

ANCIENT GREEK KNUCKLE BONES



WHAT ARE KNUCKLE BONES?

Knucklebones (called astragaloi by the Ancient Greeks) were usually the ankle bones of sheep or goats. Children and adults used them to play many different games that tested skill, speed and coordination.



HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Place five knucklebones on the ground.
- 2 Toss one bone into the air.
- 3 Pick up another bone before catching the first.
- 4 Repeat, picking up more bones in different ways.
- 5 Score points by completing the challenges.

A BIT OF HISTORY



Knucklebones have been played for over 5,000 years.

The game was very popular in Ancient Greece, where children often played in homes, courtyards and marketplaces.

Archaeologists have found many knucklebones in graves, homes and sacred places. Greek pottery often shows people enjoying the game.

