Things to do with kids at home

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Things to do with kids at home today: build a fort or a craft from the Rainy Day Box, print a maze or a word find, cook a no-bake snack, do five minutes of exercise in the living room, learn a magic trick, then read a short story. Everything here is free, with no sign-up.

Pick by what kind of day it is

- If today is…: Stuck inside, lots of energy · Start here: Indoor activities for kids · Then: Exercises at home, then a fort from the Rainy Day Box
- If today is…: Saturday or Sunday with nothing planned · Start here: Weekend activities for kids · Then: A morning-to-bedtime plan you can print
- If today is…: A toddler or a 3 year old · Start here: Activities for toddlers at home · Then: No-bake recipes and short bedtime stories
- If today is…: The screen is going on anyway · Start here: Screen time that teaches · Then: Games that practise reading or math, with no ads
- If today is…: Everyone home in the evening · Start here: Family game night games · Then: Game Night's scorer, Trivia and Charades
- If today is…: A long drive · Start here: Activities for kids on a road trip · Then: The License Plate Game and car games
- If today is…: Raining · Start here: The Rainy Day Box · Then: Forts, crafts and games, each card saying how messy
- If today is…: A child who just says "I'm bored" · Start here: Bored? · Then: Eight big buttons a child can tap alone

Pick by age

Each age page lists the activities, recipes, art, puzzles, stories and games that suit that age, at home rather than games only: 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7 · 8 · 9 · 10 · 11 · 12.

Everything, by kind

- Activity: The Rainy Day Box · What kind: Make · What a child does: Cards of forts, crafts, games and experiments with things most homes have, each saying how long, how messy and what a grown-up does. · Ages: 3 and up
- Activity: The Activity Book · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Mazes, word finds, riddles, dot-to-dots and logic puzzles in four sizes, most of them new every day, to print or do on screen. · Ages: 4 and up
- Activity: Dot-to-dot · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Join the numbers and a picture appears. Counting practice with a pencil. · Ages: 3 to 8

• Activity: Shadow match · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Match each picture to its shadow: looking closely, with no reading needed. · Ages: 3 to 6
• Activity: Odd one out · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Find the one that does not belong, and say why. · Ages: 3 to 6
• Activity: Mazes · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: A new maze to print or trace with a finger. · Ages: 4 to 10
• Activity: Spot the difference · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Two pictures, a handful of changes to find. · Ages: 4 to 9
• Activity: Word find · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Hidden words to circle, from short ones up. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Riddles · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Riddles to read out at the table and guess together. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Secret code · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Crack a coded message, then write one back. · Ages: 7 and up
• Activity: Sudoku · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Number grids from small to full size. · Ages: 8 and up
• Activity: Logic grid · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Read the clues and work out who has what. · Ages: 9 and up
• Activity: Coloring pages · What kind: Make · What a child does: Pictures to color on screen or print for the table. · Ages: 3 to 10
• Activity: Trace letters · What kind: Make · What a child does: Trace capital letters, starting with the first letter of your name. · Ages: 3 to 5
• Activity: The Art Studio · What kind: Make · What a child does: Crayons, paint and coloring on the screen. · Ages: 3 to 10
• Activity: How to draw · What kind: Make · What a child does: Step-by-step drawings to copy onto paper. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: No-bake recipes · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Food small hands can make with no oven: mix, spread, stack and eat. · Ages: 3 to 8
• Activity: The Kitchen · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Real recipes step by step with Crumb, saying which jobs are a grown-up's. · Ages: 4 and up
• Activity: Easy recipes · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Simple recipes a child can lead, with a grown-up on the hot and sharp jobs. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Funny food · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Snacks shaped like critters and faces. · Ages: 4 to 10
• Activity: Exercises at home · What kind: Move · What a child does: Real exercise sorted by how much room it needs, from a chair's width to a hallway. · Ages: 4 and up
• Activity: Brain breaks · What kind: Move · What a child does: One-minute moves to shake out the wiggles between quiet things. · Ages: 5 and up

