

PARACHUTE FUN!

This is a really fun game for a large group . We play it with 30 children! It is best played on a sunny day outside, but you can also use the parachute inside.

As well as being great fun, it is really good for training and encouraging listening skills, co-operation and team work.



- Start with the whole class standing around the edge of the parachute.
- On the instruction, all children to bend down and take hold of an edge of the parachute.
- On the next command, all children stand at the same time and raise their arms above their heads, still holding the parachute.

- Hold on tight as the parachute fills with air and tries to lift you up in the air!
- On command, everyone sits down and holds on tight, making a huge mushroom!



For a bit more fun, call the names of a few children to run into the middle of the circle as you start to sit and see if you can catch them in the mushroom.

- Everyone now sits in the circle and places their legs out straight in front of them (under the parachute.)
- Choose one child to go under the parachute and be the **crocodile**



- All of the children move their arms to create waves so that the crocodile cannot be seen lurking underneath until he catches someone by the toes and drags them under the 'water'!

More games ...

1. Try throwing a ball onto the parachute and controlling it as it rolls around the circle — you need great team work.
2. 'Mice' run around under the parachute while the rest make waves — a 'cat' then jumps on top and tries to find the mice. (be careful, this can become very crazy!)