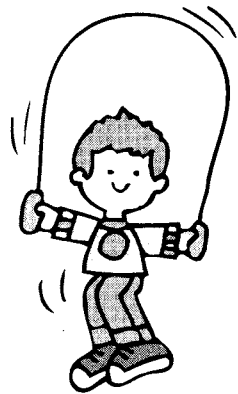
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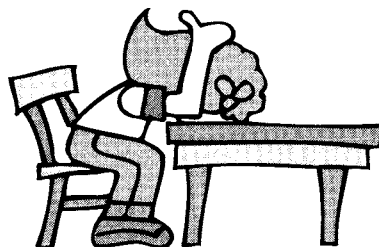
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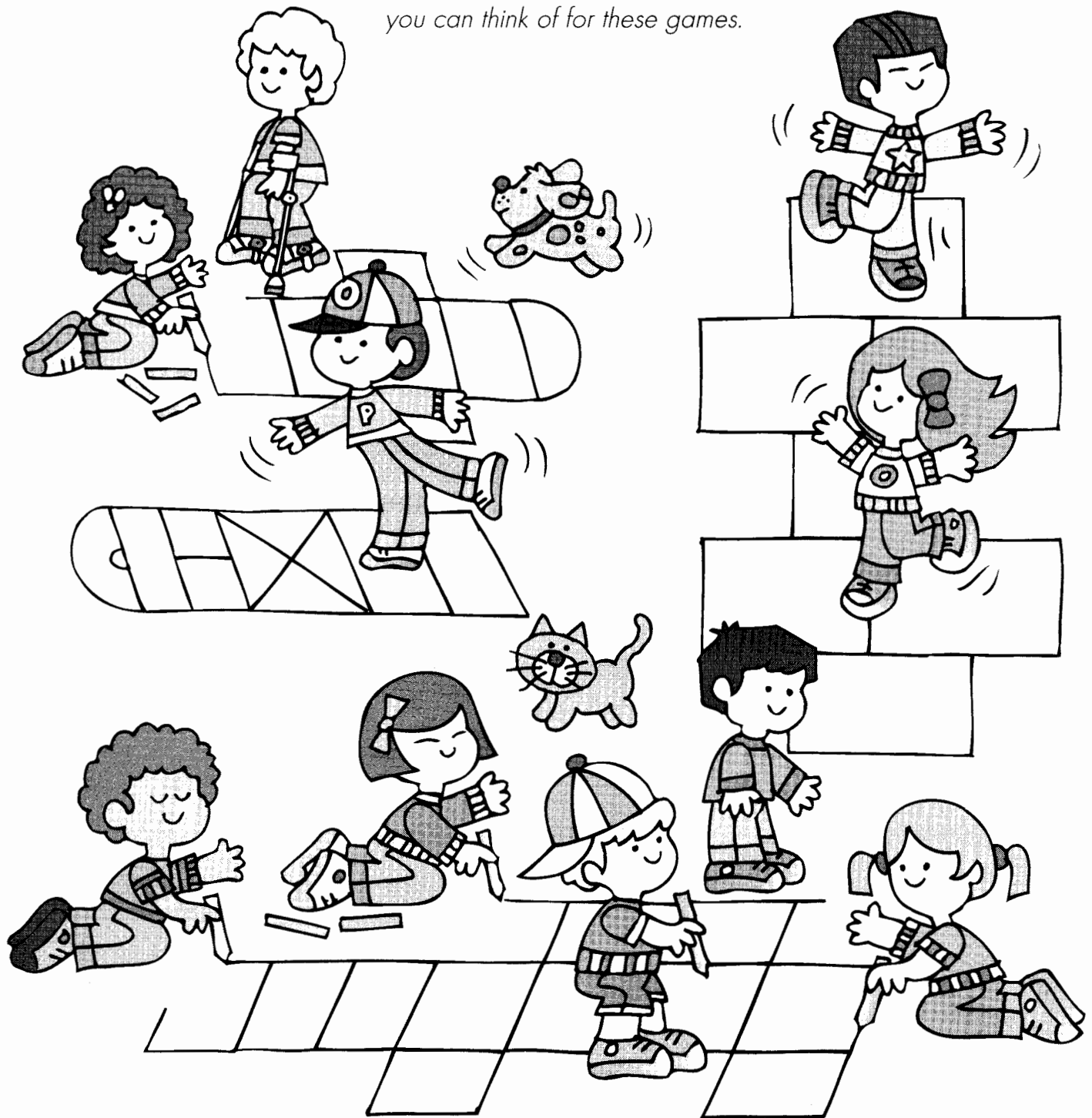
This at-a-glance information is provided for each game:

TITLE OF GAME

Grade Level • Number of Players • Location • Tempo • Duration

SIDEWALKS AND CHALK

Hard, flat surfaces are available to most kids. Consider sidewalks, a playground, school yard, porch, patio, garage, alley, tabletop, floor or any other such place you can think of for these games.



