

# Please Mr Crocodile

One person is 'Mr Crocodile' and the other people say:

*"Please Mr Crocodile  
May we cross the water  
To see your lovely daughter  
Floating on the water  
Like a cup and saucer?"*

'Mr Crocodile' replies with something like

*"Only if you are wearing something blue".*

All the kids wearing blue (or whatever!) can stroll across safely, but those not wearing blue have to dodge and run while Mr Crocodile tries to catch you. If you get caught you are out. The last person to survive would be the next Mr Crocodile.



## Red Light, Green Light

Players line up along a starting line, except for one player who stands with her back to the line, about 20 feet away. She counts to 10 and then turns around saying Green Light and all the players start moving toward her. When she calls Red Light, the players must stop moving; anyone who is caught moving must return to the starting line. The game continues until one of the players is close enough to tag the caller and becomes the new caller in the next game.

## Bashball

You will need a football sized ball – soft for younger players, older ones might prefer a harder, faster ball.

Everybody stands in an open circle, but legs apart so that their feet touch those of the players next to them and there is sufficient space for a ball to pass between their legs. Once in this position the players are not allowed to move their feet. Without moving their feet or legs players have to stop the ball from going between their legs, by bending over from the waist and in this position using their hands to knock the ball away. If the ball does go between somebody's legs they are 'out' but remain standing in their position legs apart with arms folded or on their head. Because from now on any player that accidentally knocks the ball through the legs of a person who is out is also 'knocked out'.

## Queenie, Queenie

A person is picked to be the "Queenie" and that person turns her back to everyone else. The "Queenie" then throws the ball over her shoulder and one of the other players needs to catch it or pick it up. Everyone, except the "Queenie", puts their hands behind their backs so that the "Queenie" doesn't know who has the ball. The "Queenie" then turns around and everyone shouts:

*"Queenie, Queenie who's got the ball?  
Are they short, or are they tall?  
Are they hairy, or are they bald?  
You don't know because you don't  
have the ball!"*

The "Queenie" has to guess who has the ball through a process of elimination. If the person with the ball is the last one to be picked, that person becomes the new "Queenie."

To make it more difficult for Queenie to guess who has the ball, the children all keep their left hand behind their back and show the right hand, then put the right hand behind and show the left hand as they say the chant. They keep on swapping hands. The person with the ball has to keep swapping the ball behind their back from left to right hands and has to make sure they don't drop it!

## Tag

One person is "It" and the others chase "It" with the winner becoming "It" next round. Tag is one of the best games for pure physical exercise. A fun version is "Stickly Apple". When a player is tagged, he puts his hand on the spot where he was touched and keeps it there while he chases the other players.