

CZECH CHILDREN'S GAMES

ZLATÁ BRÁNA OTEVŘENÁ (THE GOLDEN GATE IS OPEN) English version: LONDON BRIDGE

This game is very popular with very young children and often played in kindergartens. There are two children holding each other's hands to make a 'golden gate' and the others go through the gate, holding hands or 'making a train', while the rhyme is being told. The gate closes with the last word of the rhyme. The one who is standing in the gate when it closes gets caught and is out of the game or has to become a 'part of the gate'.



DO YOU PLAY A SIMILAR GAME? DO YOU WANT TO HEAR OUR
RHYME? LOOK AT:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_g8LO7WOfIs

THE RHYME

Zlatá brána otevřena, zlatým klíčem odemčena.

Kdo do ní vejde, tomu hlava sejde.

Ať je to ten nebo ten, praštíme ho koštětem.

The golden gate is open, opened with a golden key,

Whoever comes in, will lose his head,

Whoever it is, we will swipe him with a broom.

HONZO, VSTÁVEJ (HONZA, WAKE UP)

English version: What's the Time Mr Wolf?

This game is very popular with slightly older kindergarten children who can count a little. Children make a line on one part of the room and the teacher stands on the other side and they have a short conversation like this:

Teacher: *Honza, wake up!*

Children: *What time is it?*

Teacher: *Three elephant steps.*

And then children move forward to the teacher in the given way, e.g. make three big - elephant steps while counting them.

The teacher tries to come up with funny commands such as jump like frog, backwards like crayfish, very small ant-like steps etc. Children try to imitate different kind of animals.

The child who reaches the teacher first and touches him/her is the winner and the child becomes the teacher.

DO YOU KNOW THIS GAME?

DO YOU HAVE A SIMILAR GAME IN YOUR COUNTRY?

CAN YOU THINK OF FUNNY WAYS TO MOVE LIKE ANIMALS?



CUKR, KÁVA, LIMONÁDA (SUGAR, COFFEE, LEMONADE) English version: Red Light, Green Light

This game is very lively and tests the children's reactions. The children make a line at one end of the room while the teacher stands at the other end. Children have to get to the teacher as quickly as possible, but they can only start running when the teacher turns their back to them saying the following rhyme:

*Cukr, káva, limonáda, čaj, rum, bum.
(Sugar, coffee, lemonade, tea, rum, bam.)*

With the last word of the rhyme, the teacher turns to face the children again and the children have to stop moving as if frozen. Whoever moves, either has to go back to the start line or take one step backwards. Whoever reaches the teacher first, can take his/her place.

