

Toys, Games and Stories (the 60s)

Outside games:

1. Hopscotch



"At school, when the recess bell rang, restless children bolted from their classrooms in all directions to be first in line for tether ball, hopscotch, or foursquare. Some of the girls jumped rope, twirled on the monkey bars or played Cat's Cradle"

2. Swing the Statue

Rules: The catcher makes every other player run in circles and they have to stop moving when the catcher says "freeze". The one who moves first is the new catcher.



3. Red Light, Green Light

Rules: One person is the "stop light" and the other players build a row about 10 meters away from the "stop light", facing it. When the "stop light" says "green light" the others start running towards it and when the "stop light" says "red light" the players have to freeze (the one who moves has to start again from the beginning). The "stop light" says "red light"/"green light" until a player has reached it. This player is the new "stop light"

4. Red Rover

Rules: Two teams of about 8 children each. Every team is standing in a row holding the hands of their team mates and facing the other team. One team chooses a player from the enemy team and calls "Red Rover, Red Rover"

let [name of the chosen child] come over!". The called kid starts running and tries to break through the line of the other team. If he fails, he must be part of the other team, but if he wins he picks another kid from his enemy team.



5. Frisbee

Throwing the disk came as a new influence from the US west coast - along with hair styles, fashion, and hippie trends. Frisbee was part of an urban outdoor lifestyle that needed long afternoons in parks or sit-ins with friends that would take for hours and hours. Rules vary, but are often similar to field soccer when the sport is played in teams of five or more people.

Inside games:

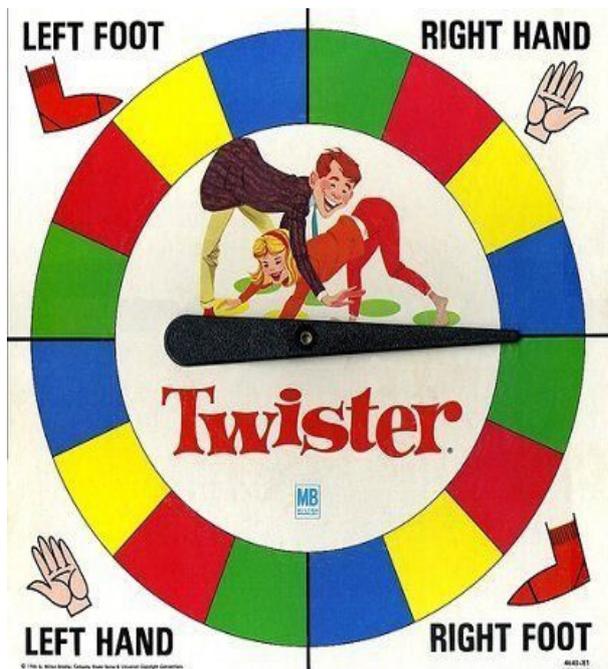
1. Slinky

In a game for skilled children and adults, using a metal spring to hit as many fields as you could and gather points was the important thing. The walking spring made it to Europe in the 50s



and was a popular item even without the board in kids' rooms until the 80s.

2. Twister



Still a popular classic today, Twister gave instructions to everyone how to move on a narrow field with eight dots. Since two people moved in a narrow space, the game created laughs and embarrassing situations for everyone..

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