

Dear Parents,

Here is a list of ideas to help your children develop their speech and language skills while we are off:

[Speech and Language Home Suggestions for Emergencies Handout](#)

- Play a game where you hide something and give your child specific directions on how to find it (i.e. Go up the stairs. Turn right and walk to 10 steps. Look behind the pillow.) Then have your child take a turn hiding something and giving you specific directions.
- Play a game where you describe an item and have your child guess what you are talking about. Then have your child take a turn describing an item for you to guess.
- Write a sentence, cut the words apart, mix up the words, and have your child put the words in order.
- Have your child name all the items they can think of that fit in a category (i.e. fruits, vegetables, etc)
- Ask your child imagination questions (i.e. if you were a bird, what would you see when you are flying)
- Have your child make up a story.
- Have your child tell you how two things are alike and how two things are different (i.e. an apple & a banana; a fork & spoon; a car and a motorcycle)
- Simon Says
- Headbandz game (use it for describing items together, turn-taking, predictions - you can write down what the other person says to help you find out what item you have on your head)
- Make a treasure hunt for the kids to find fun toys or snacks
- Name a shape and have your child go around the house and find things that are that shape
- Place objects from around the house (i.e.: spoon, crayon) in a pillow case or bag and have your child describe to you what each object is using specific characteristics (i.e. size, shape, color, parts, location, group it belongs to)

- Have your child follow directions to work on prepositions (i.e.: in, on, over, under) with your child's favorite toy. Tell your child to place the toy "under" the chair or "in" the box. After, have them work on their expressive language by having them create the direction using a preposition.
- <https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/>
- Wall Bop - Put each alphabet letter on a sticky note and put them on a wall or door. Have the kids throw a beanbag at them. Whatever letter they get, they have to name the letter and something that starts with that letter.
- [HearBuilder Online Free Trial](#) Hear Builder is a great way for your child to work on following directions, phonological awareness, auditory memory, and sequencing.
- <https://busybeespeech.com/>

PHONOLOGY

Minimal Pairs Smash Mats

Final Consonant Deletion

Here are some handouts for parents that Super Duper and various other websites offer that describe different activities:

LANGUAGE - Listening, Reading and Speaking Skills

Reading

[Dialogic Reading - quick video on how to read with your child and prompt them while reading](#)

[Sight Words](#)

[Reading is What? FUNDAMENTAL!](#)

[Scholastic Reading Materials](#)

Language

[Practicing Language Skills in the Car](#)

[Sentence Building Activities](#)

[Ways to Teach Opposites](#)

[Fun ways to practice the main idea at home](#)

[Spatial Concepts and Relationships – Early Skills with Preschoolers](#)

[Promoting Oral Language Development in Young Children](#)

[How to help your child answer wh- questions \(who, what, when, where, why, etc\)](#)

[Crafting Beautiful Speech and Language](#)

[Do You See What I Hear?](#)

[Benefits of Coloring](#)

[Naming Attributes](#)

[Beating the Winter Blahs: Ten Boredom Busting Family Activities](#)

[Speech and Language Activities Calendar - January to December 2020](#)

[Basic Concepts](#)

[speechandlanguagekids.com has 11 FREEBIES!!](#)

[speechbuddy.com has many suggestions too](#)

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Parent-Handout-Speech-Practice-On-The-Go-3075616>

<https://www.readworks.org>

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

<http://www.idiomconnection.com>

<https://do2learn.com/>

Vooks is an online animated stories site with lesson plans available to read books and answer questions: Vooks is a great resource to use in the home with your children. Vooks is a streaming library of ad-free, kid-safe animated read-aloud storybooks, trusted by teachers and enjoyed by millions of children around the world every week. It is an entire library of storybooks, brought to life, to help encourage the love of reading. You can sign up for Vooks and use the take-home resources to help keep your children reading 20 minutes a day during these extraordinary times.

Sign Up Link:

www.vooks.com/parent-resources

(educators gets Vooks free for one year when you put in your school email address)

Take-Home Lesson Plans

[Week 1](#)

[Week 2](#)

[Vocabulary Pinball](#)

Infercabulary; www.infercabulary.com - Special offer of 2 free months -

[Elementary to High School Common Core Vocabulary Word Practice](#)

Science Vocab and other subjects w/worksheets

<https://kidskonnnect.com/science/water-cycle/>

Tracy Boyd's online language games - [Class Page - havefun](#)

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

[Free parent Handouts for vocabulary, book/app suggestions and language strategies](#)

Newsela.com

Vocabulary.com

Vocabulary resource: www.infercabulary.com Special offer of 2 free months

Khanacademy.org

Cloze Technique activities, incorporating music; SLP in the Middle:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Slp-In-The-Middle>

[Crafts - Good for Following Directions and Sequencing](#)

Tracy Boyd's online language games - <https://www.quia.com/pages/havefun.html>
Scholastic.com/learnathome

Highlights for Kids - www.HighlightsKids.com

[Basic Concepts Scavenger Hunt](#)

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/games.html>

<http://www.kids-pages.com/flashcards.htm>

[Actors and Actresses Reading Books Aloud](#)

ARTICULATION

How to Teach Sounds: Step By Step Guide

[Fun Ways to Practice Articulation Skills in the Car](#)

[Speech Practice at Home](#)

[Encourage Speech Sounds Through Reading](#)

[Creative Articulation Practice at Home: Fun for the Whole Family!](#)

[Articulation pictures for practice by every sound](#)

[Beginning Sounds Song](#)

[Speech Therapy Word Lists](#)

[Online Articulation Games](#)

[Minimal Pairs by Carolina Bowen](#)

