

1. Match the underlined words with the definitions below.

- a. laugh in a nervous or silly way
- b. someone who makes others suffer or worry a lot
- c. a game played by kicking and catching a ball
- d. to say something suddenly and loudly because you are surprised, annoyed or excited
- e. strange or unexpected
- f. to damage a part of your body by rubbing it against something rough
- g. the most violent; the angriest
- h. a Y-shaped object with a piece of elastic used by children to shoot small stones

2. Answer the questions. Give long answers.

- a. What did race issues refer to in the article? What do people take it to mean today?
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- b. What was "magic" about dad removing his thumb? Why do you think kids aren't impressed anymore?
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- c. What does the writer mean by stating: "if you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!!"
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