

# Detective Game



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Preschoolers  
2.5 - 4 years

Help children practice their social distancing skills with their friends and classmates with this fun classic mystery game!

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Cognition

### Indicator:

Taking action to solve a problem

### Skills:

Problem Solving



## Materials

- None



## Instructions

**Step 1:** Gather the children in a circle 6 feet apart from each other.

**Step 2:** Pick a “detective” and have them leave the circle, look away and cover their ears.

**Step 3:** Select one child to be the leader, who will begin doing movements that the rest of the group has to copy.

**Step 4:** Have the detective come to the middle of the circle and figure out who the leader is. The detective only gets three guesses and gets to choose the next detective.



## Age Adjustments

**For older preschoolers:** Have more than one detective that compete to solve the mystery the fastest.

**For younger toddlers:** Give them more guesses and maybe a few hints.



## Playful Questions

- How many guesses do you have?
- Who do the players copy?
- Do we tell the detective who the leader is?
- Do you know the rules?
- Are you allowed to speak?