

## Stop Zemlya

Stop *zemlya* [zeem-LIE-yuh] means “stop the earth.” Usually played outside on the playground, this fun game is one most Russian children recognize and play with each other.

### **What you do:**

1. Choose one player to be “It.”
2. Have the child who is “It” walk among the running children. At an unexpected time, the child who is “It” will call *Stop zemlya!* All of the players must jump on something so their feet don’t touch the earth (the ground).
3. Whoever is caught not being able to keep his or her feet off the ground will become “It.”