

## DIGITAL LINKS to TALK, REaD, SING, RHYME, DRAW and PLAY EVERYDAY FROM HOME

**Talk – Use these sites to describe, question, guess, compare, explain, marvel, choose**

**Talk about all the exhibitions. What do they think the items are? Who might have used them and what could they have been used for? What colours can they see? Count and sort items in groups. Which are their favourites? Have they seen anything like it before? When? Where?**

**What are the animals doing? Why do they think they might be doing that? What do they like to eat?**

**Don't worry too much about facts. Let language flow and imaginations run wild.**

### **Explore the World**

Museums virtual experiences <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtualtours?>

<https://www.familiesmagazine.com.au/museum-virtual-tours/>

<https://totallythebomb.com/heres-33-national-park-tours-you-can-take-virtually-from-thecomfort-of-yourhome?>

### **VIRTUAL EXCURSIONS**

To places like zoos, The Louvre, The Great Wall of China, farms and some cute animals.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDs.../mobilebasic>

The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour! <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

Tour Yellowstone National Park!

<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover.

<https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>

This Canadian site FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs. <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>

British Museum

This iconic museum located in the heart of London allows virtual visitors to tour the Great Court and discover the ancient Rosetta Stone and Egyptian

mummies. <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

Geography and animals

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Digital archive of history <https://www.bunkhistory.org/>

35,000 pages of online content on the cultures and countries of the world. <https://www.countryreports.org/>

Interactive video earth science based curriculum supplement.

<https://www.everydayearth.com/>

An interactive way to learn history

<https://www.mission-us.org/>

Allows students to type in any city, state, or country to view an archive of historical photographs and other documents. It's a unique way to help them learn about history.

<http://www.whatwasthere.com/>

A human visualization platform that allows students to explore the human body in really cool ways. <https://human.biodigital.com/login?returnUrl=%2Fdashboard>

Helps kids learn to appreciate the arts by providing them with the opportunity to play games, conduct investigations, and explore different forms of art. <https://artsology.com/>

No need to travel to one of the Smithsonian's zoos or museums — this website brings your child everything from live video of the National Zoo to the Smithsonian Learning Lab right to their screen <https://www.si.edu/kids>

This NASA initiative covers a wide range of topics including weather, climate, atmosphere, water, energy, plants, and animals. <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>

Innerbody explores the 11 bodily systems in depth. With interactive models and detailed explanations, this website will help them learn more about the internal mechanics of the amazing human body. <https://www.innerbody.com/html/body.html>

A Big List of Podcasts for Kids

[https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/parenting/podcasts-for-kids.html?fbclid=IwAR0zsLen5W7\\_fqBmW5W8UsPSVLjfqLU0uC0yeXi4KJw9PnaRHQxQS5E\\_Dp8](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/parenting/podcasts-for-kids.html?fbclid=IwAR0zsLen5W7_fqBmW5W8UsPSVLjfqLU0uC0yeXi4KJw9PnaRHQxQS5E_Dp8)

## **REaD**

**Great for relaxation and quiet time if you can find any of the books in hard copy to read along with that is even better!**

AUDIBLE' has free audio books for children to listen to. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

SCHOLASTIC has some Ebooks and other resources (some of which are free) <http://scholastic.com/learnathome>

David Walliams reads his books podcast for Children

<https://www.classicfm.com/.../new-podcast-for-children-david-walliams>

Fave kids books read by famous people <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

National Geographic Young Explorers is a magazine designed specifically for kindergarten and first grade students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with the highlighted text. <https://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>

**Free access to historical children's books you may have loved as a child.**

[http://www.openculture.com/2020/03/digital-archives-give-you-free-access-thousands-of-historical-childrens-books.html?fbclid=IwAR1GNguyEbYwFesLHAWLAskzAaAwaJcqnxqh\\_EhypsjaxfQpYdGukkS2eA4](http://www.openculture.com/2020/03/digital-archives-give-you-free-access-thousands-of-historical-childrens-books.html?fbclid=IwAR1GNguyEbYwFesLHAWLAskzAaAwaJcqnxqh_EhypsjaxfQpYdGukkS2eA4)

**Andy Lee Book being Read. Lots of links to other children's books when you open this one.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCr92qbh5ls>

## **Sing/ Rhyme**

Baby Karaoke Play animated videos with the words and tunes of popular children's songs and nursery rhymes. Sing along to children's favourites like Baa Baa Black Sheep, Rock-a-Bye Baby and Old MacDonald.  
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/baby-karaoke>

ABC has lots of games and things to watch, make, listen to. Including LITTLE YARNS which explores the diverse languages, stories and countries of Indigenous Australia. Go to <https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/>  
<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-freesubscriptions/>

David Walliams Musical Podcast  
<http://marvellousmusicalpodcast.com>

Poetry and music <https://www.thewell.world/mindful-music/mindful-poetry-moments>

## Draw

Have you tried combining drawing time with read-aloud time?

It doesn't work with picture books, obviously, but chapter books don't (usually) have pictures to look at, so it's fine if the kids are looking at their drawings while listening. Even kids as young as 4 and 5 can enjoy a read-aloud chapter book, especially if they can doodle along while listening. Try Charlotte's Web and the The Magic Tree House series

Suggestion from THE ARTFUL PARENT <[jean@artfulparent.com](mailto:jean@artfulparent.com)>

Mo Willems is doing online drawing lessons! <https://www.boredpanda.com/free-onlinelunch-doodles-sessions-for-kids-mowillems/>

Kids Think Design explores careers in fashion design, graphic design, interior design, book design, product design, film and theatre, architecture, animation, and environmental design. <http://www.kidsthinkdesign.org/>

## Play

### **Resources**

TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS has downloadable files (Preschool to secondary levels) Some free and some \$. It is an American site but teachers around the world (including Australia) place items they have developed on this site. If you register (no cost) regular emails arrive with articles and specials. Current newsletter had 3 articles for teachers on 'Getting started with distance education'

Twinkl is a resource site that a lot of teachers are familiar with. They have just come out with this amazing offer for unlimited access for teachers AND PARENTS! Details and code on their website. Includes teach at home packs. Truly worth a look...

<https://www.twinkl.com.au/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirusshutdown-a-guide-forschools?>

Science activities

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/snacks>

Indoor Activities for busy toddlers

<https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indooractivities/?>

Play games and learn all about animals

<https://switchzoo.com/>

Math and Reading games <https://www.funbrain.com/>

300,000+ FREE printable worksheets from toddlers to

teens <https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/>

Crafts, activities, mazes, dot to dot, etc, <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>

Fun games, recipes, crafts, activities <https://www.highlightskids.com/>

Educational games K-12 <https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome>

Daily free science or cooking experiment to do at home

<http://www.clubscikidzmd.com/blog/>

Free Weeks of Maker Stations to keep your children creating at home! Each challenge includes simple instructions using materials around the house, QR code video resources, and a student recording sheet. [bit.ly/freemakerstations](http://bit.ly/freemakerstations)

Illustrated recipes designed to help kids age 2-12 cook with their grown-ups. Recipes encourage culinary skills, literacy, math, and science.

<https://www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library>