

What Time Is It, Mr. Fox?

Grades K-3

BENEFIT

Moderate aerobic exercise, counting skills

LOCATION

Grass

EQUIPMENT

Six cones

- 1** Set up a single line of cones on the grass to be the safety line. Have your students stand side by side along the line. Kneel down about 75 feet in front of your class, where you will play Mr. Fox.
- 2** Point to your students and have them chant, “What time is it, Mr. Fox?” Respond with a time—“Four o’clock!” The students step forward using the same number of steps as the time you say. Have your students call out the steps as they walk; for example, for four o’clock, they call out “One, two, three, four!” Repeat the call and response, changing your answer each time. The students step forward and get closer to Mr. Fox.
- 3** When the students are fairly close to Mr. Fox, you call out “Midnight!” The students race back to the safety line. You spring up, chase the students, and try to tag as many as possible.
- 4** When all the students have reached the safety line or been tagged, return to the starting position for Mr. Fox. The students you tagged crouch down next to you for the next round and join in the chase and tagging.



The teacher kneels in front of the students, who ask what time it is. The teacher responds, and the students move forward with that number of steps. When the teacher responds, “Midnight,” he stands and chases the students back to the starting line.