

25 Read and match the texts with the photographs.



1 When I was young, one of my favourite party games was pass the parcel. It was really fun! Before you play, a grown up makes the parcel by wrapping up a present and then wrapping it up again and again with lots of layers of wrapping paper. To play, all the children sit in a circle and a grown up starts the music. Then you pass the present around until the music stops. The person who is holding the parcel when the music stops opens one layer of wrapping paper. You continue playing until all the layers have been opened and the winner is the person who unwraps the present!

Frank, UK



2 My favourite game when I was a little girl was cat's cradle. To play, you tie the ends of a piece of string together to make a circle. Then you put it around your fingers and make different shapes with it. You can play by yourself, but it's much more fun to play with a friend. Then you can make really interesting and complicated shapes! I used to like this game because there weren't any winners or losers – you could just have fun!

Jia, China



26 Read and write *True*, *False* or *I don't know*.

- 1 Children have been playing pass the parcel for hundreds of years. I don't know.
- 2 You need lots of wrapping paper to make a parcel for pass the parcel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The children stand in a line to play pass the parcel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 There is no winner in pass the parcel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 You need a stick and some marbles to play cat's cradle. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You can play cat's cradle on your own. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Jia used to play cat's cradle with her sister at home. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 There is no winner in cat's cradle. \_\_\_\_\_

27 Write about a traditional game that you used to play when you were younger.

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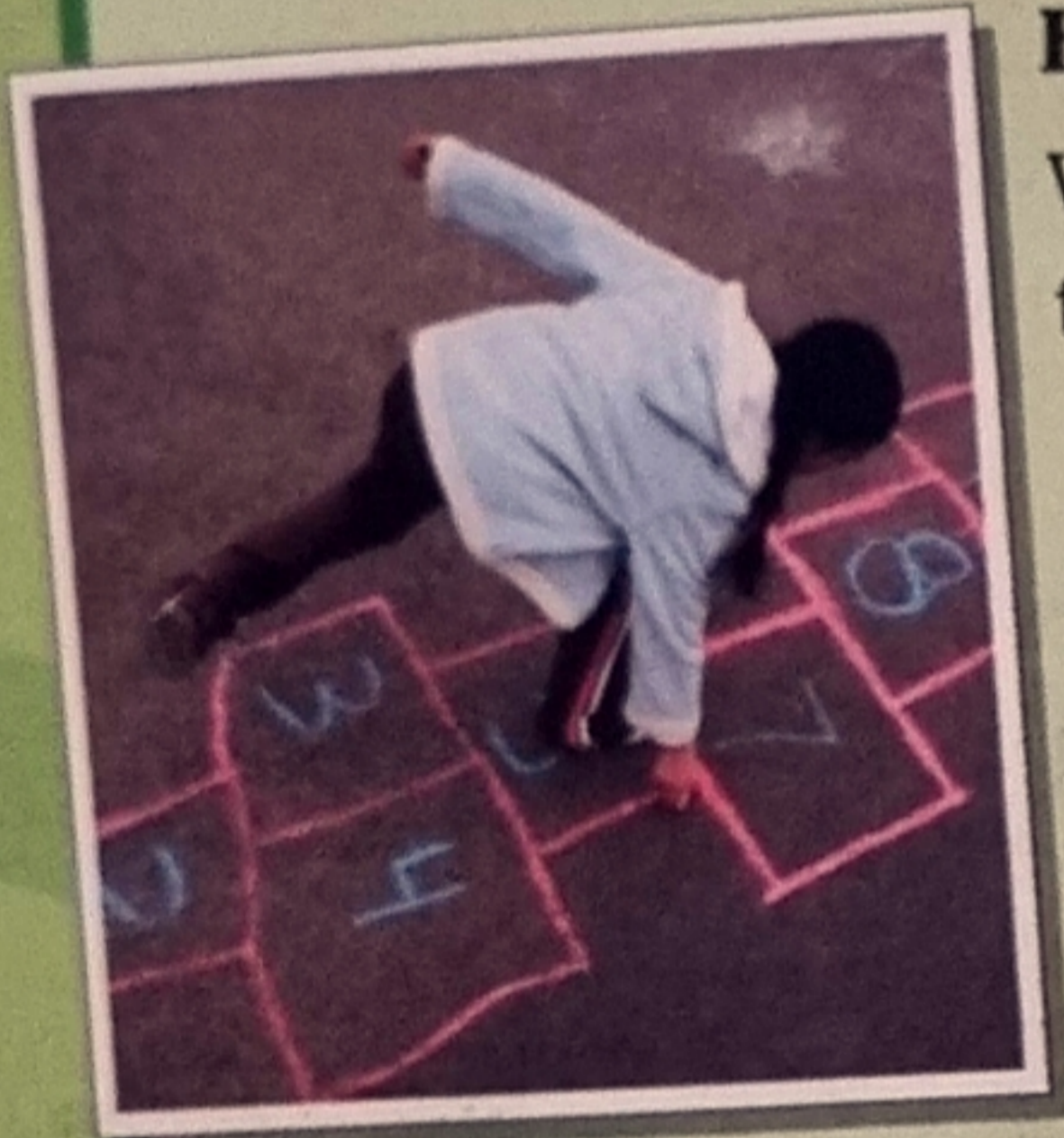
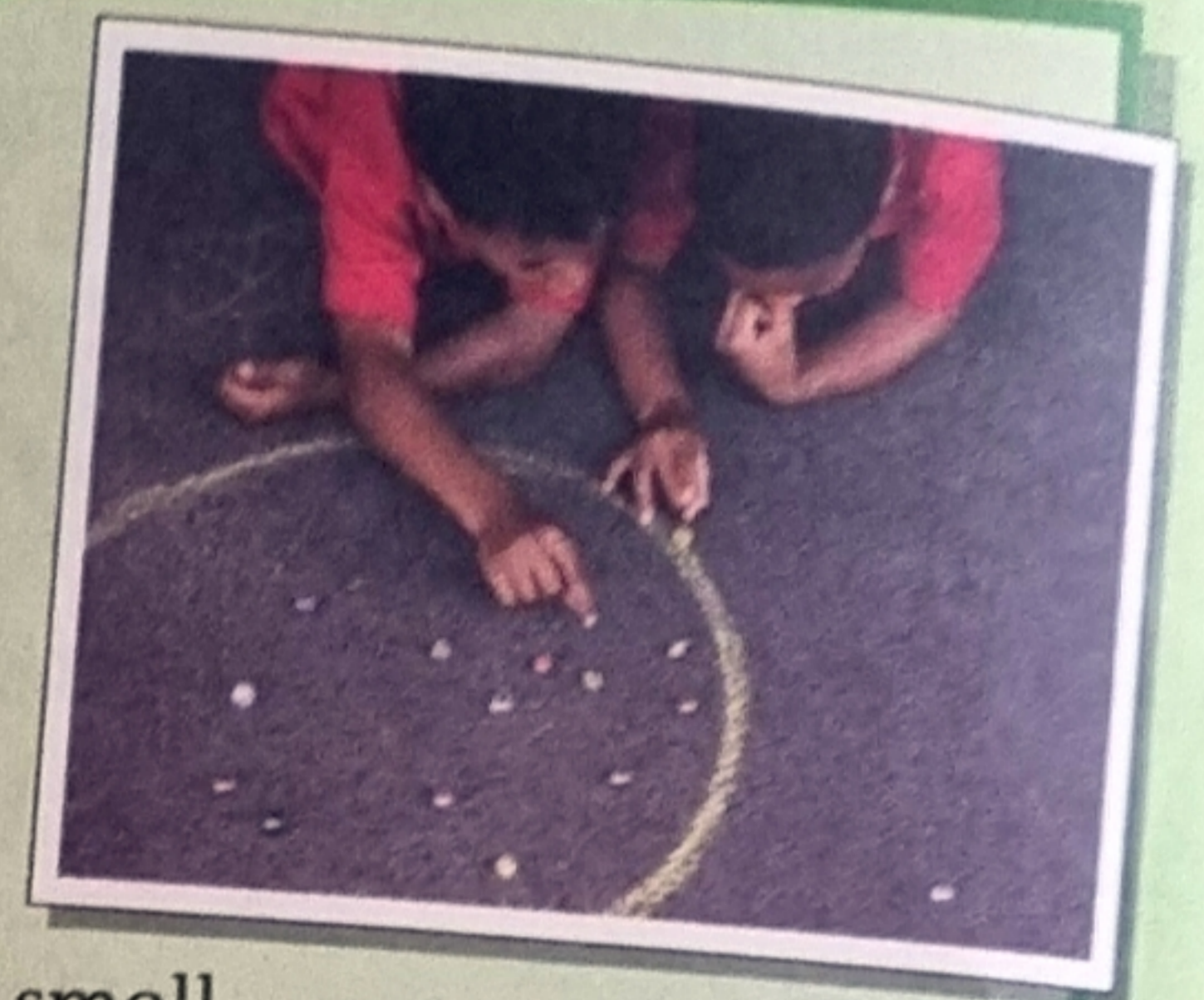


