

# Children From Around the World



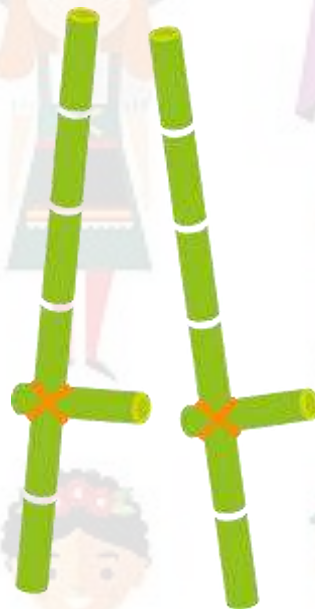
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**PLAY!**



# The World's Toybox

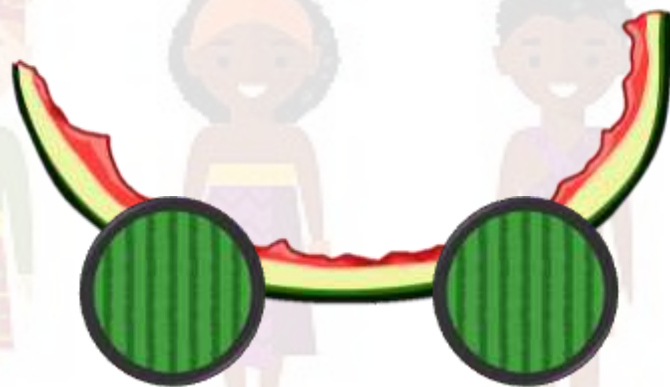
Which toy would you like to borrow?





### **A Toy to make You Taller**

In Indonesia, children play on stilts made of bamboo sticks, called egrang (err-kran). Sometimes they have egrang races.



### **A Car Made of Fruit**

Children in Indonesia love to make toy cars from a fruit called a jeruk bali (jerook-balee), which is like a grapefruit. The skin of the fruit makes the parts of the car and strips of coconut hold them together.



### **Tiny Dolls to Take Away Your Worries**

Guatemalan worry dolls are only tiny but if you put them under your pillow, they are said to take your worries away.



### **A Doll to Protect You**

Handmade cloth motanka (mo-tanko) dolls are given to children in Ukraine to protect them from bad luck. The dolls don't have faces. A motanka with a face is thought to be unlucky.



### **A Toy to Swing On**

Every year in Nepal, children get a new toy – a ping swing made from bamboo poles and grass ropes. Ping swings are built in lots of villages around the country for everyone to enjoy during the Hindu religious festival of Dashain.



### **A Toy to Spin**

A trompo is a Mexican wooden top that you can spin around by pulling on a string. Two trompos can fight. The winner knocks the other one over.



### **A Rag Doll For Everyone**

In Russia, children have lucky faceless rag dolls, too. You could choose from a pelenashka baby doll, a mashavka doll with six mini children or perhaps a desyatiruchka doll who has ten hands for doing lots of housework.



### **A Toy to make You Think**

Lots of African countries have versions of the game mancala. It's played on a wooden board with bowls carved out of it, like an egg box. Players move seeds or pebbles around and try capture their opponent's pieces.



## **A Toy to Make You Dance**

**In Java, you'll sometimes see children riding a toy horse cut from a bamboo mat and painted brightly. They are playing at kuda lumpung (koo-da lum-ping), a traditional horse-riding dance that you would see performed at Javan parades and ceremonies.**

# My Turn!

## Playtime Games

Which round-the-world playtime game would you like to try?

### Ant, Human, Elephant

Have you ever played the game Rock, Paper, Scissors? Here's a similar game that children play in Indonesia. It's called Semut, Orang, Gajah (ant, human, elephant). Two people stand in front of each other and use these hand signals.



#### Semut (suh-moot)

Point your little finger at your friend's hand.


#### Orang (orr-ahng)

Point your first finger at your friend's hand.

#### Gajah (gha-jah)

Point your thumb at your friend's hand.





