

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE



HOW TO PLAY

The children are divided into pairs. One child decides the direction, and the other rides close behind. One or more children are 'free agents'; they ride round by themselves until they decide to 'break into' one of the pairs. They do this by riding up behind a pair and saying, 'Thank you and goodbye!'. The one in front replies, 'Thank you and goodbye!', and rides off a free agent. The new free agent now finds another pair to break into, and the game continues in this way.

Tip: Show how it's done, because the game can be a bit hard to explain in words.

IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING THE GAME

Simplification: There are no free agents. The pairs simply ride around in and among each other and greet each other.

Development: Pairs ride side by side. The child on the right decides the route, and leaves the group when a free agent takes up the leftmost position.

Variation: Overtaking. If the pairs are riding side by side, the free agent can ride up behind the rider on the left and ring his or her bell. The child on the left now makes way by riding on ahead of his partner.

RIDERS PRACTISE

- Communicating with each other while riding
- Positioning themselves in relation to others and finding their place
- Being adaptable, ready to switch roles and change focus

