



SKIPPYROO

KANGAROO



AUSTRALIA

PLAYERS

This game requires a minimum of six players and can be played with as many as 30 players. Recommended for ages 4+

INFORMATION

This game is played in many Australian preschools and kindergartens to help teach children their classmates' names as well as good listening skills.

HOW TO PLAY

Kids sit in a circle and an adult asks one child to go into the middle—they're the first Skippyroo, the kangaroo. Skippyroo crouches forward on the floor with their eyes closed while the kids in the circle chant: "Skippyroo, kangaroo, dozing in the midday sun, comes a hunter, run, run, run." At this stage, an adult points to a child sitting in the circle, who then touches Skippyroo's shoulder and says, "Guess who's caught you just for fun?" and waits. Skippyroo tries to name the owner of the voice and if they guess correctly, swap places. The game begins again and continues until all the kids have had a chance to be Skippyroo.