

# Cheetah, Cheetal



**Skills:** Quickness, quick thinking and large motor skills

**Ages:** 6 and older

**Players:** 7 or more

**Materials:** Playing field  
Chalk or cones to mark off boundaries

## About the Game

For centuries, it has been said that Indian princesses trained cheetahs to hunt *cheetals* (a spotted deer). Although this game of tag got its name from these animals, the cheetahs are not the only ones doing the "hunting."

## Playing the Game

1. To make the playing field, draw or mark off two lines about 5 feet (1.5 meters) apart. On either side of these lines, pace off about 20 to 30 feet (6 to 9 meters) and mark off the areas. These are the baselines.
2. Pick one person to be the Indian PRINCESS or PRINCE. Divide the rest of the players into two teams: CHEETAHS and CHEETALS.
3. Have the CHEETAHS and CHEETALS line up, back to back. The PRINCE or PRINCESS stands at the top middle of both lines and calls out, "Chee-eee-ee..." "tah" or "tal" trying to surprise the groups.
4. The team that's called must turn quickly and chase the other players to their baseline. Tagged players are out of the game.

## Ending the Game

Play continues until all the players on one side are tagged.