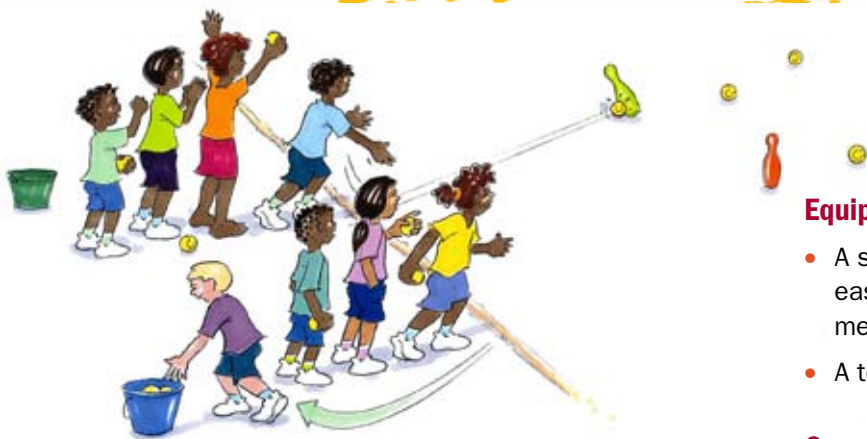




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Background

This ball-throwing and hitting game was played by the Diyari people from near Lake Eyre in South Australia. The balls were called *koolchee*.

Language

This version of *koolchee* is designed for younger players. It has been named to reflect the fact that younger children often like to repeat names.

Short description

The aim of the activity is to roll a ball to hit a skittle.

Players

- Teams of four to six players, organised in a line

Playing area

- A playing area suitable for the game

Equipment

- A skittle/pin or any other target object that can easily be knocked over is set up about 5–10 metres from the front of the line
- A tennis *koolchee* (ball) or a larger ball

Game play and basic rules

- The first player of one team steps up to the starting line and rolls a *koolchee* (ball) at the skittle. After their turn players go to the end of the line. The players roll the *koolchee* in turn. If the club/skittle is knocked down the player is congratulated and the game continues.
- The player rolling the ball should be 1 metre or more in front of his or her group to avoid contact with other players. A player may be positioned behind the skittle to return the *koolchee* after each turn or players retrieve the ball after their turn and hand it to the next player.

Variations

- Divide each team and set them up opposite each other 10–20 metres apart with the skittle in the middle. Players take turns to knock the skittle over.
- Place two to five skittles in front of each team.

Teaching points

- Teams line up side by side. Tennis balls ready.
- Bend down and roll along the ground. No throws or bounces.
- Aim for a skittle. Fingers towards, palms up, opposite arm and leg.
- Collect the balls. Keep going. Next player.
- Well done. Good hit.