



## Description of Activity

Arrange pupils in groups of three and invite them to take a piece of chalk per group and to find a large space in the playing area. Each group draws a French Hopscotch (Escargot) grid on the surface of the playing area, as shown in the image. The grid is made up of a large swirl with three swirls inside it, split up into seventeen numbered boxes, with number one starting at the outside and number seventeen at the inside.

Pupils take turns hopping through the grid. Hop on one foot starting at square one all the way to the middle of the swirl. Take a rest in the centre. Lose a turn if you step on any lines as you hop through the hopscotch grid, causing the next person in line to start their turn. Pupils return to square one by hopping all the way back around on the same foot. On the way back, select a box and write your initials in it. From now on, no other pupil can hop into that box. The pupils take turns going around the hopscotch grid hopping on one foot, resting on the squares with their initials in them with both feet and hopping over squares with other pupil's initials on them. With each turn, each pupil chooses an additional square to write your initials on. End the game when it is impossible for anyone to hop to the centre of the hopscotch grid. The winner is the pupil with the most squares with their initials in them at the end of the activity.



## Variations

- Allow pupils to alternate their hopping foot each time.
- Invite pupils to jump through the grid instead of hopping.

## Equipment

Hard surface playing area, chalk and beanbags, photocopied hopscotch grid per group (or practise drawing the grid before going outside)



- Between each round of the activity remind pupils of the teaching points of hopping. Invite one pupil to demonstrate it, discuss it and allow pupils to practise it in isolation before returning to the activity.



- This activity is called Escargot, or French Hopscotch, and it is a traditional playground game in France, similar to our version of hopscotch. Design your own version of hopscotch. Draw it in your PE journal and play it with your friends at lunch time.



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