

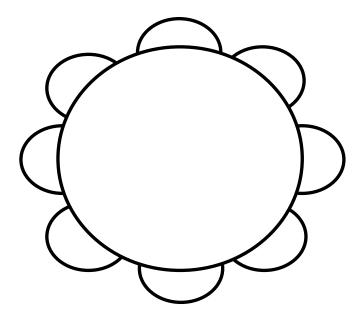
TRADITIONAL GAMES FROM FINLAND





Tervapata aka the tar pit

- 1. First you have to draw a big circle on the ground. Then draw as many half circles as there are players around the bigger circle. Now the ground should look as in the picture.
- 2. One player will be chosen as "the tar cook". The other players settle in their circles which will be their home bases.
- 3. "The tar cook" starts to go around the circle behind the other players' back with a stick or some other object. Players must not turn around when the tar cook is behind him.
- 4. The tar cook drops the stick behind one of the people standing in the circle and then starts running around the circle and the "chosen" player must pick up the stick and start running in the opposite direction.
- 5. Then it will be a race: the one who makes it back to the home base first can stay there and the one who is the slowest becomes the new tar cook.



LUUTATANSSI aka Broom dance

Usually for this game you need a broom without broomstick and snow. In case you don't have those, you can use for example tenpin or bottle.

- 1. Put the broom surely to the snow or tenpin to the ground.
- 2. All the players (about 10 person) stands in the circle while holding hands.
- 3. The players starts to go around the bottle. They try to guide fellow players towards the broom. The idea is that someone will push over the broom.
- 4. When someone pushes the broom over, he will drop out of the game and the rest of the players starts over.
- 5. Finally there will be only two players left. The one who don't push over the broom will be the master of the broom dance aka the winner.



RUMP RUMP RELLA

This game is an old Finnish singing game. The words of the song doesn't mean anything. The song will be found in the TwinSpace.

- 1. Two persons are chosen to be "captains". Captains will choose their team names (for example strawberries and bananas) but they don't tell those to other players.
- 2. Captains are standing face to face each other. They make a gate from their hands where all the other players can walk under.
- 3. Everyone are singing the song while players are walking through gate and around the captains as long as the song lasts.
- 4. When the last word "rös" is said, captains put their hands down and someone will be standing between them.
- 5. Captains will take the caught player away from the others to ask which team he will choose ("Strawberries or bananas?"). The caught player will go to stand behind the captain whose team name he chose.
- 6. Game will be played this way as long as the last player has get caught.
- 7. After all player are standing behind the captains there will be like tug of war. Players grab from each other and captains take each other hand. Teams will try to pull other captain to their side.

The song goes like this:

Rump, rump rellaa, reka reka rellaa. Seisahduppas sekarloo. Mi vastoin käym, mi vastoin käym. Ahnestippas kallista rööraa, esikunta arestipa röskytä rös.