

### What time is it Mr. Fox?

#### What to do:

*What time is it Mr. Fox?* is a chasing game for a group of children that involves a bit of counting and talking about the time of day.

1. Let the kids decide which child is Mr. Fox. That child stands at one end with their back to the other children.
2. The other children stand at the opposite end and shout, "What time is it Mr. Fox?"
3. Mr. Fox answers with different times, "one o'clock" or "eight o'clock" for instance.
4. The children take that number of steps toward Mr. Fox - eight steps for eight o'clock, and so on.
5. The children ask again, "What time is it Mr. Fox?" and take the right number of steps again, always getting closer to Mr. Fox.
6. When Mr. Fox feels like it, he (or she) answers "dinnertime" and starts chasing the other children.
7. The first to be caught becomes the next Mr. Fox.

#### Materials:

Child/Parent/Other  
Children  
Outdoors



#### Why is this activity important?

One of the ways children learn is through play. A child who is playing is refining their learning skills that continue to develop during childhood and beyond. "Pretend play" is important for developing your child's language skills. Children make up their own games, but playing games with others helps their concentration, social skills and math by counting. Play can also help to show what children know and understand.