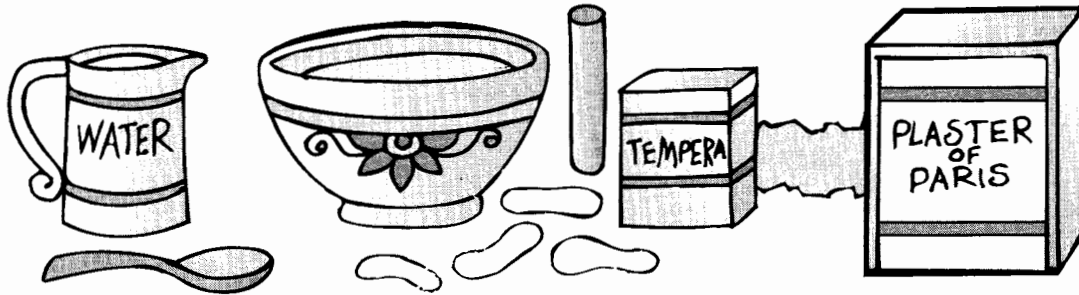
From ancient times people have avoided lines and cracks.

Old superstitions connected stepping on lines with sickness, bad marriages, bad crops and general bad luck.

If you step on a crack, you'll break your mother's back. Step on a line and she'll be fine.

CHALK RECIPE

K-4 • Two or More • Outdoor • Sedentary • Short



Process

1. Cover bottom of tube with foil wrap held in place with a rubber band.
2. Mix tempera in water until you obtain a color darker than that desired.
3. Pour the colored water into mixing container.
4. Gently pour plaster on top of the water, and let it sit until the particles settle.
5. Stir the mixture with a spoon or your hands until it forms a creamy mixture.
6. Pour the mixture into the tube.
7. Gently tap the sides of the tube to remove any air bubbles.
8. Let this sit for 6-10 hours or until dry and then remove the tube.

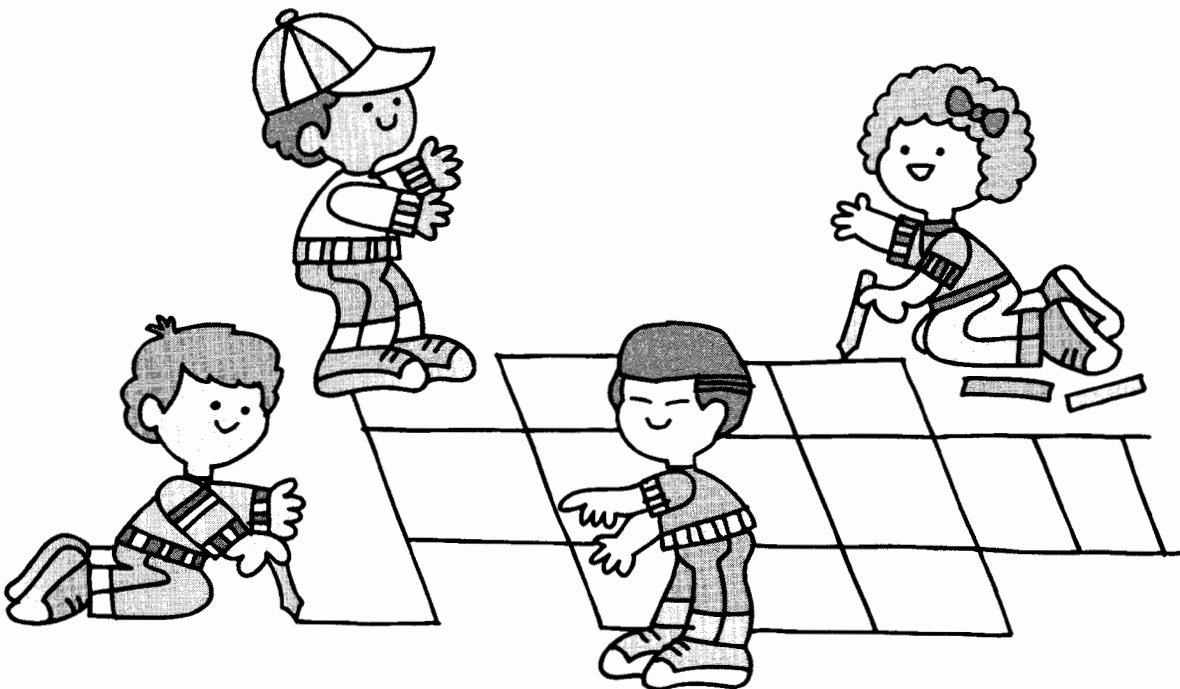
Use this chalk to mark various game boards onto the pavement or sidewalk. Beyond hopscotch consider badminton, tennis or volleyball courts; hangman; follow the leader trail; boxes; a playhouse; or large, decorative art.

