

Gotcha

Grade Three & Four

PLAY

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Learning Intentions

Develop Quick Reflexes:

Students will practice quick reactions and hand-eye coordination by quickly lifting their finger off the hand next to them and trying to grab the finger in front of them.

Enhance Focus and Concentration:

The game requires players to stay alert and concentrate on both their own actions and their opponents to be successful.

Foster Social Interaction and Teamwork:

Gotcha promotes social interaction, teamwork, and friendly competition in a circle format, encouraging students to engage and collaborate.



Success Criteria

Accurate and Quick Reactions:

Students will successfully lift their left index finger at the right time, avoiding it from being grabbed by the person next to them while attempting to grab their opponent's finger.

Active Participation:

Students will participate energetically and enthusiastically, staying focused and engaged throughout the game.

Positive Social Interaction:

Students will interact positively with others, laughing, encouraging each other, and embracing friendly competition.



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Objective:

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Players:

- Suitable for any number of participants, though works best with at least six people.
- Ideal for group settings, such as classrooms, parties, or team-building activities.

Materials:

- No materials are required.

Setup:

1. Arrange all participants in a large circle.
2. Each person stands with their **right hand out facing up** and their **left index finger out, facing down**, on the hand of the person next to them (this means everyone is connected through touching their fingers on the palms of those next to them).
3. The instructor should be ready to call "Gotcha!" to start the game.

Gameplay:

1. **Initial Positioning:** The players should be standing with their right hand facing up and their left index finger placed on the person's right hand next to them.
2. **The Call:** When the instructor calls out "Gotcha!", everyone must lift their left index finger off the hand of the person to their left before it is grabbed, while at the same time trying to grab the right index finger of the person standing next to them.
3. **Reaction:** If you successfully lift your finger without it being caught and grab someone else's right index finger, you score a point.
4. **Game Continuation:** After each round, players should reset to their initial position, and the game continues.
5. **Winning the Game:** The game can be played for a set number of rounds or until everyone has had a chance to be in different positions. The person with the most points at the end wins the game. Alternatively, you can continue playing for as long as desired.



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Variations for Different Settings:

- **Fitness Edition:** Add a fitness challenge where players must complete a simple exercise (like jumping jacks or squats) after every successful grab to make the game more energetic.
- **Family Edition:** For family settings, encourage laughter and add funny rules such as having to say a silly word or perform a dance move after each round.

Additional Notes:

Gotcha is a fun and active group game that promotes physical activity, social connection, and quick thinking. It's easy to learn, requires no equipment, and can be played anywhere. The game keeps everyone engaged and active, creating lots of laughter and excitement. Whether used in classrooms, family gatherings, or team-building activities, *Gotcha* is a great way to get people moving and having fun together.

