

# World Centre wonders



## Aim of activity

Explore global guiding and discover how games connect girls around the world!

## What you'll get out of it

- Discover what World Thinking Day is.
- Play some fun international games.

## What you'll need

- Chairs
- Pieces of music and music player
- A soft ball or a bio-degradable balloon
- Bowl or container, 1 per six
- A soft toy or soft item, 1 per six
- Marbles, bottle caps, beads or similar small objects
- Internet access (optional)



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OF GIRL GUIDES  
AND GIRL SCOUTS



Get  
guiding



60  
minutes



Give it a go

Unit meeting activity



## Note to leader

There's information about World Thinking Day in this activity. You can add anything else you know or want to share as well. For 'sillas locas' you'll need a piece of Mexican music (instrumental music works well), this can be found online or on streaming services.

For 'bulbul balloons', before choosing a balloon check if any Brownies have a fear of balloons popping. If anyone has a latex allergy, swap balloons for a soft ball. You can find biodegradable balloons online.

## What to do

World Thinking Day has been celebrated every 22 February since 1926! It's a global celebration of friendship for over 11 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in over 150 countries, and you're part of it! Somewhere out there, another young person is dreaming big just like you. It's a day to feel connected and inspired.

- 1 What's your favourite game at Brownies? Tell another Brownie why you love it!



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Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world play all kinds of fun games. It's time to try some from countries with guiding World Centres! There are 5 World Centres, run by the **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts** (WAGGGS). They bring girls together to learn, lead, and celebrate. There's even one in London in the UK called Pax Lodge! Pick your first game and dive in.

### Try it this way

After you play, explore each game's country... its capital city, flag, food, or fun facts. It's a great way to find out about the world!

## International games

- **Our Chalet, Switzerland.** Don't look back, the fox walks around: This is a traditional game played by young people in Switzerland. Players sit in a circle. 1 player (the fox) walks behind everyone in 1 direction, holding a small object. The fox secretly drops it behind someone, who must jump up and chase the fox. If the fox gets around the whole circle and back to their seat before being caught, the chaser becomes the fox. If caught, the fox tries again. If the object isn't noticed and the fox completes a full circle, that player becomes a lazy egg and sits in the middle until another player swaps in.



- **Nuestra Cabaña, Mexico.**  
Sillas Locas: Sillas Locas is Mexico's version of musical chairs. Set up 1 fewer chair than players, play traditional Mexican music, and have everyone walk or dance around. When the music stops, scramble for a seat, whoever's left standing is out, and a chair is removed for the next round.
- **Sangam, India.**  
Bulbul balloons: Bulbul, named after an Indian bird, is also a section of guiding in India. Players sit in 2 lines facing each other with feet touching. The leader tosses a soft ball or balloon between them, and each side tries to hit it over the heads of the opposite line. If the balloon lands behind a line or someone doesn't catch the ball, the other side scores. First to 5 goals wins!

- **Kusafiri, locations across Africa.** Kudoda: This is a popular game for young people in Zimbabwe. Get into sixes and fill a bowl with small items like marbles, bottle caps or beads. 1 player at a time tosses a soft toy or soft item in the air (be careful when throwing the item). That player grabs as many items in the bowl as possible before catching the item thrown in the air. Count and return them, then continue around the six. The player with the highest total wins!

3 You've just played your way around the world! Did any of the games feel familiar? Girlguiding UK has lots in common with guiding everywhere: even though each country is unique, we're all connected by fun, friendship, and adventure. What other countries' games would you like to explore?

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## Take it further

Create your own game inspired by your local area or a country you'd love to visit! Or find a way to send another unit in a different country a Brownies game to try.

### Did you know

Unlike other World Centres, Kusafiri is designed to move. It changes location across Africa. This means it can reach more girls across the continent!