

Can you touch ...?

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Level 2 • Beginner–Elementary

Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aim: To use language for parts of the body

Time: 15–25 minutes

Student grouping: Pairs, small groups

Materials: One copy of Worksheets 1–3 per small group or per student if you decide students will play the game alone (cut up into cards)

Language focus: *Leg, arm, foot, hand, head, knee, finger, toe, shoulder, ear, nose, mouth, eye, elbow, ankle, back, stomach, nail, thumb, big toe, hair, lip, eyebrow, teeth; Touch your ... with your ...*



Teaching tip

The cards can be used in combination with another game. For example, when playing any board game, they could pick up a card from each pile when they land on certain squares.



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As an alternative way to play the game, the child that picks the cards should issue the instruction to the rest of their team, without showing them the pictures, for example 'Touch your knee with your thumb.' The rest of the team then each have to try to carry out the instructions.

Step 4

When the children have gone through all the cards, count up the points and declare the winning team.

Follow-up activity

You could make an alternative set of cards with things in the room that have to be touched, so the instructions become things like, 'Touch the table with your ear.'

Procedure

Step 1

As a warmer, take a set of cards and look at the first card in the pile. Ask the children 'Can you touch your leg?' and so on through the cards, to check understanding. You can show them the cards as prompts if they need help.

Step 2

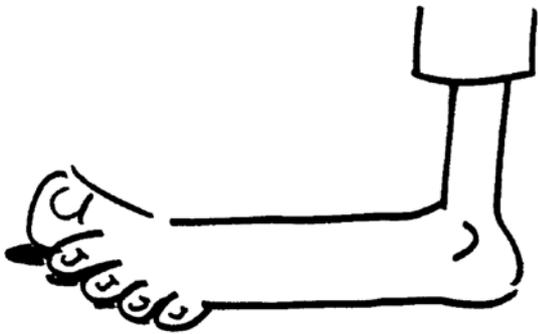
The children can either play the game alone or in small groups. For each student or group, shuffle a set of cards and put half in one pile and half in another (picture side down).

Step 2

Children take turns to take the top card from each pile. They then have to try and touch the part of the body written on one card with the part of the body written on the other card. Some of the combinations are easy, some might be possible and some are impossible. They get one point for each success.

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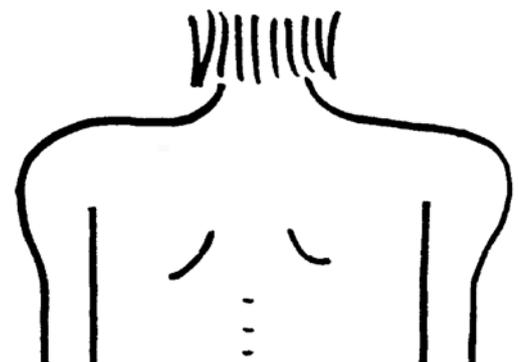
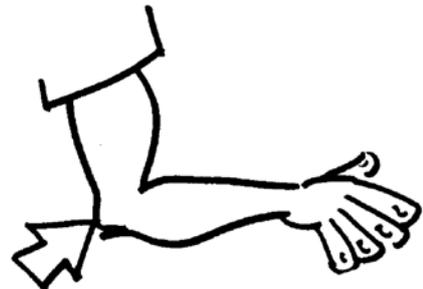
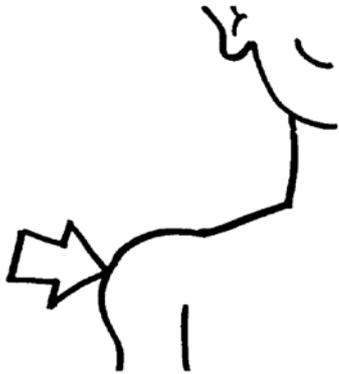
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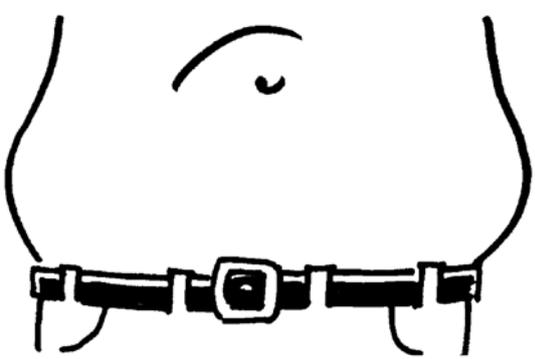
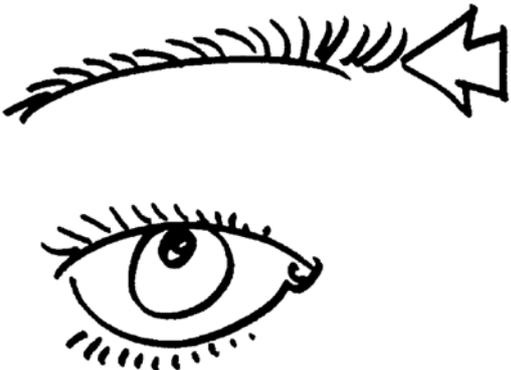
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