

Almost 100 Ideas to keep your kids busy during
Coronavirus school closures



1. [Amazing Educational Resources Public Group](#) has endless suggestions and links in its open Facebook group.
2. Renee at GoZen has lots of free advice and resources to help children, and their carers, during this time. Take a peek - [The Science of Happiness for Kids Public Group](#)
2. [Listen to a real astronaut read you a book from space](#)
3. Create an “I’m bored” list. Each person lists ideas for what they can do when they get bored. Stick it on the fridge. Use it when you get bored.
4. Play board games.
5. Make puppets from socks, paper bags or stuffed animals with their stuffing pulled out.
6. Make a comic book.
7. Learn to make healthy snacks for after-school.

8. Pick a favourite animal and research it. Create a fact sheet about it.

9. Make and play with [salt dough](#)

10. [Make a button spinner](#)

11. [Explore Mars with curiosity](#)

12. Lego activity: Make a list of animals and buildings. Write them all down on individual pieces of paper and put them in a box. Each person draws one out and has to build it with Legos.

13. [Do a 30-day Lego Challenge](#)

14. [Make your own Knex rubber band cars and race them down the hallway, in the kitchen or on the drive or patio.](#)

15. Explore the arts, history and foreign places with Google Arts & Culture.

16. [Visit a museum!](#)

17. Take a walk and see how far you can get in 30 minutes. Following the same route, can you get further the next time to walk? And further again the time after that?

18. [Make origami animals and objects](#)

19. [Take a virtual tour of the Great Wall of China](#)

20. [Teach each other card games with a standard deck of cards.](#) Make up your own games!

21. Go through the house looking for broken toys or things that need to be thrown away. Use tape and glue to them into a found-art sculpture art project instead.

22. [Take a virtual field trip to Yellowstone National Park's](#)

23. Have a contest to see who can pick up the most dishes/clothes/socks/legos/etc laying around the house. The winner gets to pick the next board game.

24. Be nose-y and use google earth to take a closer look at countries around the world.

25. [Look at the fish!](#)

26. Thank a community hero by writing a letter or making a thank you card to express your gratitude.

27. Pick a sentence from a book. How many words can you make from the letters in the sentence?

28. Build a house of cards.

29. [Check out the Kitchen Pantry Scientist.](#)

30. Create your own secret code. Write a letter to someone else in the code.

31. Listen to podcasts.
32. Blow bubbles outside.
33. Draw pictures on the driveway or patio using chalk.
34. [Play this game!](#)
35. Build a den!
36. Camp out in your garden or in your den!
37. Use FaceTime, Skype, Google Hangouts or another platform to video chat with a friend or relative.
38. Have a virtual party using a video chat platform. Play party games.
39. Record yourself reading a story, or a chapter of your favourite story, and send it to your teacher to share with your class. Remember to show your audience the book cover, tell them the book title and author.
40. [Make your own felt board for them to create scenes, practice spelling or do math problems](#)
41. [Write an acrostic poem about a friend.](#)
42. Make a junk model using recycle materials.
43. Make your own musical instruments. (Search online for hundreds of ideas.)

44. Have a contest to see who reads the most books.
45. Put on a family play. Perhaps you could write a 'lockdown' play?
46. Plan the next family holiday.
47. Collect rocks on a walk. Paint them at home - leave them on your next walk for others to collect.
48. Build a bug hotel and insect feeding platform.
49. Plant a herb garden.
50. Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden.
51. [Start your 500 words story ready for submission next year.](#)
52. Wash the Car!
53. [Try out Epic! Books.](#)
54. [Check out "A Week of Awesome Afternoon Adventures" with Chris Field.](#)
55. Design your own exercise routine. Take turns teaching an "exercise class" to your favourite tunes.
56. Bake!
57. [Learn Makaton sign language.](#)

58. Learn three new vocabulary words a day. Turn each word into a painting or other art project.

59. Watch a favourite movie or cartoon in a different language. (Most DVDs have other language options.)

60. Watch a favourite movie or cartoon on mute and make up your own dialogue.

61. Watch cooking videos online for making food from another country. Try to make the dish.

62. [Treat your parents to a home spa pamper day!](#)

63. Write and post a letter to your grandparents or other relatives or friends.

64. Learn a new skill - like knitting

65. Do puzzles and word searches.

66. Learn a new chore.

67. Have a contest to see who can match the most socks from that basket full of odd socks.

68. Do yoga! Plenty of videos on streaming services and online video sites can lead you through a virtual class.

69. Create an outdoor obstacle course. Use old toys or things you find in your garage and google online suggestions for specific obstacles.

70. Do jigsaw puzzles. Don't have any at home and don't want to spend the money? Then create your own: Draw or paint a picture. Glue it to the cardboard from a box.

71. [Do a household scavenger hunt.](#)

72. Target water shoot-out. Fill up a squirt bottle with water and squirt it at objects set out in the garden.

73. Make art from stickers and construction paper.

74. Got a lot of boxes laying around from package deliveries? Make box towers or forts.

75. Play dress-up. (Need a break? Take your favourite outfits out of the closet and then let your kids run wild with what's left.)

76. Hide and seek with objects: One person hides the object in the house, and the others have to find it.

77. Play with and care for your pets.

78. Practice your instrument, sport skills, choir songs, math or other skills.

79. Create a home movie with your smartphone video

80. [Take an art class.](#)

81. Learn about a different religion.

82. Learn to sew. Dozens of online sites and YouTube videos are specifically aimed at teaching kids to sew.

83. Pick a favourite song. Choreograph a dance routine to it.

84. Record a daily diary.

85. Learn about maps and make a map of your neighbourhood.

86. Learn a choreographed dance routine.