**Semut beats gajah. An ant could crawl into the elephant's ear and tickle it.**

**Orang beats semut. A human could step on an ant.**

**Gajah beats arang. An elephant could squash a human.**

### **Knee Jumping**

**Traditional Inuit games are designed to make people strong and fit. Try an Inuit knee jump at home.**

1. Kneel on the floor with your toes straight out behind you.
2. Swing your arms back and get ready to hop. You'll need to use your tummy muscles to help you.
3. Jump forward and land on your feet. See how far you can get.

## Jianzi

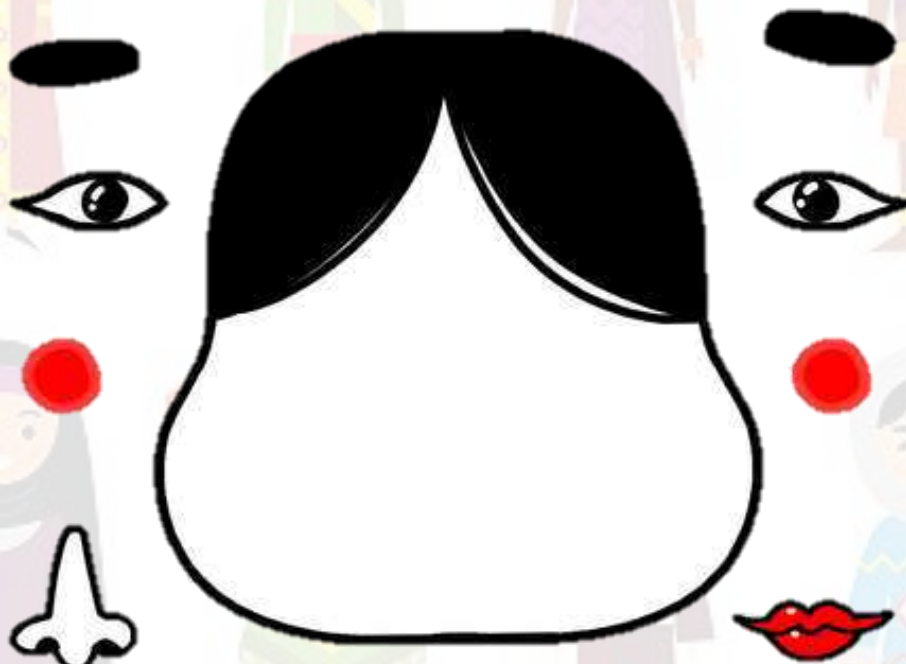
People of all ages like to play jianzi (chee-an-zee) in China. The jianzi is a shuttlecock made of little plastic discs with feathers attached to it. The game is to keep the jianzi off the ground for as long as you can without using your arms. You could use a small beanbag for the game instead of a jianzi shuttlecock.



## Lucky Laugh

Everybody plays this game on New Year's in Japan. It's called fukuwarai (foo-coo wa-ri). Its name means lucky laugh, and it makes everybody giggle.

1. To play you need a large drawing of a blank face. Fix it to the wall or lay it on the floor.
2. Cut out two eyes, a nose and a mouth from old magazines. Put some blobs of sticky putty on the back of each one. Now you're ready for the game.
3. Each player takes it in turn to be blindfolded. They must try to stick the eyes, nose and mouth somewhere on the face while everybody else calls out suggestions. When the player has finished they get to see their Funny face, and then pass the blindfold on to somebody else for a turn.



# MMM... CAKE!

Yummy Cakes From Around the World

Which one would you like to try first?



## Cat Cake

Lussekat (loo-she kot-er) from Sweden are buns dotted with raisins and flavoured with a spice called saffron. They are eaten on December 13th, which is St Lucia's day in Sweden. The name of the bun means "Lucia's cat". Do you think the s-shaped bun looks like a curled-up cat?



### **Bone Cake**

Spanish huesos de santo (hoo-ay-sass de santo) are eaten on November 1st, which is a Christian festival called All Saint's Day. The cakes are tubes of white marzipan filled with custard. Do they remind you of something? Here's a clue: their name means "saint's bones"!



