

The Sparrow hawk and the Hatching hen

This game is to be played with 10-12 players. One of the children is the sparrow hawk and another is the hatching hen. The other children are the chicks. The chicks stand in a line behind the hatching hen, each of them with their hands placed on the shoulders of the child in front of him/her. The first chick places his/her hand on the shoulders of the hatching hen.

The game begins. The sparrow hawk tries to catch a chick. But the hatching hen defends his/her chicks running and jumping quickly and cleverly with his/her arms stretched. The chicks have to follow the hatching hen and stay behind him/her at all times. If the sparrow hawk manages to catch one of the chicks, then this chick and the chicks behind him/her become the sparrow hawk's prey. The game continues and the sparrow hawk continues to attack until he/she catches all the chicks. When the sparrow hawk has caught all the chicks, he/she becomes the hatching hen, and the former hatching hen becomes the sparrow hawk.



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