

Playing hopscotch



1 Playing games outside when the weather is fine is great fun. It can help to keep you fit, strong and healthy. In the old days, children spent as much time as they could playing games outdoors.



2 Hopscotch is a great children's game. You can play it on your own or with friends. All you need to do is draw the court on the ground and find a marker to throw.



3 You can choose how big to make your court. Twelve is a good number of squares to have, but you can make a mini-court with only six squares or a maxi-court with 18 squares!



4 At the beach, you can draw the court in the sand, using a stick. At home, you can draw it with chalk on a path. A marker can be anything that is small and easy to throw but choose something that does not roll, like a flat stone.



5 People have different rules for playing hopscotch, so make sure everyone agrees with the rules before you begin your game!



6 Hopscotch has been played for thousands of years. Even Roman soldiers used to play it! Ask your parents and grandparents. They probably played it too!



1. In Paragraph 5, the word **agrees** means:

- (a) *hurts each other's feelings.*
- (b) *argues with each other.*
- (c) *thinks the same.*

2. For how many years have people been playing hopscotch?

- (a) *hundreds*
- (b) *thousands*
- (c) *tens*

3. Which paragraph tells about different sizes of hopscotch courts?

- (a) *Paragraph 2*
- (b) *Paragraph 3*
- (c) *Paragraph 4*

4. You should use a marker that does not roll so that:

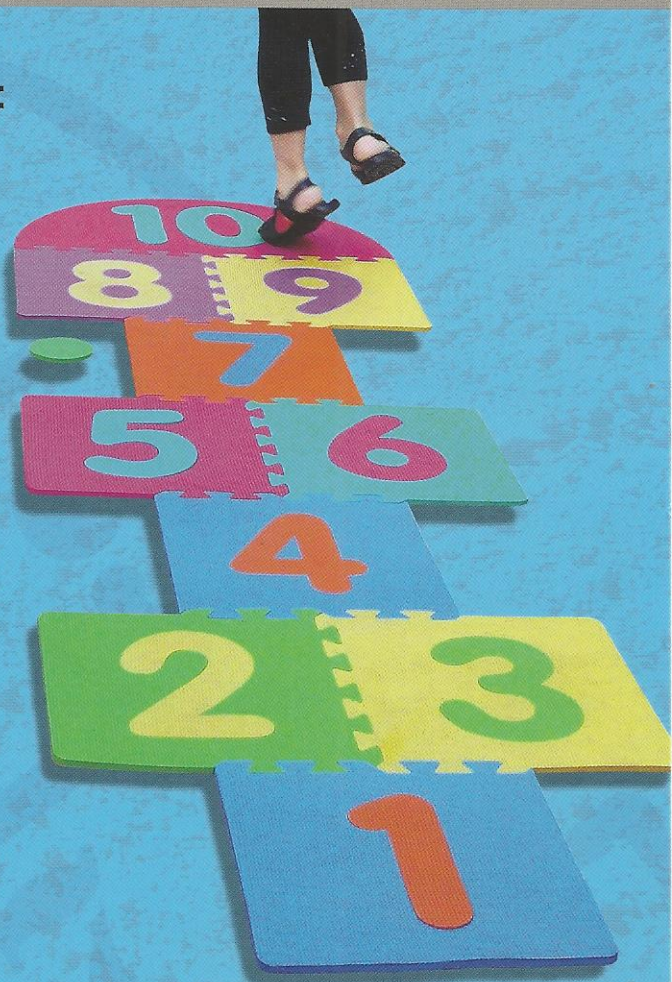
- (a) *it doesn't get lost.*
- (b) *it stays where it lands.*
- (c) *you don't hop on it.*

5. The writer thinks that hopscotch is:

- (a) *dull.*
- (b) *difficult.*
- (c) *enjoyable.*

6. In Paragraph 6, the word **it** is used instead of:

- (a) *hopscotch.*
- (b) *soldiers.*
- (c) *year.*



something extra

★ Write these words in two lists under the correct header.

-tch	ch
match	rich
much	witch
ditch	such
lunch	hutch
stitch	crunch