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# Outdoor group games in my country

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# ✦ My personal favourite, “El pistolero”. ✦

• "El pistolero" is a traditional and very popular Spanish game among children and teenagers.

• It is usually played as a warming-up activity when there is a group of people who don't know each other's names. And the objective is that the players have to memorise the other participants' names.





# How does it work?(Step by step)



## Getting ready to play

01

First, you will need to form a circle with all the players. Once in the circle, you will say your name out loud to each other

## Instructions to play

03

If the player in the middle stops spinning and their finger lands on you, you will have to bend down.

02

## Getting ready to play

Then, someone will stand in the middle of the circle pointing at the players. The player in the middle will start spinning until he decides to stop.

04

## Instructions to play

If the player pointed at is anyone by your side, you will have to point to the other player who is next to the one bent down and say their name out loud .





# How does it work?(Step by step)



## Instructions to play

05

The fastest player to say the other person's name is the winner. The other player will be disqualified and will have to sit down.

06

## Instructions to play

Once there are only 2 players left, they will have to stand back to back facing opposite ways.

## Instructions to play

07

Then, they will have to take 3 steps and wait for the player that was in the middle of the circle to give a signal. Once they do, the fastest player of the two to shout the other player's name wins.





# How does it work?



## (Video for visual explanation)

Here is a video tutorial explaining how to play this game. In this way, you can get a better understanding of it.

<https://youtu.be/ubB7t4a4z7E>



A man in a black cowboy hat and vest is the central focus, holding a silver revolver. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. In the background, another man in a brown coat and hat is visible, looking towards the camera. The scene is set outdoors, possibly in a Western town. The image is framed by a white grid with starburst decorations at the corners.

# The Origin

The origin of this traditional game is not clear apart from being from Spain. Although it is believed that it has existed for at least 40 years, because there has been evidence of people who played some very similar versions of this same game in the 80s.



# Its Evolution



- This popular game has been transmitted by word of mouth among Spanish people, so it is not clear how it has evolved from the original concept of the game to the modern day version.
- However, asking people from other generations who have played this game, I found out that in the past they also played the game without saying the name of the other person, just imitating the sound of a gun.

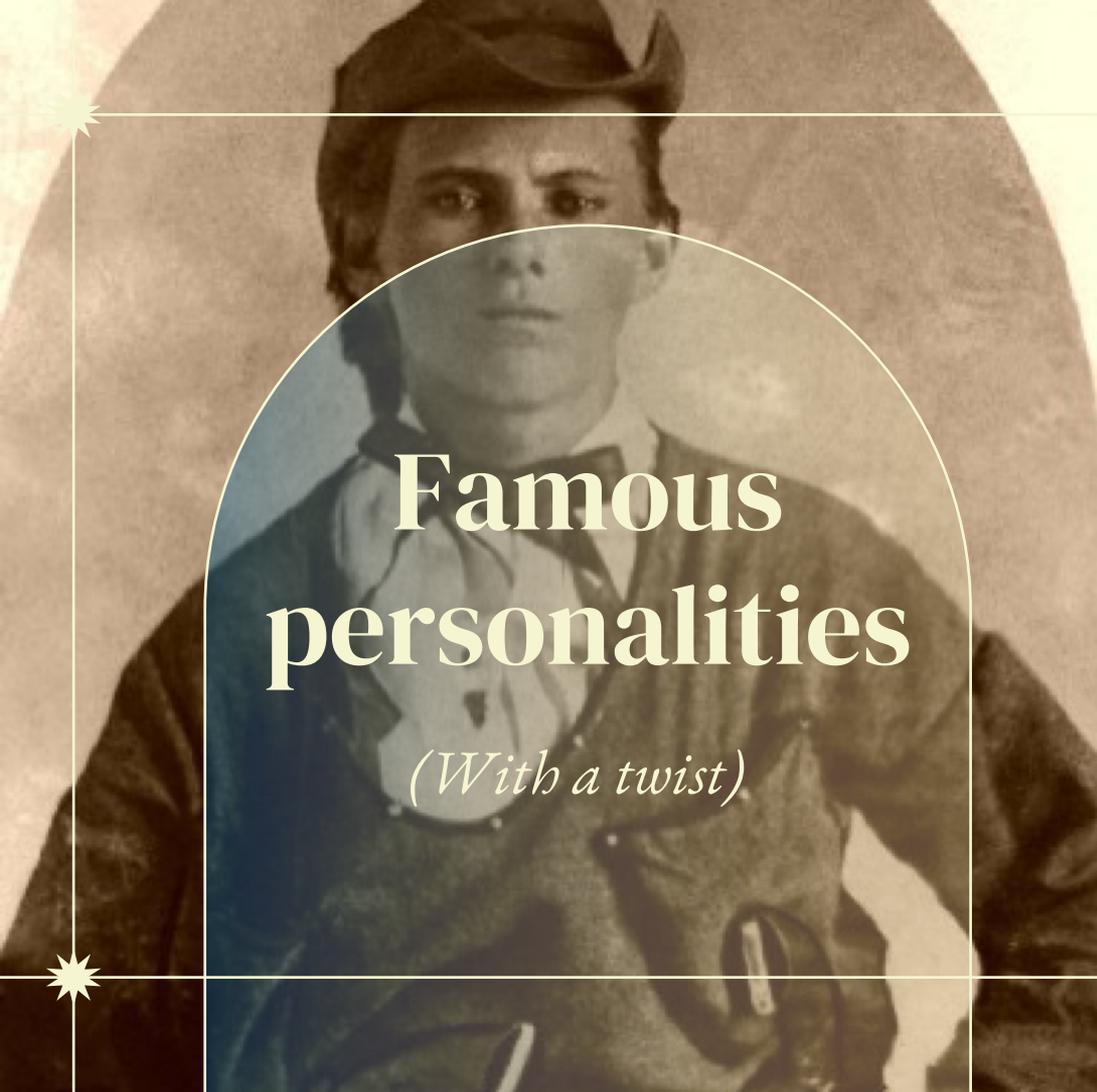




# Famous personalities

After researching I have not found any famous personalities known for playing this game. But probably, any celebrity who has grown up in Spain during the last 3 decades, has played this game sometime during their childhood.

Who knows, maybe Rafa Nadal was once even better at “El Pistolero” than he is at tennis.



# Famous personalities

*(With a twist)*

What we do know, however, is that the game "El Pistolero" was inspired by the gunfighters of the Wild West who engaged in pistol duels. And some famous characters known for these pistol duels are for example Joaquin Murrieta, William H. Boney, aka 'Billy the Kid' or Jesse James, who were well-known outlaws and gunfighters at the time and who stood out for their agility and speed when they came to a pistol duel.



# “El pistolero”



·"El pistolero" is a very typical game in Spain and it is a wonderful way to have fun and meet new people.

I have always played it outdoors, camping in the mountains or in the countryside. And the truth is that I only have happy memories of this game, surrounded by nature, fun and friends.

·On the whole I would say that this game represents very well the warm and sociable nature of my country.





Thank you.

