

Hide and Squeak!

Hide and Squeak is a fun activity to play with a group of your friends, family members or even neighbors of any age.

We recommend that group sizes not be smaller than four (4) persons.

You will need

- A blindfold
- Marker (any color)
- Name tags



Instructions

1. Pick one person from the group to represent the "Jamaican Owl." You may write Jamaican Owl on a name tag and stick it on this person's shirt.
2. Each person will choose one animal they would like to represent- mouse, bird, frog, lizard, snake or beetle, which are usually preyed upon by the Jamaican Owl. There can be more than one of each animal.
3. Then write the name of your selected animal on a name tag and stick it on your shirt.
4. Place the "Jamaican Owl" in the center of the room or area, blindfolded.
5. He or she will then count to 50 while the other "animals" find places to hide.
6. The "Jamaican Owl" will have to walk around and try to find an "animal" to tag.

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7. If the "Jamaican Owl" calls out "who-whooo who-whoo," the animal/s MUST respond with their own calls. If you are a mouse you can squeak, a bird- squawk or whistle, frog- "ribbit", lizard- snap your fingers, snake- hiss and beetle- tongue click.
8. Using their hearing skills, the "Jamaican Owl" has to identify where the "animal" is and tag it.
9. Once tagged the "animal" must leave the game. At the end of the game only one animal should remain, the winner!
10. The game can be repeated by selecting a new owl or making the winner from the previous game the "Jamaican Owl."

Since the person playing the owl is blindfolded he/she must rely only on his/her ears. This requires a lot of focus and concentration from both the people playing the prey (mouse, bird, frog, lizard, snake, beetle) and the owl, making it a great mental exercise. In real life owls hunt for their food at night, which means they have to be very good at listening to where their prey is.

Remember owls are graceful and silent when flying, so if you are the Jamaican Owl try to be as quiet as possible when searching for the other "animals." You are only allowed to call out " "who-whooo who-whoo" when you need help to locate an animal.

