



## Description of Activity

Arrange pupils in groups of six. Invite one group to play the role of Farmers' Wives, while the other groups are the mice. Each mouse has a tag or bib tucked into their waist. When the teacher calls 'Off with their tails!' the Farmers' Wives chase the mice and try to collect as many tags/bibs as they can in one minute. After a designated time, the bibs are counted and the number is noted by the teacher. Select another group to play the role of the Farmers' Wives and distribute the bibs to the other pupils, and play the activity again. Repeat until all groups have had a turn as the Farmers' Wives. The team that collected the highest number of bibs wins.



## Variations

- Vary the locomotor skill used to travel e.g. skipping, side stepping, etc.
- When a mouse is tagged, they must perform a balance or run around the perimeter of the playing area until the start of the next game.
- Introduce a numeracy challenge: allocate a number of points to different coloured tags. Add up the score at the end of the designated time. The group with the highest number wins.

## Equipment

An open playing area, bibs or tags



- Ensure pupils tuck the corner of the bib or the end of the tags into the band of their clothing at the hip, not at the front or back.
- Between each game reinforce the teaching points of dodging chosen for this lesson.
- Encourage pupils to work as a team to tag their classmates. This is an opportunity to discuss teamwork and tactics with pupils.



- In your PE journal, draw a picture of the three blind mice dodging away from the Farmers' Wives.



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