

Native American Games for Kids

The Hand Game

Items Needed:

- 6 players on each team
- 2 sets of Guessing Sticks (1 white, 1 black)
- 12 Point Stick Markers
- 1 Counting Board

Rules:

Teams sit facing each other, one team hiding and one guessing. Only the hiding team who has possession of the guessing sticks is able to score points. 2 people hide the bones in their hands (each has one set of guessing sticks, one white, one black) while their teammates try to distract the guessing team member by drumming & singing, waving their arms or clapping their hands.

The guesser tries to determine which hand has the marked guessing stick. Since each of the two hidiers has one white and one black guessing stick in each hand, there are 4 possibilities: both black ones in the left hand of each hider, both in the right hand of each hider, both on the inside hands of the hidiers or both on the outside hands of each hider. The guesser must choose one direction at a time.

Scoring:

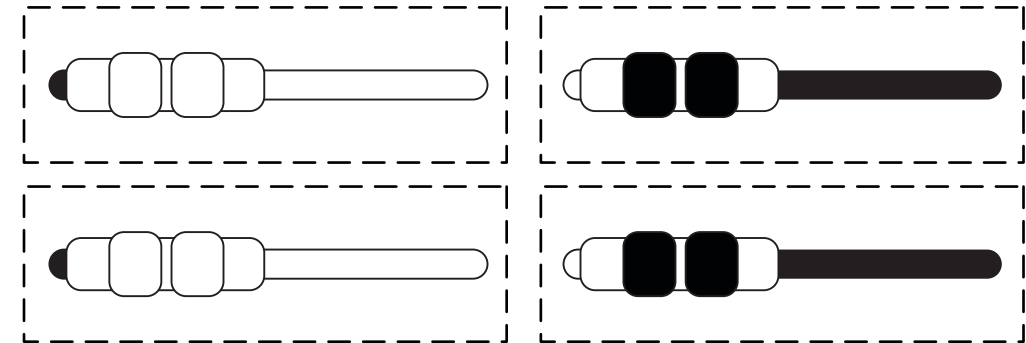
If the guesser correctly guesses both sets of guessing sticks, the guesser's team gains possession of the guessing sticks and starts hiding. If the guesser incorrectly guesses both hands, the hiding team gets two point stick markers or they get to move two point stick markers to their side of the counting board from the opponent's side.

If the guessing team correctly guesses only one set and not the other, the correctly guessed guessing stick set is inactive. If they guess correctly on the remaining hand, they get a point and the guessing sticks become their possession. If they guess incorrectly on the remaining hand, the inactive guessing sticks become active again and they have to continue guessing for both.

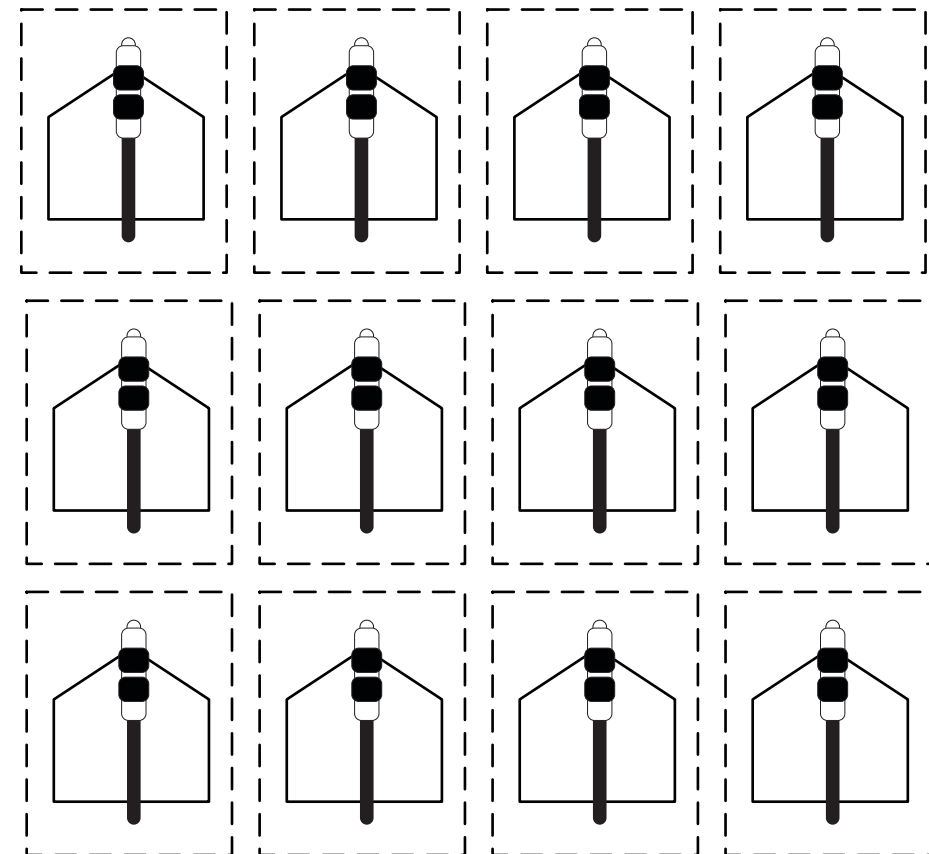
The game ends when one team has all the point stick markers on their side of the board.

Have a grown-up help you cut out the Guessing Sticks, the Point Stick Markers, and the Counting Board on the next page.

Guessing Sticks



Point Stick Markers



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Team B												
Team A												



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