

SELECTION 10

PLAY SOME BRAZILIAN GAMES

OBJECTIVE

For North American children to enjoy some of the games and fun activities that keep Brazilian children entertained and happy.

INPUT

For younger children

Circle game, O Barco Virou (The boat overturned)

With the children in a circle holding hands, sing verse 1 of the following song (on cassette tape enclosed in box). Each time the verse is sung, a different child's name is inserted, going in order around the circle. When named, the child turns around so as to face outward. The first part ends when all the children are facing outwards.

The group now sings verse 2, inserting the children's names to reverse one by one, ending with everyone again facing inward.

O Barco Virou

Verse 1

O barco virou
e tornou a virar.
Foi por causa de Mike*
que não soube navegar

The boat tipped
and wound up capsizing
because Mike
didn't know how to navigate.

Verse 2

Se eu fosse um peixinho
que soubesse a nadar
eu tirava Mike*
das ondas do mar.

If I were a little fish
that knew how to swim
I'd pull Mike out of
the ocean's waves.

*The tape sings each verse three times, using these names—Mike, Jane, and Sue

Circle game, O Sapo, (The Frog)

With the children in a circle, the following song (on cassette tape included in box) is sung. Each time it's sung, another child's name is inserted. This song does not have any accompanying motions, although some could easily be added—washing feet, pointing to lagoon, holding nose, etc.

O Sapo

Verse 1

O sapo não lava o pé.

The frog doesn't wash his feet.

Não lava porque não quer.

He doesn't because he doesn't want to.

Ele mora na beira da lagoa

He lives over there in the lagoon,

não lava o pé porque não quer.

and doesn't wash his feet because he doesn't want to.

Mas que chulé!

But what a stink!

Verse 2

Jennifer não lava o pé.

Jennifer doesn't wash her feet.

Não lava porque não quer

She doesn't because she doesn't want to.

Ela mora na beira da lagoa

She lives over there in the lagoon

não lava o pé porque não quer.

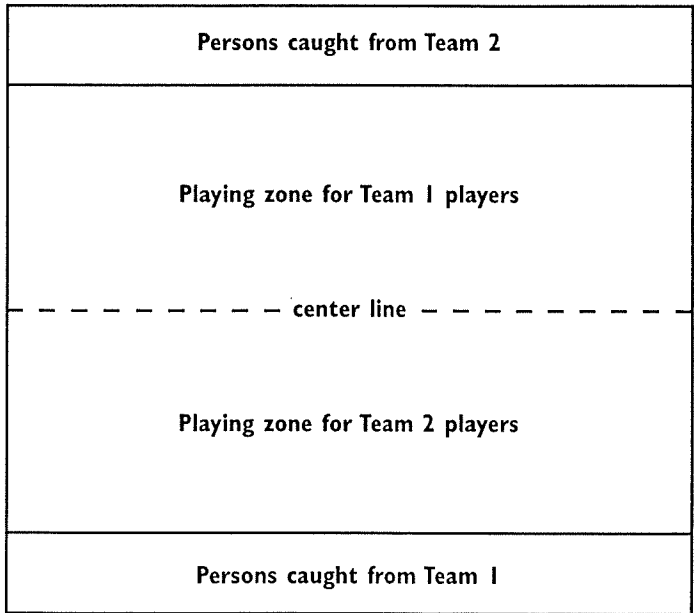
and doesn't wash her feet because she doesn't want to.

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But what a stink!

For older children

Queimada (key MAH dah) or "Burnt" is a variation on dodgeball. Players form two teams; the playing area (gym or field) is divided as follows:



To play, a player on Team 1 throws the ball and attempts to hit someone on Team 2, who in turn dodges away. If the Team 1 player is successful, the "burnt" Team 2 player must go behind Team 1's back line and from there either attempt to hit someone from Team 1 with the ball or toss the ball back to his or her own team (Team 2). If the person who was hit (the "burnt" player) manages to hit someone from Team 1 from behind the line, he or she may return to their own team's playing zone. The game continues in this manner until all of one team's players end up behind the other team's playing zone.

Hint: Use a soft ball, such as a rubber playground ball.

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