

Introduction

Jumping is the transfer of weight from one or two feet to two feet. Jumping for distance involves jumping forwards as far as possible from two feet, landing on two feet. Jumping for distance plays a huge role in many playground games such as hopscotch. It is also important in both gymnastics and dance.



Each activity A, B and C below is accompanied by a video clip. Click on the links below, scan the QR code using your mobile device, or visit www.scoilnet.ie/pdst/physlit to view these video clips and to access all of the Move Well, Move Often resources, including more activities, videos, posters and assessment templates.

Choose the home activity to best support the further learning of the pupils in your class. These activities may provide opportunities at home to practise the following teaching points:

Home Activity A

Get ready by bending knees, hips, ankles and arms behind the body. Keep head up and eyes looking forward.

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Home Activity B

Push off from both feet at the same time.

Straighten and extend arms and legs when they are in the air.

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Home Activity C

Land on both feet.

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Jumping for distance Click here to see a video of this

fundamental movement skill

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Home Activity A

Warm Up

Mr. Men:

Move around the playing area to match the following characters:

Mr. Muddle - walk/run backwards | Mr. Strong - move flexing your muscles

Mr. Rush - move quickly | Mr. Slow - move slowly

Mr. Bounce - bounce around | Mr. Small - crouch down and move

Today when jumping can you focus on...

FMS Focus

Get ready by bending knees, hips, ankles and arms behind the body



Keep head up and eyes looking forward



Jumping Spots

Description of Activity

Give each pupil a spot marker, and invite them to find a space in the playing area where they are not in contact with anyone else, and place their spot marker on the floor. On a signal, or when the music plays, pupils begin to walk around the playing area. On a second signal, or when the music stops, pupils jump onto the closest spot. The teacher invites pupils to perform a jumping action such as:

Jumping for distance Practise

jump on and off the spot | jump from side to side over the spot | jump around the spot | jump forward and backwards over the spot | perform a star jump in the air and land | jump as far away as possible from the spot

When the music plays again, pupils continue moving around the area using a different locomotor skill e.g. run, hop, skip.

Variations:

- Use a hula hoop, chalk or a circle of small stones in place of spot markers.
- Remember to land safely when jumping. See the Beyond the Classroom activities for landing to work further on this skill.

The Family Picnic:

Home Challenge Place a variety of household objects around the playing area. Starting at one end of the playing area jump into the space and collect one object at a time. After collecting the object you are allowed to run back to the picnic basket at the start with the item. How quickly can you and a family member collect all the objects to make the picnic? Try and beat your own score/time. For more challenge jump back to the 'picnic basket' with the item held between your legs.

PE Journal

When and where do you jump? In your PE journal list at least 5 times or places when you use the skill of jumping for distance. These could be games, sports or everyday activities. Draw a picture of your favorite jumping activity.









Home Activity B

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Jumping

for distance

Practise

Jump around the playing space like a variety of different animals:

Kangaroo/dinosaur - jumps with hands tucked into belly

Warm Up and land with hands and feet on the ground Rabbit - crouch and move hands forward, then jump feet in and repeat

Monkey - crouch low and jump sideways with arms and legs touching ground at same time

Frog - squat down with two hands touching ground between legs before jumping. Jump forward

Can you recreate the jumps of any other animals?

Today when jumping can you focus on...

Push off from both feet at the same time



Straighten and extend arms and legs when they are in the



Where's North?

Description of Activity

Pupils find a space within the playing area, standing on their own spot marker. The direction cards are placed on the four walls of the playing area to indicate directions. The teacher calls a variety of jumping commands for pupils to perform using the direction cards, e.g. jump west, then jump north, then run to the east wall.



- Add in extra compass points such as north east, south west etc.
- Create your own sequence of compass jumps



Dice jump/Card jump

Home Challenge

Each player rolls the dice. Jump for distance the amount of times shown on the dice. Stop on the spot after completing your last jump and mark your place. Repeat rolling the dice in turn. Which family member can reach the end of the playing area first? If no dice is available, use playing cards from 2-9. Draw a card from the pile in the middle of the playing area and jump the amount of times shown on the card.

PE Journal

Create your own game that involves the skill of jumping for distance. In your PE journal describe the game you created.







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Home Activity C

Popcorn jumping

Land on both feet

Imagine you are the popcorn in the bag/pot that is being cooked. Jump (pop) around in a variety of different ways to cook the popcorn.

Warm Up

Two feet to two feet | Two feet to one foot | One foot to one foot (Jump and land on same foot)
One foot to one foot (Jump and land on opposite foot) | One foot to two feet

Star jump - jump, make star shape in air and land Tuck jump - jump bringing knees up high to belly and land

Today when jumping can you focus on...

FMS Focus



Shark Infested Waters

Description of Activity

Set out a large quantity of spot markers and hoops as islands for pupils to land on. Arrange pupils in groups of four and position them at one end of a defined playing area. Invite the first group to jump their way from island to island to the other end of the playing area. When the first group have completed the task, invite the second group to take a turn, and so on. Pupils should try to avoid landing in shark infested waters.

Jumping for distance Practise



Variations:

- Do this activity indoors with pillows or outdoor with chalk/tape/stone circles
- Make a map of 'safe' islands to land on. If you land on an unsafe island return to the start
- Jump in different pathways straight, zig zag, curved

Home Challenge

Practise jumping for distance from a standing position. Measuring your jump using a measuring tape or by marking a point on the ground. Invite family members to practise and try to beat their own records. Can you jump the length of your own body? Record your results in your PE journal and note any improvements over a period of time.

PE Journal

Investigate the current mens and womens world record for the long jump. Record the distance in your PE journal and measure the distance in your playing space.





