Leisure in the Past



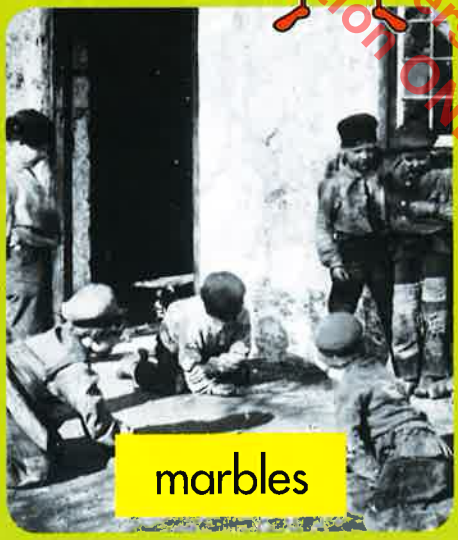
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Picture Dictionary



cards



marbles



chess



skittles

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What do you do
in your leisure time?
Do you watch television,
or listen to music?
Do you read a book?
Do you play with your friends?
Or do you play on the computer?

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These children are playing catch.

In the past,
there were no televisions.
There were no computers.
Children spent their leisure time
playing games.
They played some games inside.
They played other games outside.
They played games
such as hopscotch
with their friends.
Many of the games
children used to play,
they still play today.

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Children playing hopscotch in 1950

Cards

In the past, many children
played card games.
They played card games
such as go fish, snap, and war.
Today, many children still play
the same card games.
They also play new card games.
They play card games
such as crazy eights and Uno.
They play computer card games.
People think children in China
were the first to play cards.

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Boys playing a game of cards in 1943

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Chess

Children have played chess
for a long time.
In the past, they played chess
on wooden chessboards
with wooden chess pieces.
Today, people all over the world
still play chess.
They can play chess
on computers, too.
People think children in India
were the first to play chess.