



Fox and Rabbit Prairie Game

20 minutes

Fox and Rabbit is a predator/prey game. Ask the kids what a predator in nature does & what prey means. To play the game, start on a trail in the prairie.

- Have the kids find partners. Ask the children to stand opposite their partner and facing their partner along the trail. All the kids on one side of the trail will be rabbits. All children opposite them are foxes.
- In this game each fox can only find and capture its own rabbit - that is, it's partner. The fox may see other rabbits but *it can only capture its own rabbit*.
- Have the foxes turn and look away from the rabbits and cover and close their eyes. (No peeking!)
- Tell the foxes that they **can not** turn around when the count gets to zero. They have to wait to turn around until the leader tells them specifically to turn around.
- Tell the rabbits ahead of time that they will only have 15 SECONDS...not long.
- Give the rabbits their 15 seconds to run out into the grasses and find a place to hide.
- Count out loud and announce loudly when you are at zero. Tell the rabbits they need to stop and hide where they are. Remind the rabbits to stay hidden until you call them in.
- Once the rabbits are hidden, the foxes can then turn around and begin to hunt. Remind the foxes that they have to find **their specific** rabbit and bring it back to the trail.

- Let the hunt proceed for a few minutes and then call the foxes in. There may be hungry foxes who have not found their rabbit. Ask the rabbits that are still hidden to stand up and show themselves. Why were they not found? Did their clothing help camouflage them? Did they remain very still and not move (a typical rabbit trick to not be noticed)?
- Then play the game again, only this time the children trade roles. Those who were rabbits will now get to be the fox and vice versa.