

Mbube, Mbube

Mbube is one of the Zulu words for "lion." "Mbube" is addressing the lion, calling to him. Sort of pronounced like: mboo'-bay. In this game the lion is stalking the impala (a southern African buck).

All players form a circle.

Two players start the game. One is the lion; one is the impala.

Blindfold them both and spin them around. (Children used to just close their eyes, but the temptation to peek is so great!)



Players in the circle start by calling the lion, "mbube, mbube!"

The closer to the impala the lion gets the faster the chanting becomes. Likewise, if the lion is far away, the calling decreases in volume as well as repetition.

If the lion has not caught the impala within a minute a new lion is chosen. If the lion catches the impala, a new impala is chosen.



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