

# **Czech dance traditions and games**

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# Česká Beseda

- Česká Beseda = traditional Czech dance for 4 pairs
- created in 1863
- Consists of several national dances and songs
- danced in national costumes



- They danced it after World War I and II as an expression of happiness after their ending.
- linked with balls, folk fairs, cities, municipal ceremonies and mainly with folk festivals
- today unknown for young generation in cities but in village often dances at special fairs









# Folk costume

- = special costumes for every region
- lots of types of costumes
- In poor regions the costumes are plain and simple.





- In wealthy regions the costumes are richer and very decorated. Their costumes have many colours and embroidery.



- Lomnice has got this type of folk costume
- This costume belongs to the simple ones because Lomnice lies in a not very rich region ( on the foot of the Highlands) it consist of



# Traditional Czech games



# Hopscotch

- We draw a hopscotch
- Hopscotch is made up of squares. Every square has got its own number.
- After that we stand in front of number one and we throw a stone. We must jump on one leg on the square where the stone falls down.



# Skipping the rope



- minimum of three participants taking turns, two of whom turn the rope while one or more jump. This is called long rope.

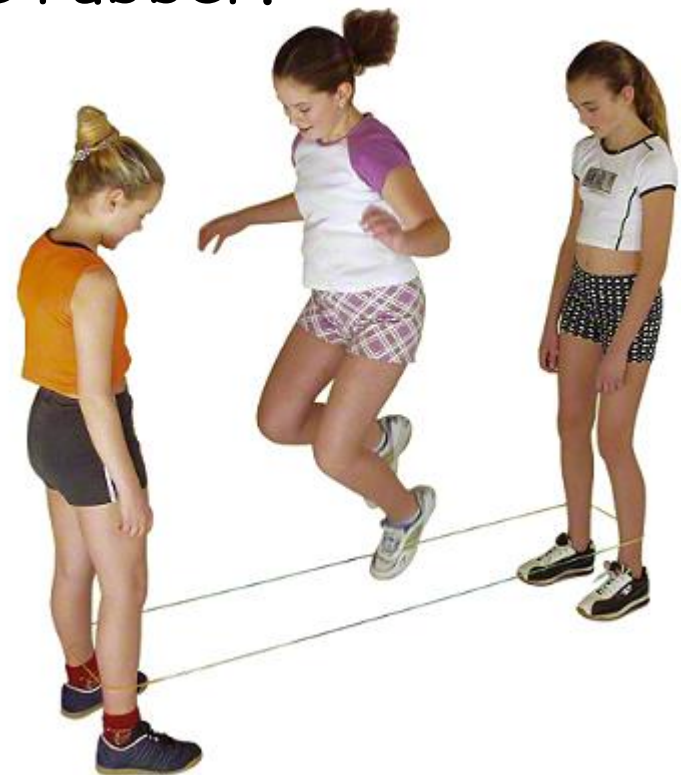
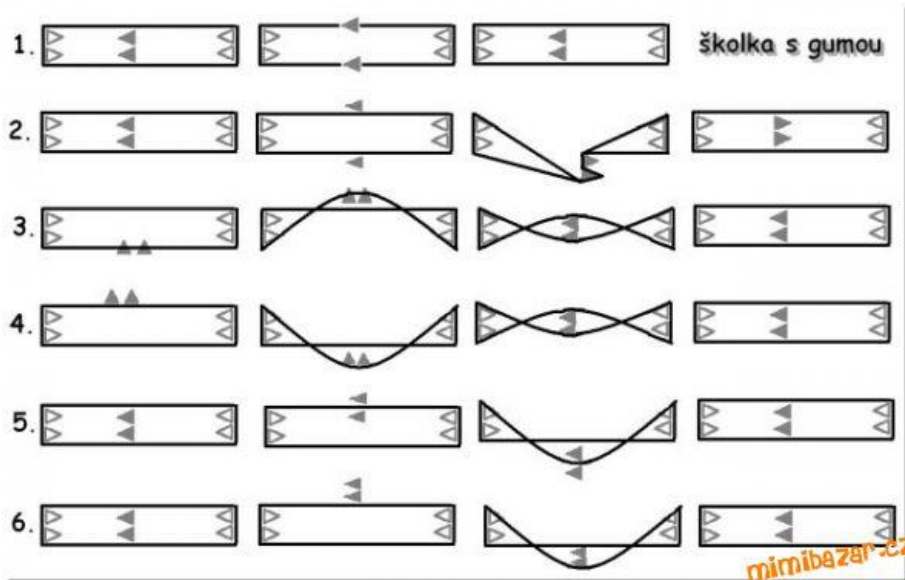




# Jumping over rubber band

- It's for three persons. Two persons hold the rubber and the third jumps over it. We have many kinds of jumps over the rubber.

## Types of jumps



**Other dance style**



# Street dance

- An informal style of dance involving a variety of moves which is popular with young people and often developed in public places such as streets-clubs-playgrounds-etc





# SDK = street dance camp



- In Jedovnice (village in the South Moravia) is the biggest dance camp in Europe.
- It is just one week in July
- It's a unique chance to meet the world's top instructors and dancers from all over the world.
- SDK is the only place in the world where all dancing legends, famous dancers and choreographers will meet in such numbers.



