

**A** Match each game rule to a game.

**Game Rule**

- 1 Each player tries to line up five stones. •
- 2 One player has to jump over a stone. •
- 3 The player in the middle is the snake. •

**Game**

- a Da Ga
- b La Thunkuna
- c Omok

**B** What is the main idea of "The Red Rubber Ball"? Check (✓).

- How to play Da Ga.
- Carlos kicks the ball high in the sky.
- Kids all over the world like to play games.

**C** Words in Context Write the correct answer.

- 1 A boa constrictor is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
person      snake      bird
- 2 When you toss a ball, you \_\_\_\_\_.  
roll it      hold it      throw it
- 3 After you jump up, you must land on \_\_\_\_\_.  
the water      the ground      the ball
- 4 When you keep your balance, you usually \_\_\_\_\_.  
stand straight      fall down      lie down

**F** **Learn Grammar** **Gerunds**

When you add **-ing** to a verb, it can act like a noun. It's called a gerund.

Verb	Noun	
skip	skipping	Ashanti's friends like <b>skipping</b> .
land	landing	Maria likes <b>landing</b> on one foot.

Fill in the blank with a gerund.

- 1 Clare likes to run. She thinks \_\_\_\_\_ is fun.
- 2 Jeff likes to ski. He goes \_\_\_\_\_ every year.
- 3 Rena loves to dance. \_\_\_\_\_ to music is fun!

Cleaning is hard work. I really like cooking.

**A** Listen. Write the information.  1-12

	Adam	Grace	Sandra
Name of the game			backgammon
Who taught it?	father		
How many players?		two	
Number of pieces for each player			

**B** Listen again. How do you win the game? Match.  1-13

1 chess	•	• a You get all of your pieces off the board first.
2 checkers	•	• b You catch the other player's king.
3 backgammon	•	• c You take all of the other player's pieces, or they can't move.

