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## Bean bag games

### To make bean bags:

Make your own bean bags from material scraps. Stretch material and denim work best. Use split peas or beans as filling. Ask parents to take some materials home and make them up – you could have 20 bean bags the following week.

### Bean bag jump

**You will need:** Bean bags

Give each Joey a bean bag, which they place on one foot. They kick the bag straight up into the air and try to catch it before it hits the ground. You need lots of room and supervision.

Demonstrate the correct way to do it. Keep score so that the Joeys do not try and kick it at each other, or anything else.

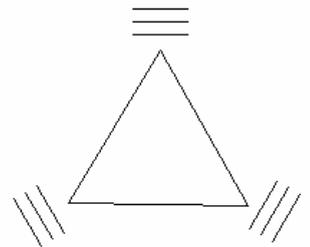
### Bean bag snatch

**You will need:** Bean bags, buckets

Form three teams and line them up other in a triangle shape as shown.

Put three bean bags in a bucket and place one bucket in front of each team. On the word "go" the Joeys take it in turns to get rid of all the bean bags by putting one of their bean bags in another team's bucket.

The next Joey is not allowed to move until the previous Joey has returned to the team. When their bucket is empty the Joeys yell an appropriate word (eg *Bingo*).



### Cat burglar

*A quiet game to develop sense of hearing*

**You will need:** Bean bags or similar, blindfold

One player is chosen as the Cat Burglar. The rest are Detectives and sit in two rows about three metres apart. The detectives are each given a bean bag (or similar soft bag or ping pong balls) and are blindfolded. The Cat Burglar must now tip toe between the two rows of Detectives, making tiny mewing cat noises. The Detectives try to guess the Cat Burglar's position from this and try to hit him or her with their bean bags. An observer stops the game when a direct hit is scored. The Detective responsible now becomes the Cat Burglar. Remember to reload the Detectives' ammunition at this point.

### Helicopter

**You will need:** Bean bags, rope

Tie a bean bag at the end of a rope. The Joeys stand in a circle while the Leader spins the rope around the circle. As the bean bag gets closer, the Joeys jump over the top of it. Take care not to trip up the Joeys by spinning the rope too high.



## Tossing game

**You will need:** Large carton, bean bags or foam balls

Cut holes in the bottom of a large carton. Hang it on a wall or cupboard. Write numbers against the holes to score, or use letters and ask the Joey to think of as many words as possible starting with the letter scored. Use bean bags or foam balls.

