

Old Fashioned Games

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It was Saturday, and Juan was going to his friend's house for the day. He was so excited. He thought it would be fun to bring some video games for them to play. Mom took Juan to Tom's house. She said she would be back at 3:00 to pick him up. The boys had this day planned for a week. Tom's mom waved from the front porch.

Tom lived on the other side of town, and did not have much, especially video games. He didn't really ever play them, but he didn't want to tell Juan. He was afraid Juan would tell the other kids at school. When Juan arrived he said, "How about playing some of these video games I brought?" Tom looked a bit uneasy. "I thought we could go outside and play tag or hide and go seek," said Tom. "I don't usually play hide and go seek," said Juan. "Well, we don't have a television or a computer," said Tom. "I usually play old fashioned games, like tag or hide and go seek, or dodge ball." "My parents don't have much money, and we can't afford those extra things," said Tom. "Wow, I don't know anyone that doesn't have at least a television," said Juan. Tom asked Juan not to tell anyone at school. "You shouldn't worry about what other people think," Juan told Tom. "I'm sure the games you play are just as fun as video games."



The two boys went outside and began playing hide and go seek. Tom's parents did have a big backyard with many cool places to hide. Juan and Tom played for over an hour! After lunch, they played tag. Juan had so much fun. "I should play these games more often," he said to Tom.

Three o'clock finally came and Juan had to leave. "Thanks for a great time," he said to Tom and his mom. "I learned how to play some great games today!" Juan told his mom about Tom not having a television or a computer. Mom said that there are plenty of ways to have fun without video games. Mom said, "When I was growing up we played hopscotch." "What's hopscotch?" asked Juan. "I'll show you when we get home." "You will like it." Mom showed Juan how she played hopscotch when she was a young girl. "That looks like fun!" said Juan. "Now I have another game to add to my list." As promised, Juan never told anyone at school about Tom being poor, but thought to himself *he is rich in kindness and honesty*.

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 - B. Video games
 - C. A model plane
 - D. A kite

2. How did Juan get to Tom's house?
 - A. Rode his bike
 - B. Walked
 - C. His mom drove him.
 - D. None of the above

3. Why didn't the boys play video games?
 - A. The games were broken.
 - B. Tom didn't like video games.
 - C. Tom's mom didn't allow video games.
 - D. Tom didn't have a television or a computer.

4. Juan's mom was picking him up at _____
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