



Parachute games

Description	A large circle of material, often in bright colours, with reinforced handholds. The parachute can be used for lots of different activities, encourages both competitive and non competitive play, team building and reinforcing sharing and taking turns. Games can also be used to get responses to questions and to find out information from children in a relaxed, informal setting.
Age Range	3+
Time	20 min+ (or as long as there is enthusiasm!)
Cost	The cost of the parachute, then just time
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are lots of different games – children can make up their own versions - Children learn team building skills - Children learn to take turns - Can be used indoors and outdoors - Available in different sizes depending on the size of your group
Drawbacks	You will need a large, flat area of land
Other	<p>Parachute games are suitable for all children and can be adapted to their age and abilities</p> <p>It takes a lot of teamwork and a joint effort to get the parachute moving</p> <p>Try moving the parachute in waves, creating a mushroom shape in the air or keep a ball bouncing in the middle of it</p> <p>For more ideas on games visit:</p> <p>http://home.san.rr.com/rstuff/games/parachute.html</p> <p>http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/pe/parachute/contents.html</p> <p>http://www.funandgames.org/parachute_games.html</p>
Example	This is a popular game at Phillimore Activities Club. The group raises the parachute high in the air to form a mushroom shape. A statement such as 'everyone with blue eyes' is shouted out and the children that it applies to have to swap places underneath the parachute. You can find out information about the group and their likes and dislikes in this way by asking questions such as 'Who enjoyed making masks?'