Free math games for kids: five games that make practice feel like play

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Free math games for kids on Peabody: blast aliens with the right answer, hatch pets with sums, outrun a dragon and jump through space. What each is like.

Peabody (peabody.kids) has free math games where answering a problem is how you play: blast an alien ship, hatch a pet, outrun a dragon or jump through space. They're free through the end of 2027, with no sign-up. The problems are made and marked by code, not AI, and children answer by tapping a choice, so no typing is needed. Here are five games from the games page and what each one is like. More are listed under math games for kids.

Why games for math practice?

Math facts need repetition, and repetition is dull. A game turns a "what's 7 times 6?" into a jump, a roll or a blast, which gets many children to do more of it. The risk is games that are all play and no practice, or that never stop. On Peabody, the learning games put the question at the centre: you can't move on without answering.

The games

Rocket Math Blast

Rocket Math Blast: blast the alien ship with the right answer. A quick, classic one for answering in a hurry.

Pet Hatch

Pet Hatch: grab the right sums, hatch pets and beat the bosses. Sums are the currency here, so a child collects, hatches and keeps going.

Wake the Dragon

Wake the Dragon: you took the dragon's coin, so run, and take the tunnel with the right answer to bring the rocks down behind you. A 3D runner for children who like speed.

Astro Rescue

Astro Rescue: jump through space and free the lost bots. A platformer with a little more to explore.

Dip & Dash

Dip & Dash: run, jump and answer at the doors. It has stages with a math side and a words side, so it can follow either interest.

Most of the learning games have three answer choices rather than typing, so younger children can play. Problems fit the child's grade, so a kindergartener and a fourth grader see different questions.

Which game for which child?

- A beginner or younger child: Rocket Math Blast or Pet Hatch. Simple choices, quick turns.
- A child who likes to move: Dip & Dash or Wake the Dragon.
- A child who likes a bigger world: Dip & Dash or Astro Rescue.

There's no wrong pick. Many children bounce between several.

Games and times tables

The games make a nice partner to Peabody's math page, where practice is steadier: each right answer makes the next problem a little harder, each miss a little easier, and a wrong answer gets a worked answer with a picture. Free times tables practice goes into it. The games are the fun, and the math page is the steady practice.

Keeping it healthy

Games are good at holding attention, so a grown-up's job is the stopping point.

1. Decide the length first. "Two games, then we read."
2. Mix it up. A math game, then a story from the library.
3. Play one together so you know what it's like.
4. Don't count the misses. Each miss is just practice.
5. Skip it if it isn't fun. Practice that a child hates doesn't last.

For the wider picture of what's inside, see the free AI learning tool for kids page, and for how Peabody makes stories, the free AI story generator page.

Away from the screen, mental math games for the car and the table practise the same facts, and the math fact fluency guide sets out which facts come when and a ten-minute daily routine.

Honest limits

- Games are practice, not a test, and can't tell you how well a child knows a fact.
- They aren't a curriculum, and don't replace school.
- Peabody has points that are earned, as many games do. There's no shop for real money

and no ads.
- The games change as Peabody grows, so the list on the games page is the real one.

Questions parents ask

Are the math games free?
Yes. Peabody is free for everyone through 31 December 2027, with no sign-up and no card.

What grades are the games for?
Peabody never asks a child's age. Problems fit the child's grade, and the math page starts at 2nd grade.

Do the math games use AI?
No. Math problems are made and marked by code. AI is used only to write and screen stories.

Does my child need an account?
No. One tap makes a reader on that browser, with no name, email or password.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/free-math-games-for-kids