

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

In the film *Slumdog Millionaire*, the main character, Jamal Malik, is a contestant on India's version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* In celebration of our India theme, let's play an adapted version of the popular game where everyone can be a millionaire.

Click on the image for everything you need to play the game, including the instructions, questions, and answers.



Play of the Jewels

Play of the Jewels is also known as the Jewels Game or Kim's Game. It gets its name from a 1901 novel by Rudyard Kipling titled *Kim*, which is set in the late 1800s in India. The titled character (Kim) plays the game when he spends a month training to be a spy with an intelligence agent who uses the guise of managing a jewelry shop.

Click on the image for three ways to play the game, including a slideshow version.



Other Games Popular in India

Games have always been an important part of India's rich culture and traditions. Cricket is the most popular sport, followed by soccer and field hockey. Chess and Parcheesi are favorite board games. Below are some examples of other games that you probably didn't know were played in ancient India. Many of the games are still played today and are closely related to familiar western games.

Read the names and see if anyone can guess what game they relate to.

Kancha

Kancha is played using marbles called "kancha. The players try to hit the selected target kancha using their own marble. The winner takes all the other players' kanchas.

Kho Kho



It is one of the most popular tag games in India. It consists of two teams. One team sits or kneels in the middle of the court, in a row, with adjacent members facing opposite directions. The team that takes the shortest time to tag all the opponents on the field wins.

Gutte

This traditional game is played by both children and adults. This simple game requires five small stones. The player spins one stone in the air and tries to pick up the other stones from the ground without dropping the stone that is in the air. What game does this remind you of? (jacks)

Kith Kith

Kith Kith, which means "one two houses, is a game very similar to hopscotch. Instead of stones, the game is played with a round disk.

Snakes and Ladders

This is an ancient Indian board game that is still popular today. Can you guess what modern-day game it is related to? (Chutes and Ladders)