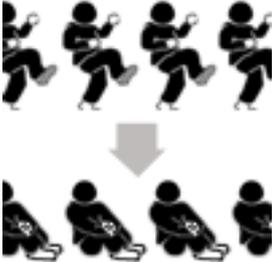


Mousetrap

1		<p>Have the students in a circle formation, with everyone standing and facing the same direction.</p>
2		<p>Students march along the circle while chanting one of the vocabulary words (if there is a piano in the room, it's helpful to use one or two keys on the piano to keep their rhythm). On your signal (e.g. slamming the low keys of the piano), everyone sits down.</p>
3		<p>When they've gotten the hang of it, add a 2-person trap to the formation. One of these two should be the homeroom teacher. Students continue as before, but now pass through the trap (Fig. I). Now when you give the signal, the trap lowers to catch those walking through (Fig. II).</p>
4		<p>Whoever is caught inside becomes part of the trap (i.e. if one person gets caught, the trap consists of three people holding hands in a small circle). Start the marching again and have the students pass through this bigger trap. Continue as long as you like. The more students caught in the trap, the bigger the trap becomes.</p>

- Tips:
- Be sure to emphasize there is no running allowed. A slow chant can help this, but if it becomes a problem, have students crawl through the trap rather than walk.
 - You can maintain the size and shape of the circle by placing chairs at certain points for the students to walk around.