### **Moon Cake**

Mooncakes from China are little round cakes filled with bean paste and decorated with Chinese symbols that represent long life. They are eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival to celebrate the moon.



### **New Year's Eve Cake**

On New Year's Eve, people in Japan love to eat machi (mah-chee), little balls of rice paste flavoured with red bean paste. In springtime, they eat pink machi that represent the beautiful cherry blossom on Japanese trees.



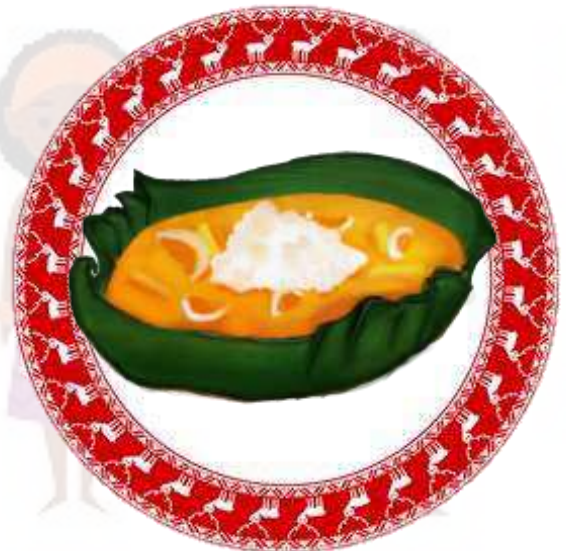
### **Leaf Cake**

The Malaysian pandan chiffon (pan-dan shiff-on) cake could be the brightest green sponge you'll ever see. It gets its colour from the sweet juice of pandanus palm leaves used in the cake mixture.



### **Tree Cake**

The French boche de Noel (boosh de no-ell) is a chocolate cake shaped like a log from a tree. It represents a very ancient custom when people burned a special log in their home to mark the end of winter.



### **Christmas Morning Cake**

If you found yourself in the Philippines on Christmas morning, you would be given a slice of biblingka (bee-binh-ka), a coconut-flavored rice pudding cake. Happy Christmas!



### **Rice Cake**

South Korean tteok (duck) cakes are shaped and decorated to look like flowers, fruit or shells, and filled with different flavours. They are given as special gifts.



### **Egg Cake**

In some parts of Spain, lucky children get a Mona de Pascua (moh-n de pas-qua) cake at Eastertime. The cake has an egg on top for every year of the child's life. The eggs can be chocolate or real boiled eggs.



# I Call This Sock ...

## Everyday Words to Try

Reinvent your world by renaming the things around you. Pick a word you like and try using it.



### Dog Is ...

(Perro (pehr-ro) in Spanish  
Inu (ee-noo) in Japanese  
Koira (koy-ra) in Finnish



### Cat Is ...

Kocka (Koch-ka) in Czech  
Pusa (poo-sa) in Filipino  
Con meo (con may-oh) in Vietnamese



### Toilet Is ...

Twaletta (twa-let-ah) in Maltese  
Tandas (than-dahs) in Malay  
Toilette (twa-let) in French



**Door Is ...**

Vrata (ver-ah-tah) in Bosnian  
Doras in Irish  
Uks (ooks) in Estonian



**Shoe Is ...**

Ivava (ee-va-va) in Fijan  
Joota in Hindi  
Abuvka (ab-oo-v-ka) in Bulgarian



**Sock Is ...**

Calzino (cal-zee-no) in Italian  
Strumpa (stroom-pa) in Swedish  
Zokni (zok-nee) in Hungarian



**Bed Is ...**

Gwely (gwale-eugh) in Welsh  
Cama (cuh-ma) in Portuguese  
Chuang (chwa-ang) in Chinese



**Table Is ...**

Taawleh (tar-well-ai) in Arabic  
Baro (bor-th) in Icelandic  
Tafel (tar-fel) in Afrikaans



**Chair Is ...**

Stol in Norwegian  
Sandalya (sand-al-yay) in Turkish  
Stolica in Serbian



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