

Dear friends from Spain and Cyprus! Happy New year to you from Hungary!

Now we would like to invite you to the FONÓ – to the spinning room.

In the old times, in Hungarian villages the ‘Spinning Room’ was the only place of recreation for the young people. Friendships were born here, and dating – which led to marriage – also started here. A lot of singing was done in the ‘Spinning Room’. On these days, they especially like singing beautiful ballads about the difficulties of love and life.

Let’ s listen to one of them:

The young girls and boys liked playing too and it was a good chance to have fun and get know each other. In the spinning room the favourite game of the youngsters was the play called: Kútba estem. (I have fallen into the well) Children make a circle and one of them (a girl) squats in the middle. The girl says: I have fallen into the well. The others ask - Who would you like to pull you up?- and the girl names a boy loudly (who pulls her up in the end).

Let’s see it!

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- **I have fallen into the well**
 - **Who would you like to pull you up?**
 - **A clever boy/girl**
 - **Who is she/he?**
 - **.....**
 - **From how many meters?**
 - **From two.**

The other game is called: From chair to chair, to empty place

We place two benches near the wall opposite to each other. Everybody sits down on one of the benches. I will be the shouter and I will start the game: „ From chair to chair, to empty place” At this time everybody, me too, will try to sit down on the other bench. We have to be very quickly, but one of us will be unlucky, if she or he can’t sit down. She or he will be the next shouter. I think this game is always very funny.

Let’s try it if you like. Have a good time and good bye!