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Games People Play

If they don't have buttons to push and a plug, many of the games made today don't work. What would happen if the power went out?! What games would we play then?

When I was a little girl, my sisters and I had lots of games and toys that didn't take much imagination. Some of them had really funny names: Slinky, Mr. Potato Head, kazoos, jacks, Pick Up Sticks, Cat's Cradle, Tinker Toys and Betty Boop Paper Dolls. Some of these games have been around for more than fifty years!

If the weather was nice, we got lots of exercise bouncing around the driveway on pogo sticks, jumping rope to funny chants, and trying to balance on tall wooden stilts that often gave us splinters. Hopscotch was one of our favorite games to play over and over again. All we needed was a clean sidewalk and a piece of chalk to play.

The neighborhood boys loved to find anyone who wanted to play and invented their own games of cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers. They built things out of Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs, played marbles in the dirt, and if they were lucky, they even had Erector Sets.

We liked to play card games that many children may still play today: Go Fish, War, Old Maid, and Crazy Eights. Board games and dominoes were piled up in the hall closet, just waiting for a rainy day. Chinese Checkers, Parcheesi, Scrabble and Monopoly could be played on any clean spot on the floor or table, and they still can be. After all, you never know when the power might go out again!

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