



50 fun & interesting things to do at home

We've put together some activity ideas and resources to help you spend quality time at home with your young ones.

Some activities may require materials such as food or craft items, but each activity is designed to be adaptable to things you have around the house.

1. Make a den out of sheets & pillows.
2. Take turns reading to each other.
3. Make milkshakes or smoothies.
4. Do some kitchen science experiments.
5. Paint your nails together.
6. Have a spa night with homemade face masks.
7. Look through old photo albums together.
8. Watch your child's favourite TV show or movie together.
9. Exercise together. Maybe learn this dance routine from Frozen!
10. Play a board game.
11. Help them clean their room.
12. Rearrange their bedroom furniture.
13. Pull out a box of toys they haven't played with for a while.
14. Look at the stars.
15. Teach your child how to cook.
16. Teach your child how to play a card game you know.
17. Share a memory from your childhood.
18. Visit the online children's library from Oxford University Press.
19. Visit a free public museum online.
20. Plant seeds from something you've eaten, such as an apple or watermelon.
21. Bake bread or cakes together – recipes here.
22. Have a tea party.
23. Play school or office together.
24. Make your own treasure map.
25. Play 'I Spy'.
26. Listen to your favourite songs together.
27. Read your favourite childhood picture book together.
28. Make a family tree.

29. Make your own memory game out of family photographs.
30. Help your child send an email to a grandparent, aunt, or uncle.
31. Make a care package to send to a relative who lives far away.
32. Write encouraging letters to each other and then mail them three months from now.
33. Draw caricatures of each other.
34. Have a picnic outside or on the living room floor.
35. Build animal families out of homemade play-doh ([recipe here](#))
36. Make up a silly song or poem together with poet Simon Mole [here](#).
37. Teach one another some new dance moves.
38. Tell your child three things you really like about them.
39. Make a special breakfast "just because."
40. Make [swords out of rolled up newspaper](#) and have a pretend sword fight.
41. Make a meal together for someone else.
42. Build something out of trash/recycling items ([some ideas here](#)).
43. Do some bird watching.
44. Collect leaves and then try to identify them by [researching them online](#).
45. Let your child teach you about something they know or do well.
46. Make life-size drawings of each other on the back of some old wrapping paper.
47. Help your child practise a sport they enjoy.
48. Write messages on the mirror for one another with soap.
49. Create memory boxes for your child's favourite pictures, artwork, and mementos.
50. Create a special place in your home for displaying your child's artwork.

Our top sites & links for activities:

- TWINKL for educational activities & crafts (Early years – KS2)
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>
- CBEEBIES apps for learning & stories (for littler ones)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-cbeebies-apps?collection=cbeebies-on-the-go>
- FREE gigs, museums & activities for all ages
<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home>
- FREE poetry resources & activities with Poet Simon Mole
<http://www.simonmole.com/free-poetry-resources>