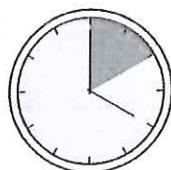




9. I Sent a Letter to My Love



Time: 10–20 minutes

Age Range: 4–11

Ideal Number of Players: 6–20+

Equipment Needed: An item to use as the letter, an envelope, a handkerchief, hat, glove, beanbag or similar item

How to Play

Everyone forms a circle, standing or sitting. One player with a letter (the item) walks or skips around the outside of the circle as the rhyme is chanted.

I sent a letter to my love,
And on the way I dropped it.
Someone must have picked it up,
And put it in their pocket.
It wasn't you; it wasn't you,
It was you!

As the player says, 'It wasn't you', he gently taps each player in the circle on the shoulder and repeats, 'It wasn't you', as many times as he likes with him finally saying, 'It was you!' and dropping the letter on the ground behind the player.

On 'you', the player who has the letter picks it up and chases the 'letter dropper' around the circle with the aim of catching him.

If the letter dropper gets back into the chaser's place without being caught, then he is safe and the other player becomes the letter dropper. If she catches the letter dropper, he is on again and the game starts again.

The players continue singing the rhyme.

The last one back is the new letter dropper.

Variations

You can substitute 'I sent a letter to my love' with 'I sent a letter to my friend'.

