



## Botkidi

Game country of origin: Sierre Leone



*"We played Botkidi in the streets with the kids from the neighbourhood. All the kids growing up in the '80s knew Botkidi".*

*"It was a big thing back then, we were very competitive and excited to play! We practiced to become good at it and be able to hit the other children's lids as far as possible.*

*The best bottle lids are the heavier ones because when they fall on the flat side they are much harder to hit.*

*Botkidi is a Krio word, but does not have any meaning. Krio is a kind of Pidjin English developed when American English was mixed with the local languages."*

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Age Group Suitable for: 7+

Number of players: 2 - 5

Outdoor

Equipment: chalk, bottle lid for each child, sticks

### Instructions

1. With chalk, draw a square against a wall approx. 40cm x 40cm. About 5 metres away draw a line where the players will stand.
2. All children stand behind the line and take turns to throw their bottle lid into the square. If more than one child gets their lid into the square first throw, then they repeat their turn until there is only one player who has their lid in the square.
3. The player who threw their lid into the square is Player 1 and uses a stick to hit the other players' lids (that are outside of the square) as far away as possible.
4. Each of the players take turns to try and hit their lid into the square by hitting it with a stick. This might require several attempts as each time they fail, Player 1 can hit the lid again and send it further away from the square. The game ends when all players get their lids into the square.