PLAY GAMES WITH PEBBLES

If you have some pebbles or stones, then you can play all these games.

Hopscotch

Draw the grid on the ground with chalk. Then, play this game on your own or in a group taking turns.

If you step on a line, stumble or put the wrong foot down, you have to start again.

The grid



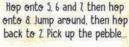
Throw a pebble onto square 1. Hop over square 1. and land on 7 on one foot.



Then hop onto 1 and hop off the end of the grid.



Hop again and land with your left foot on square 3 and your right on 4...



Next, throw the pebble onto square 2 before hopping along the grid. This time you have to hop over square 2. Hop back, stopping at squares 3 and 4 to pick up the pebble.



Keep playing until you have thrown the pebble onto all the squares. Hop up and down the grid each time. Remember to hop over the square that the pebble is on and pick it up on your way back.

On target

Any number of players can play this game. but first you need to make a target...

- Stick two sheets of newspaper together with tape.
- Draw a small circle in the middle before adding two bigger circles around it.



Write numbers on the target for scores



Then, try to throw pebbles inside the target's rings.





Nim is a game for two players.

Place 16 pebbles in four rows like this



If you've got no pebbles, you can even play Nim with a pen and paper Draw circles in rows and cross them out, to take them away.

Take turns removing as manu pebbles as you like - but only from one row at a time. The winner is the person

who forces the loser to pick up the last pebble.

How many in hand?

Hide up to five pebbles in your hand and make a fist. Then, challenge people to say how many you're holding. If they guess correctly, they score a point. If not, you score instead. Keep playing until someone has scored 5 points.



114 to trick your opponents...

Make a fist with an empty hand.

Squeeze your hand tightly or gently to disguise how many pebbles you're holding



Toss, pick up, catch

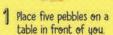
Play this game on your own using one hand only.







The ancient Romans and Greeks played a game like this with small bones from the leas of sheep called astragalus bones.



- Toss a pebble in the air, then quickly pick up another pebble and catch the first pebble before it lands.
- 3 Put one pebble aside.

- Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you've picked up all the pebbles.
- 5 Now try tossing a pebble and picking up two three or four pebbles together before catching the first.

This game is also known as jacks or fives





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