



## Learning How to Play Jacks

### Learning Objectives:

1. Student will perform the skill of Jacks, making no more than 3 mistakes during a complete round.  
(A complete round is defined as progressing incrementally from picking up one Jack at a time to picking up all six Jacks at a time).
2. Student will demonstrate good principles of “loft” and “scatter”.

### Rules:

Student must use the same hand to toss ball, pick up jacks, and catch ball

Student cannot trap the ball against body in order to catch the ball

Student must bounce ball only one time for each attempt to collect Jacks

### Mistakes:

Student not catching the ball

Student missing the required number of Jacks during a collection attempt

### **Jacks: Final Exam (I)**

(Circle the correct answer; each correct answer = 1 point)

1. The more Jacks you are trying to pick up,
  - a) the higher you should loft the ball
  - b) the lower you should loft the ball
  - c) it makes no difference how you loft the ball
  - d) the more times you should let the ball bounce
  
2. When you are doing Jacks,
  - a) you must use your left hand in performing the skill of Jacks
  - b) you must use your right hand in performing the skill of Jacks
  - c) you must use the same hand in performing the skill of Jacks
  - d) you are allowed to use both hands in performing the skill of Jacks (when no one is looking!)
  
3. When are doing Jacks, “scatter” means,
  - a) arranging spectators around the room so they do not interfere with your concentration
  - b) the reflection of light rays off the Jacks
  - c) chasing after the ball when you miss it
  - d) tossing Jacks in different patterns depending on how many you are trying to pick up
  
4. Another name for Jacks is:
  - a) Fox and Chickens
  - b) Eggs in the Basket
  - c) Bounce and Drop
  - d) Catch and Scoop
  
5. Jacks was invented in the United States of America (TRUE or FALSE; circle one)

**Jacks: Final Exam (II)**  
(Teacher Rating)

In attempting a complete round (from picking up 1 jack at a time to picking up all 8 jacks at a time), the student:

- I. used only the same hand to bounce ball, collect jacks, and catch ball (without using body to trap ball)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- II. allowed ball to bounce only once during each collection attempt

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- III. demonstrated “principle of loft”

Never (0) Sometimes (1) Always (2)

- IV. demonstrated “principle of scatter”

Never (0) Sometimes (1) Always (2)

- V. made how many mistakes? \_\_\_\_\_(number)