Playable Google Doodle games for kids: where to find them, 10 to try

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Google's playable Doodle games still play free in its Doodle library. Where to find them, 10 good ones for kids (Pac-Man to Coding for Carrots), and what to check.

The playable Google Doodle games are kept in Google's own Doodle library at doodles.google, where each one plays free in the browser with no account: open a Doodle's page and click the Doodle to play. The first was Pac-Man in 2010. For kids, good ones to start with are Coding for Carrots, Magic Cat Academy, Garden Gnomes, the Doodle Champion Island Games and the Bach Doodle, which harmonizes a tune your child writes.

Peabody (peabody.kids) wrote this. None of these games is ours, Google didn't ask us to write about them, and there are no affiliate links. Every fact about a Doodle below comes from that Doodle's own page in Google's library, read on 29 October 2026. Peabody is free through the end of 2026 and shows no ads.

How to find and play Google Doodle games

1. Go to doodles.google, Google's library of past Doodles.
2. Search for a Doodle by name, or filter the library by format to see the interactive games.
3. Open the Doodle's page and click the Doodle to play. It runs in the web browser.

Google's About page says Doodles are playful changes to the Google logo for holidays, anniversaries and famous people, in many formats, interactive games among them. The 2010 Pac-Man Doodle was the first interactive game. A Doodle is on Google's home page for a short time; the library keeps them.

10 Google Doodle games kids like

• Doodle: 30th Anniversary of PAC-MAN · First shown: 21 May 2010 · What you do: Google's first playable Doodle: the original Pac-Man, with its maze, ghosts and sounds. Insert a second coin and a second player joins as Ms. PAC-MAN.

• Doodle: Halloween 2016: Magic Cat Academy · First shown: 31 October 2016 · What you do: Play Momo, a cat at a school for magic. Draw the shape shown over each ghost to cast a spell and send it away.

• Doodle: Celebrating 50 years of Kids Coding · First shown: 4 December 2017 · What you do: Also called Coding for Carrots. Snap coding blocks together, based on Scratch, to move a furry friend through six levels to its favorite food, carrots.

• Doodle: Celebrating Garden Gnomes · First shown: 10 June 2018 · What you do: Launch clay gnomes from a trebuchet into a garden. The farther a gnome goes, the more

flowers you plant; six gnomes differ in shape, weight and bounce.
• Doodle: Halloween 2018: The Great Ghoul Duel · First shown: 30 October 2018 · What you do: Google's first multiplayer game Doodle. Two teams have two minutes to collect spirit flames and carry them home.
• Doodle: Celebrating Johann Sebastian Bach · First shown: 21 March 2019 · What you do: Write a two-bar tune and a machine learning model harmonizes it in the style of Bach. Google calls it its first AI-powered Doodle.
• Doodle: Celebrating Lotería · First shown: 9 December 2019 · What you do: The card game Lotería, online. Play a private game with friends, or be matched with players anywhere in the world.
• Doodle: Doodle Champion Island Games · First shown: 23 July 2021 · What you do: Guide Lucky, a calico cat, through seven sports, beat each sport's champion, and join one of four teams on a worldwide leaderboard.
• Doodle: Celebrating Pizza · First shown: 6 December 2021 · What you do: Slice pizzas to fill orders. Each order names the toppings and the number of slices, and a closer match earns more stars.
• Doodle: Celebrating Bubble Tea · First shown: 29 January 2023 · What you do: Mix your own cup of bubble tea.

Momo the cat came back in Halloween 2020, swimming through four ocean levels down to the Abyss. In April 2020, while families were at home, Google brought back popular past game Doodles in a series called Stay and Play at Home, Coding for Carrots among them.

Which one for which child

• A first taste of coding: Coding for Carrots. Snapping blocks to move the furry friend is the same idea a child meets in Scratch. After it, Blockly Games goes a step further, free.
• Music: the Bach Doodle. A child writes a tune and hears it come back in harmony. Chrome Music Lab and Blob Opera are free music toys to try next.
• Drawing shapes: Magic Cat Academy, where each spell is a shape you draw. Quick, Draw! is Google's game where a computer guesses your drawing.
• Talking about halves and quarters: Celebrating Pizza. Ask how many slices make half the pizza before your child cuts.
• Throwing and trying again: Garden Gnomes. Which gnome goes farthest, and why?
• Family game night: Lotería, as a private game with the people in the room.

What to check before kids play

Our directory page on Google Doodle games has what we found: free, no account, no ads and nothing to buy, covered by Google's general privacy policy with nothing written for children. Three things to know:

- Some games match strangers. The Great Ghoul Duel and Lotería can match a child with random players worldwide, and the Champion Island Games has a worldwide team leaderboard. For a young child, pick the private game with friends that the Doodle pages describe.
- One leads to the next. It is easy to keep clicking from one Doodle to another. Pick one or two and stop there.
- Old games may not run everywhere. Some older Doodles may not work on every device.

The Doodles are games, and Google makes no learning claims for them. They are a fine treat for a few minutes, and a few of them (coding, music, pizza slices) are a good start for a conversation.

Want a game that teaches as it plays?

Peabody's games are learning games: as a child plays, a reading or math question comes up with three big answers to tap, at the grade they pick. They are free through the end of 2026, with no ads and no sign-up. Try Pet Hatch, Dip & Dash for a quick run, or for children 3 to 5, the preschool learning games. More free games by age are in free kids games, and for a story, the library.

Questions parents ask

Are Google Doodle games free?

Yes. They play in the browser on Google's Doodle library pages, with no account and nothing to buy.

What was the first playable Google Doodle?

The 30th Anniversary of PAC-MAN, on 21 May 2010. Google's About page calls it the first interactive game Doodle.

Where can I play old Google Doodle games?

In Google's Doodle library at doodles.google. Find the Doodle by name or filter for interactive games, open its page, and click the Doodle.

Are Google Doodle games safe for kids?

They have no ads and nothing to buy. A few multiplayer ones can match a child with strangers, so choose the private game with friends, and stay nearby. Our safe games for kids checklist works for any game.

Which Google Doodle game is good for learning to code?

Celebrating 50 years of Kids Coding, often called Coding for Carrots: a child snaps coding blocks together to get a furry friend to its carrots.

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