



UNIT 2: READING 2: Who wants to play?

1.- Read.

Who Wants to Play?

Do you have favorite playground games? Which do you like playing the best? Maybe you'd like to try one of these cool games from around the world.

Statues (Greece)

One child is "it." She closes her eyes and counts to ten or more, while her friends run around. The child stops counting and yells "Agalmata!" (statue). She opens her eyes. All the other children freeze, taking on poses that mimic a famous statue. Any statue that moves is out of the game. The child who is "it" can try to make them laugh or move. The last statue still in the game is "it" in the next round. It's the funniest game you can imagine!



Corre, Corre, La Guaraca (Chile)

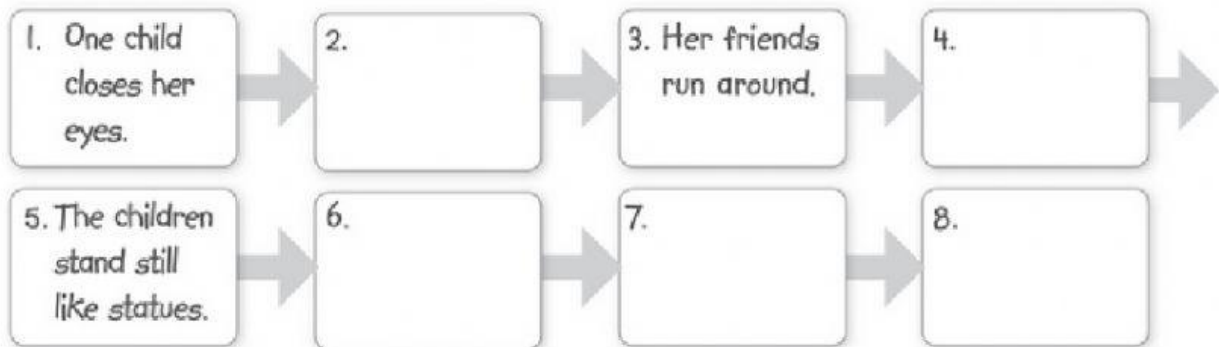
Players sit in a circle. A child runs around the outside of the circle, holding a handkerchief. The children in the circle sing a song. They must not look behind them. The runner drops the handkerchief on a child's back and runs. He tries to run the whole way around the circle before the child sitting realizes the handkerchief is on her back. If the runner succeeds, the child with the handkerchief is out.

Shadows (Ireland)

This is a popular game—on a sunny day! One child is the chaser. The chaser must stand on another child's shadow to catch them. If you are being chased, you can be safe by running to a place out of the sunlight where you have no shadow.

2.- Complete the chart.

The first child tries to make them laugh. The last player in the game becomes "it."
She calls out "Statue!" She starts counting.
A child who moves is out of the game.



3.- Label the pictures.

chaser handkerchief shadow statue



4.- Answer the questions.

1. Which game described in Activity 2 sounds the most fun? Why?

2. Do you have a favorite playground game? What is it? How do you play it?
