

1,2,3 DRAGON

Number of participants: 8 or more

Duration: 15 minutes but can vary

Age Restrictions: 5+

Brief Description:

A game played in China by small children to celebrate the Chinese New Year in which the traditional Chinese Dragon, a symbol of wisdom and prosperity plays an important role. For the person who is the "Head" of the dragon to tag the "Tail" of the Dragon as many times as possible during their turn. A point is awarded each time the tail is tagged.

Space Requirements: Best in a gym or outdoors.

Supplies: None

Activity Instructions:

- During the game, the "head" of the dragon tries to tag the "tail" of the dragon as many times as possible during their turn.
- Children form a line with their hands clasping the shoulders of the child in front of them. The child at the front of the line is the "head" of the dragon, while the child at the back is the "tail".
- The tail shouts *1-2-3 Dragon*, and the head must then lead the body of the dragon (the line) to try and catch the tail. The line must not break, or the dragon dies.
- A round is over when either:
 - The line breaks, or
 - The head tags the tail 5 times (this number can be changed depending on time available)
- Once either of these outcomes occur, the head moves to the back of the line to become the tail, and the next child in line becomes the head.