



Hot Venus Game

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AGE GROUP



3-5 years



Multiage



6-12 years

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - If Venus is close to the sun is it likely to be a HOT or COLD planet?

- Working in small groups or with an adult - show children how one person can hold open the sock and another can insert a small funnel. This is a great teamwork activity!
- Scoop and fill sock with rice then tie the end securely.
- Pass around the filled socks like beanbags and encourage children to squish, smell, roll and describe what they feel.
- Now place each sock in the microwave for 20-30 secs (depends on microwave wattage so please check closely before giving out to children again) Does it feel different? Smell different?
- Play a simple group game while the socks are still warm. Put on some music and keep passing a sock around the circle. When the music stops everyone calls out 'Hot Venus' and the person holding the warm sock has to jump up and run around the circle like they are walking on hot sand! Warning...this one can get very loud depending on ages so I find it better to play as a group outside.

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Place the sock beanbags at different intervals on the grass or carpet. Challenge children to see if they can take large steps or jumps to get from one beanbag to the other just like if they were walking on the moon.
- Make it more interesting for older children by asking them to estimate how many steps they will need to get from beanbag to beanbag. Can they go from one end of the course to the other without touching the ground?

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- 2-3 old (but clean) adult sized socks (more if you have a large group)
- Small Funnels
- Rice in a large bowl/tray with some scoops or spoons



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