

These traditional Easter egg games can be played in the classroom or playground.

Egg Dance

Common in Germany and in the United Kingdom (where it is called the Egg Hop). Eggs are laid on the ground or floor and the goal is to dance among the eggs without damaging them.

In the classroom use paper eggs made from scrunched up newspaper. Give each student a sheet of newspaper and some sticky tape and let them shape an egg. Younger students would be happy to simply dance to music while trying to avoid the eggs. Challenge older students by asking them to walk blindfolded (one at a time) through a "field of eggs" without stepping on them.

Bowling Eggs

Played in Egypt. Children bowl red and yellow eggs towards another row of eggs. Whoever cracks one egg can claim them all.

In the classroom, use hard-boiled eggs that have been colored red and yellow. Students can color them with crayons or food dye (use a metal spoon to hold eggs in a mixture of 1/2 tsp of food dye, 1 cup of water and 1tsp of vinegar). Students take 2 eggs (one yellow and one red) and mark them with their initials. The yellow eggs are placed on a line (draw chalk on concrete or use masking tape on carpet). Each student takes a turn to roll their red egg with the aim of knocking yellow eggs off the line. After everyone has had a turn, those students whose yellow egg is still on the line can have a second turn and so on, until one yellow egg is left.

Egg Rolling

Popular in Scotland, Northern England, Northern Ireland, Germany and Holland. Colored eggs are rolled down hills. In most countries the egg that rolls the fastest is the winner. In Holland the egg that rolls the farthest is the winner. In the United States of America the egg is pushed along the flat ground with a spoon.

In school, all three versions are great fun. Choose a suitable slope in the playground and mark out the race track with cones or rope. Run heats of 4 to 6 students, semi-finals and a final race.

Easter Egg Hunt

A popular Easter activity everywhere. Eggs are hidden and children race to find them.

In the classroom, use cardboard eggs that the students have cut out and decorated.

Egg Tapping

Played in Northern England, Eastern Europe and Southern United States of America. Pairs of competitors line up to knock the tips of eggs together. If the shell of an egg is cracked the owner is out. The challenges continue until one egg remains.

In the classroom, its safer to use hard-boiled eggs. You can also control the strength of the knocking by asking students to keep their elbows by their side.