



Old Macdonald

Animal Game

INSTRUCTIONS

This game is for getting the children running around outside but can be played inside as well.

Place the Animal cards in easy view spread out on the lawn. The children can run around pretending to be any animal on the lawn.

One player (usually starting off with an adult) stands at the front holding the card with the hay, water and shed on it. They then call out a command like

"Old Macdonald wants his sheep to sleep."

"Old Macdonald is giving his ducks a drink."

"Old Macdonald is feeding his horses."

And point to the appropriate sign on the card.

The children then have to run near to the square with the right animal on it and act out whether they are drinking, eating or sleeping as that animal.

The game can then be played in two ways.

1. Either it can be the last child to get to the right place and do the appropriate action who is out until there is only one child left.
2. Or the game can be played like Simon Says. In other words the children can only follow the commands when the command is started off with the words "Old Macdonald" Any child that follows a command that is not started off with "Old Macdonald....." but is like "Give the ducks a drink" instead, is then out. The game carries on until there is only one player left.













