



Fun and Learning at Home – A Compiled List of Possibilities

How many different words can you make from the letters in the following sentence? "Learning from home is fun." Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

Thank a community hero. Think of someone who helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards, or something else!

Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures, or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

Build a reading den. Find somewhere cozy, snuggle up, and read your favorite book!

Build a fort out of sheets and pillows.

Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?

Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.

List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for, or things you are good at.

Design and make an obstacles course at home or in the yard.

Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favorite song.

Write a play script. Can you act it out for other people?

Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.

Write a song or rap about your favorite subject.

Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place, or object and sketch it.

Junk modeling. Collect and recycle materials such as yogurt cups, toilet paper rolls, and boxes and see what you can create with them.

Draw a map of your local area or neighborhood and highlight interesting landmarks.

Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.

Language Development

- Rhyming Games
- Clap and Count Syllables - You say "September." They clap and say "Sep-Tem-Ber."
- Thumbs Up Rhymes – You say two words. They repeat the words and thumbs up if they rhyme.
- Beginning Match – You say "sun." They say a word that starts with an "s" sound.
- Noun Hunt – Write down nouns you see around your house/neighborhood.
- Reading Log with incentives
- Sight Word Hunt – Find words in books and magazines
- Read to a friend/family member/teddy bear.

Writing

- Write a letter to a friend/teacher/family member.
- Keep a daily journal.
- Write a thank you note.
- Make a book.
- Write a sticker story (draw a picture around a sticker and write about it).
- Practice penmanship/letter formation tracing.

Math

- Cook or bake with an adult.
- Add or subtract using cereal/snack.
- Go on a shape hunt.
- Sort toys by color/shape/size.
- Play store – practice buying and selling.

- Make up math equations and have someone solve it.
- Teach a sibling/friend/teddy bear how to count/add/subtract.
- Play "War" (card game).
- Create Math Bingo.
- Measure and Record – ex: How far can you jump?
- Build towers, mazes, traps.

Science

- Plant a seed and record observations.
- Go on a Nature Walk and write observations.
- Weather Report – keep a daily weather log.
- Research a topic that interests you – animal/planet/etc – and write/draw what you have learned about it.
- Plan a trip to somewhere you haven't been and write up your plans.
- Create a kingdom/country. Draw the flag, write your rules.
- Make slime.

Health/PE

- Help prepare a healthy meal with your family.
- Try a new vegetable – write your food critic review of it.
- At Home Recess – get your body moving!
- Do Stretches
- Play "Simon Says" with Exercises.
- Practice Yoga Poses (Kids' yoga YouTube videos)
- 1 Minute Workouts...examples: 1 minute plank, jumping jacks, high knees, run in place
- Eat healthy snacks/Eat the rainbow
- Make up a new game/sport to play

Arts

- Create a self portrait with any materials you have.
- Draw a mural with chalk.
- Draw a picture and create the title of your work.
- Use recycled materials to create a sculpture.
- Make up a song.
- Make up a dance routine.
- Put on a talent show.
- Star in your own play.
- Act out a story you know.
- Create a collage from magazine cutouts.
- Create Play-Doh sculptures
- Paint with watercolors

Outside

- Ride your bike or scooter

- Run – time yourself sprinting between two points and see if you can beat your own time
- Go crazy with sidewalk chalk

Create a sensory table

ABC Mouse app

Scavenger hunts

Make comic books

Coloring app

Memory Match Game

ABC Hunt (look for items, objects, animals around the house that start with each letter of the alphabet)

Research countries and write report

Watercolor painting on the driveway

Paint penne-style pasta and then put a thread through them to create jewelry.

Rotate your kids' toys to provide a change.

“Go Noodle” exercise videos.

Games at home (Boggle!, Scrabble, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Candyland, Go Fish!, Old Maid, dominoes, etc.)

Create a “Flat Stanley” Friend. “Flat Stanley” is a children’s book about Stanley – a bulletin board fell on him and now he is flat. He could be your child’s new friend, and you could create your own book about their adventures (indoors) together. You do not have to buy the book – just look up what he is about

https://www.amazon.com/Flat-Stanley-His-Original-Adventure/dp/0060097914/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=flat+stanley+first+book&qid=1584036874&sr=8-2

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> FREE children’s literacy resource featuring the world’s best storytellers reading books aloud. Each video includes an activity guide with lessons for K-5 students to do at home.

Maker Stations - \$10 digital download - Maker Stations provide targeted design thinking and space-saving solutions for elementary classrooms and media centers. They allow for a creative Makerspace atmosphere, emphasizing skills in engineering, art, math, science, technology, and music. 40 Maker Station options are provided with supply lists, instructions, QR code resources, and student planning/reflection templates. Common arts and crafts materials and [STEM Bins](#) are suggested for each station and can fit inside a large utility caddy. App extensions are provided for students to share and present creations.

Websites:

Freckle.com
Lexialearning.com
Starfall.com
MysteryScience.com
Readworks.org
STMath.com
KhanAcademy.org
Gonoodle.com
Abcya.com
Xtramath.org
Zearn.org

Apps:

RazKids
Seesaw
Epic
Vooks
Book Creator
Magnetic ABC
Ten Frames
ABCmouse
Monster Math
Scratch Jr
Starfall
Let's Read

YouTube:

Kids Learning Tube
Free School
Homeschool Pop
StoryBots
Khan Academy
Smithsonian Channel
The Brain Scoop
Word World PBS
TED-Ed

Sci Show Kids
National Geography Kids
Peekaboo Kidz
Storytime Online
Story Time with Ms. Becky
KidTimeStoryTime

Podcasts:

Brains On
Six Minutes
But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids
Story Pirates
Circle Round
Smash Boom Best
Wow in the World
Eleanor Amplified
The Two Princes
Ear Snacks
KidNuz

Excellent Resources for Taking Care of Yourself (Parents) and Providing Engaging, Stimulating Activities for Kids During This Health Crisis

<https://fragilex.org/blog/covid-19-my-child-is-home-from-school-or-work-or-a-day-program-what-do-i-do/> Includes "sensory" activities PDFs – really good!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>