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26 Read the texts. In which game don't you need to jump?

## Traditional games around the world

Around the world, children have got one thing in common. They love playing games.



### Hopscotch

When I was younger, I used to play hopscotch with my friends during the school break. First, you draw a grid of eight squares on the ground with chalk. Next, you throw a stone into square 1. Then you hop – jump on one foot – on each square, but you cannot hop on the square with the stone in it. If there are two squares next to each other, you can put both feet down. You must hop from squares 1 to 8 and back again without falling. When it's your turn again, you have to throw the stone into square 2 and hop all over again. The winner is the player who throws the stone in all eight squares and hops without falling.

*Carmen, Columbia*

### Marbles

Marbles are small coloured glass balls and they are very popular in my country. When I was a little boy, I always used to save my money to buy marbles. To play the game, you draw a big circle on the ground with chalk. After that, you put all the marbles in the circle and you use your favourite marble to shoot at the other marbles. You win the marbles that you shoot out of the circle. The game continues until there are no marbles left in the circle. The winner is the person with the most marbles at the end of the game.

*Ali, Turkey*

27 Read and say *hopscotch* or *marbles*.

- 1 This game is popular in Turkey.
- 2 You draw a grid on the ground to play this game.
- 3 You throw a stone in this game.
- 4 You play this game with small coloured glass balls.
- 5 You mustn't fall over in this game.
- 6 Some children save their money to buy these.

28 Ask and answer.

What's your favourite game?

I love ...

## PORTFOLIO

Think and say.

What is a popular traditional game to play in your country?

What are the rules of the game?

How do you win the game?