



## Activity 20. Games to play

### Salt Monster

#### ***Aim***

To consolidate knowledge about salinity.

#### ***How to play***

Salt Monster is another variation of “tiggy”. Initially, a single student takes on the role of the Salt Monster. All the other students represent plants. Using an appropriately evil sound, the Salt Monster chases the potential victims. The first student caught becomes part of the Salt Monster by holding onto the Monster's waist. As each student is caught, they become the end of the monster's tail - until all the students have become part of the monster.

### Salt Patch

#### ***Aim***

To consolidate the knowledge that plants are affected by salt.

#### ***Materials***

- hoops or chalked shapes marked on the floor or school-ground to represent salt patches

#### ***How to play***

Eight or so people hold hands to form circles round each salty danger area. Each player, while pulling and trying to maneuver the others into the salt patch, tries to keep out of the salt. They must not let go hands. At the end of the game, those plants which have not encountered the salt, win the survival battle. They live. Those plants which brushed the salt wilt and wither. Those which were right into the salt can stage a slow and dramatic death.

## **SSSSSSSSalt**

### ***Aim***

To consolidate knowledge about salinity.

### ***Materials required***

- one blindfold for each participant

*Note: The space must be cleared of all obstacles, since all players will be blindfolded.*

NO RUNNING is a firm rule.

### ***How to play***

One person is designated Salt, while the rest are plants. With blindfolds in place, everyone moves slowly about the space, arms outstretched. Salt also moves about, making a s-s-s-s-sound until they catch someone, whereupon the sound becomes s-s-s-s-salt!, thus alerting the rest that someone has been caught. The other plants must listen closely to locate the s-s-s-s; and try to avoid being caught by moving away from the sound. The caught ones become salt-affected, and try to catch each other in the same way. Eventually, the salt will have insidiously affected all the plants, because as more and more voices are hissing, it becomes harder to avoid capture.

### ***Variation***

Two or three people can be designated Salt, and as people are caught they can remove their blindfolds and move to the sidelines to watch. This way, it becomes harder for the salt ones to catch others as more space is cleared, but it can get boring for those captured early on.

Try both and let the students decide!

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