

Variations of Tag

Shadow Tag

In this version of tag, the person who is “it” tags other players by stepping on their shadow. The closer you play to noon, the smaller the shadow and the more difficult the game!

Freeze Tag

In this version of tag, when you are tagged by the person who is “it” you must freeze in your place. To be unfrozen, you must be tagged by another player who isn’t frozen.

TV Tag

This version of tag is played like Freeze Tag, but the person unfreezing the frozen player has to call out a TV show title. That show then can’t be used for the rest of the game.

Variations of TV Tag

Try playing TV Tag with different themes: bands, movie titles, famous actors and actresses, colors, animals, etc.

Hot Dog Tag

When a player is tagged, he or she must lay flat on the floor with hands by their side and legs together, as if they were a hot dog. To get back into the game, two free players need to lie on either side of the “hot dog” to form the buns. The person who is “it” cannot immediately tag any of the three players completing the hot dog.

Link Tag

When a player is tagged, that player joins arms, or “links” with the person who is “it” and they work as a team. Every player they tag joins the link until there is one player left. Once that player is tagged by someone in the link, they become “it”.

Up and Down Tag

Players are only safe from being tagged if their feet are not touching the ground. They can stand on a rock, hang from a tree, jump into the air when they’re about to be tagged, etc. No puppy guarding by the player who is “it” and the other players must move on from their safe spot within 5 seconds.

Marco Polo

If you have a pool at your house, play this variation of tag by the player who is “it” closing their eyes and calling out “Marco.” When the other players respond with “Polo,” move towards their voices while keeping your eyes closed. Tag someone to change who is “it”.