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Click on the map to find out about what toys and games children have in different parts of the world.



Ghana

In Ghana, children play a game called ampe. Ampe is a really fun clapping and jumping game for two or more players.

One player is the leader. The leader and another player stand opposite each other and both jump. At the same time as jumping, they put one leg out.

If both players put out the same leg, the leader gets a point. If the players put out different legs, the other player becomes the leader.

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India

Carrom is played in India and surrounding countries. Each player has their own counters and there is also a red counter and a striker counter. The aim of the game is to flick your counters into the pockets in the corners of the playing board.



The Philippines

In the Philippines, people like to play a game called sungka. It is a game for two people and can be played with shells, marbles, pebbles or seeds. The aim of the game is to get all the pieces to your end of the wooden block by moving them around the different holes. Versions of this toy are played with in other countries too.

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Poland

Jumping Caps is a game that is popular in Poland. You use the launcher to try and flick your coloured caps on to your target. You can get extra points for knocking another player's caps off the board.

Zimbabwe

Kudoda is a fun game that children in Zimbabwe play. It is played by drawing a circle on the ground and putting lots of stones inside the circle. The players take it in turns to throw one of the stones in the air. The aim of the game is to pick up as many of the other stones in the circle as possible before catching the stone that was thrown. The player who picked up the most stones wins.

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Russia

Special dolls are popular toys in Russia. They are known as stacking dolls because the smallest doll fits inside the next biggest doll and so on. When they are all stacked inside each other, it looks as though there is only one doll.

Guatemala

Guatemalan children who are worried about something are sometimes given special dolls, known as worry dolls. Children can tell all their worries and fears to the doll and then they put them under their pillow. The idea is the worry doll takes away all the fears.

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