

Select Fruit Game

Select captains and choose sides. All squat down in two rows twenty feet apart. Each child is given the name of some kind of fruit, such as apples, pears, peaches, quinces, or plums - all of which are common about Peking.

The captain on one side then blindfolds one of the children, while one from the other group rises and walks over to touch the blindfolded child - returning to their place among their own group and taking as nearly as possible the position they had when the other was blindfolded. In case their companions are uncertain as to whether their position is exactly the same, they all change their position, in order to prevent the one blindfolded from guessing who it was who left his place.

The covering is then removed from the blindfolded person's eyes. They should approach the members of the opposite team to examine carefully the positions of the players or a trace of guilt in the face or eyes of any of them. They can make "faces" to try to cause the guilty one to laugh. The player needs to risk a guess and make a selection of the person who touched them while blindfolded. If they are right, they take the place of the child who touched them. If they are wrong, they stay on their side. One from their side is then blindfolded, and the whole is repeated until one group or the other loses all its children.