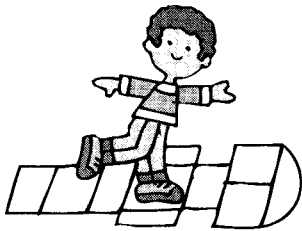
Materials

water
plaster of Paris
small paper tubes
rubber bands
foil wrap
powdered
tempera paint
spoon
mixing
container
cloth or
face mask

Caution

*Avoid breathing
the chalk dust.*





BASIC HOPSCOTCH

Remains of hopscotch games can be seen scratched into the streets of the ancient Roman Forum.

1-4 • One or More • Outdoor • Active • Long & Short Versions

Materials

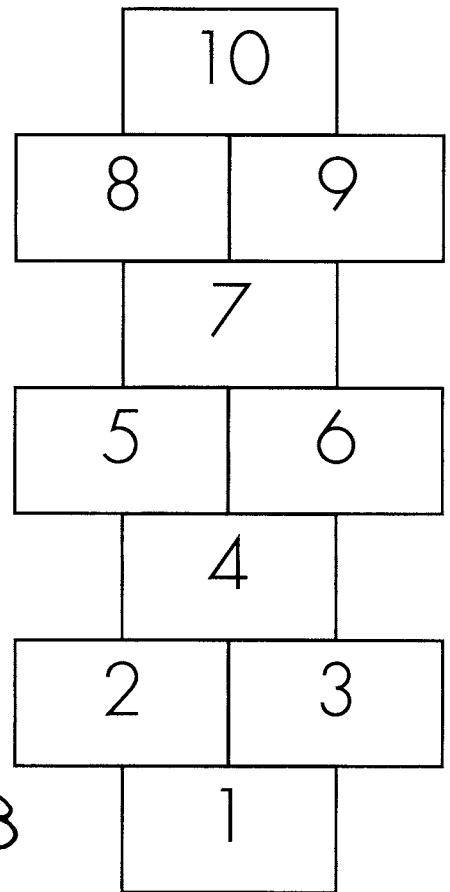
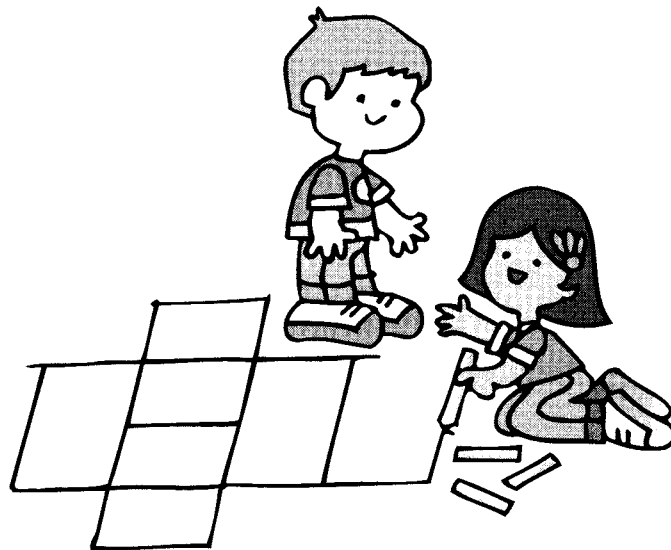
chalk
marker
pavement

Note

Throughout history, markers have been made from stones, shells, wood, keys, chalk, potsherds, bottle caps, buttons and tins filled with sand. Markers can be called a tor, puck, potsy, scotches, pally-ully, hoptaw, taw or peeeverie.

Get Started

Find a level area on pavement to chalk in your hopscotch bed or a level spot in the dirt to scratch in the bed. Sections are usually about 1½ feet (50 cm) square and numbered from one to ten. Draw a line about two feet (61 cm) from the bottom of the grid.



Marker Toss Line _____

Object

To be the first player to journey through the hopscotch grid.

Make your diagram more attractive by drawing with chalk of different colors.

All around the world children have been using stones, sticks and chalk to draw diagrams on the ground for the ancient game of hopscotch. There are hundreds of variations of hopscotch, throughout time and around the world, but the basic game remains much the same.

The traditional hopscotch board, grid or bed consists of a geometric figure drawn on pavement with chalk or scratched in dirt, with sections numbered from one to ten. You can use a traditional board or make up one of your own.