

First, they put on special gear. They enter a dark room and begin hiding, watching for others. They know they have to stay within certain boundaries. Red beams of light flash and players' vests vibrate. If this happens too often for one player, he is eliminated.

What are they doing?

They all sit in a circle. One person begins passing out playing cards. Each person gets seven cards. Everyone in the circle picks up the cards in front of them. They take turns going clockwise in a circle. Sometimes a player picks up several cards from the middle pile. Other times a player is skipped. And still other times the players change direction and play in a counter-clockwise order.

What game are they playing?

There are four boys out in the woods. After having a picnic, they played tag for a while. Then they cleaned up their picnic and began walking home. They walked around the same tree four times. They are hot and tired. One of the youngest boys started to cry.

Why is the boy crying?

When he walked in the classroom, he kept his head down. He sat down in his chair but couldn't sit still. Other students went to the front of the room and put a peice of paper into a basket. He stayed in his seat. The teacher stood up and looked at him. He didn't look up. The teacher went through the basket of papers and used a class list to check off names. His name didn't get checked off.

Why wasn't his name checked off?

They go into small rooms to change clothes. Before they come out, they wash off in a shower. They put special lotion on their skin. They walk quickly across hot cement. They touch the edge of water to check the temperature and step down stairs into the water.

Where are they?