

WORLD BOX - 1929 - UK MERSEYSIDE

Theme – Many Lands, One World

Activity – Play Gonggi

What you need

- Five or more grape-sized stones
- Smooth playing surface

Join in the Jamboree

A popular game in South Korea, Gonggi is a game consisting of five small pieces, traditionally stones, and throwing and catching them in various manners.

The game can be played alone or with any number of friends.

Just agree on the score that players will try to reach before everyone else, and you can begin.

To determine who will go first, everyone takes a turn tossing all five stones from their palm into the air, then turning over their hand backside up.

Whoever catches the most stones on the back of their hand goes first, and so on.

One person plays at a time with all five stones in “rounds”.

Round 1: Toss the stones in front of you. Pick 1 stone and it up in the air.

While the stone is mid-air, pick up 1 stone and then catch the stone you threw in the air. Repeat this move, keeping all the stones in the same hand you’re catching them with, until all the stones are in your hand.

If you succeed this without dropping any stones or missing your pieces, you can pass onto Round 2.

Round 2: Essentially the same as Round 1, except you are picking the pieces up this time in groups of 2.

Pick up 1 stone, throw it in the air, and pick up 2 pieces at once. Repeat. If you succeed, move on to Round 3.

Round 3: Toss the stones in front of you. Pick your 1 piece to throw. This time when picking up pieces, you’ll pick up 3 pieces together, and then 1 piece. If you succeed, move on to Round 4.

Round 4: This time you pick up all remaining 4 pieces at once. Try to toss the stones close together!

If you succeed, move on to Round 5.

Round 5: Just like how you determined who would go first, take all 5 pieces in your fist and toss them into the air. Catch as many as you can on the back of your hand. With the remaining pieces still on the back of your hand, toss them into the air again and catch them in your fist - How many you catch is your score for the round!



Reflection:

Gonggi (Korean: 공기) is a popular Korean children's game that is traditionally played using five or more small pebbles.

Nowadays, children buy colourful plastic stones instead of finding pebbles.

It can be played alone or with friends. The stones are called **Gonggitdol** (공깃돌).

Safety Notes:

All activities must be managed safely, and equipment used for the purpose intended.