• Activity: Stretches · What kind: Move · What a child does: Slow stretches for a calm end to a busy day. · Ages: 4 and up
• Activity: Easy magic tricks · What kind: Play · What a child does: First tricks to learn, practise and show the family after dinner. · Ages: 5 to 9
• Activity: Magic with household items · What kind: Play · What a child does: Real tricks with cups, coins, string and paper already in the house. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Card tricks · What kind: Play · What a child does: Tricks with an ordinary deck of cards. · Ages: 8 and up
• Activity: STEM projects · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Builds and experiments with things from the recycling and the kitchen. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: The Workshop · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Step-by-step builds and experiments to follow. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Science fair projects · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Forty projects with a question, a test and what to write down. · Ages: 8 and up
• Activity: Animals: compare two · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Pick any two animals and see which is bigger, faster or lives longer. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Space · What kind: Explore · What a child does: The planets in order, and what each world is like. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: The Body · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Tap the skin, muscles, bones, heart and organs to see what each does. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: The library · What kind: Read · What a child does: Free stories by reading level, to read together or alone, with no account. · Ages: 3 and up
• Activity: Short bedtime stories · What kind: Read · What a child does: Stories short enough for one more before lights out. · Ages: 3 to 8
• Activity: Peabody TV · What kind: Read · What a child does: The library's books as read-along shows. · Ages: 3 to 7
• Activity: Story idea generator · What kind: Make · What a child does: Tap for a who, a where and a what-happens, then write or tell the story. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Pet care books · What kind: Read · What a child does: Short stories about looking after dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters and more. · Ages: 4 to 10
• Activity: Music · What kind: Music · What a child does: Song sheets in any key, the Chord Finder, Beat Buddies and the sing-along. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Game Night · What kind: Play · What a child does: A phone score sheet for family dice games where the child does the adding. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Trivia · What kind: Play · What a child does: Ready trivia rounds, or build your own, for the whole table. · Ages: 7 and up
• Activity: Charades · What kind: Play · What a child does: Charades words by age, for a living room game with no board. · Ages: 5 and up

• Activity: Chess · What kind: Play · What a child does: A daily puzzle, a game to play and the openings explained. · Ages: 7 and up
• Activity: Tangram puzzles · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Seven shapes, one picture to make. Cut a set from paper. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Worksheets · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Printable reading and math sheets by grade. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Typing games · What kind: Play · What a child does: Learn the keyboard with races and lessons. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Preschool learning games · What kind: Play · What a child does: Tap-to-play games where every question is said aloud, so no reading is needed. · Ages: 3 to 5
• Activity: Free games · What kind: Play · What a child does: The arcade: every game quietly practises reading or math, and Just play turns the questions off. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Picture timers · What kind: Play · What a child does: Fun picture timers for a turn, a tidy-up or ten minutes of screen time. · Ages: 3 and up

A rule of thumb for a day at home

Mix the kinds. Something to move, something to make, something to cook, something quiet, and a story at the end covers most of a day, and only one of those needs a screen. A grown-up nearby matters more than the activity: the cards and recipes say which jobs are theirs, such as the oven, the scissors and anything sharp.

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Questions parents ask

What can I do with my kids at home today with nothing planned?

Open the Rainy Day Box and tap Pick one for me, or print a sheet from the Activity Book. Both use things most homes already have and take ten minutes to an hour.

Are these activities free?

Yes. Everything here is free through the end of 2026, with no ads, no sign-up and nothing to download.

Do any of these need a screen?

Most do not once they are open: the recipes, exercises, magic tricks, printables and Rainy Day cards are done off the screen. The games, the Art Studio and Peabody TV are on screen.

What ages are they for?

About 3 to 12. The age pages list what suits each year, and every row here says its ages.

Is anything about my child saved or sent?

No. Nothing here asks for a name or an email. Rainy Day ticks, plans and game saves stay in your browser on that device.

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