Speech Teammate - [Free Articulation Worksheets](#)

[Super Duper Speech Calendar](#)

[Speech and Language Home Practice \(Free TpT download\)](#)

[Speech Therapist Mom - Helpful Videos](#)

Carl's Corner- reading specialist/teacher created free resources- scroll down to Website Directory (Blends Bonanza has word lists/activities for many blends):[://www.carlscorner.us.com](http://www.carlscorner.us.com)

[Speech artic calendar//distance learning resource FREE on TPT](#)

[Speech Articulation Materials, different activities by sound](#)

[Breanna's Speech Shop Articulation Freebie](#)

Pragmatics

[Teaching Ideas for Conversation Skills](#)

[Simon's Cat](#)

[Social Skills Squad - Free Videos](#)

Books with Activities

<https://www.activitytailor.com/free-book-recommendations-and-activity-ideas/>

Everydayspeech.com - sign up for a free trial. Also free if your SLP has access.

<https://videolearningsquad.com/courses/free-access-social-skills-squad/>

Videolearningsquad.com - free right now only

Model Me Going Places 2- free social stories app

<https://videolearningsquad.com/courses/free-access-social-skills-squad/>. - free social stories

Ms. Lane's SLP materials

<http://slpmaterials.blogspot.com/search?q=social+skills>

Short wordless videos

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/135i48wOZvhcEMH9kfHRdxQVj6dBlBqePeF8ZaSR9rSk/edit>

Free use of Social Express Interactive Software through April 15th

<https://socialexpress.com/sign-up/?fbclid=IwAR2OUA3T9Fz-n7sA9SqGCDZIwbQM5dRcMGX5sXIOTyBdbsaEshHoSe-kJZw#quote-request>

Rhyming, blending

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD-evwtW7iGqUV-Xhdu75Ow>

Tons of resources and visual supports:

<https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/>

Fluency

The Stuttering Foundation - <https://www.stutteringhelp.org/>

Teachers Pay Teachers, Free Handout -

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/4-Incredible-Stuttering-Treatment-Techniques-for-Preschool-Children-Who-Stutter-4291149>

CORE / AAC

Core Vocabulary Songs

Various Learning Resources

Speakingofspeech.com - all areas of speech therapy

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/> - all areas of speech therapy

Cloze Technique activities, incorporating music; SLP in the Middle:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Slp-In-The-Middle>

Or therapy ideas for older students on her FB page: SLP in the Middle Diary of the Speech Lady

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KCFnWreu4v7VoO3NbgP-Qcq2LyE1FvliYSoiTLRY7Qg/htmlview?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR3onqbR_gzaUGUEivWH2EQUoAG43UdvLSrEr55BfKhvnmYwi-ppFKHnpcU&sle=true# - all areas of speech therapy

Teacherspayteachers.com - search “free speech therapy”

- Natalie Snyders and Nicole Allison have lots of free materials
- <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Speech-and-Language-Home-Suggestions-for-Emergencies-for-SLPs-FREEBIE-5317375>
- Free material - search for “Outer Space-Themed Speech & Language Homework Calendar”

Superduperinc.com - <https://www.superduperinc.com/Handouts/Handout.aspx>

Speech & Language Kids - <https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com>

Mmmm Starfall - www.starfall.com

Games for speech and language development:

<http://www.playingwithwords365.com/15-best-games-for-speech-language-social-skills-development/>

<https://teachingtalking.com/best-board-games-for-speech-therapy/>
www.circletimefun.com

Socialthinking.com

Jill Kuzma

Modelmekids app - community based social stories

Free reading sources

<https://blog.reallygoodstuff.com/11-free-reading-websites-for-kids/?fbclid=IwAR2SQEuFTkrhMuFqJSRhblxiYuQ5FTedZ16bLJSQsV9oBHw0JLLIVHP7yJw>

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t3r618pd8MAi6V87dG2D66PtIKoHdHusBpjPKXgm36w/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR1FAVSM1mn7zb6_Tvn48FLQVEkd5vHWpXqCkYW7rEVTIFYnBTfYckV3kAY&sle=true#gid=0

PBS Learning Media

§ What It Is: This site uses curated PBS videos along with lesson plans, interactive materials, and more to cover lots of subjects in an engaging fashion.

§ What They're Offering: PBS Learning Media is always free for teachers. [Sign up here.](#)

Vooks

What It Is: Missing storytime already? Vooks is a kid-safe online streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks.

What They're Offering: Vooks is offering a free one-year membership to all teachers. [Find out more here.](#)

Scholastic

§ What It Is: Scholastic created the Scholastic Learn at Home website to provide students with approximately 20 days worth of learning journeys that span various content areas. Students get approximately three hours of learning opportunities per day, including projects based on articles and stories, virtual field trips, reading and geography challenges, and more.

§ What They're Offering: This service is free and limits printing materials for those who don't have adequate access. [Learn more here.](#)

ReadingIQ

§ What It Is: ReadingIQ is a comprehensive digital library offering books, magazines, comics, and more for kids from ages 2-12. It's a smart replacement for library time right now and makes it possible for teachers to monitor what and how much their students are reading.

§ What They're Offering: Age of Learning is offering ReadingIQ free to schools closed due to the outbreak. [Contact them here for more information.](#)

Freckle

§ What It Is: These online learning resources for younger students are easily differentiated for students of different ability levels.

§ What They're Offering: Adaptive math and ELA courses are always available for free for teachers and students. [Sign up here.](#)

BrainPOP

- § What It Is: BrainPop offers in-depth learning on topics across the curriculum for upper elementary and middle school students. Each topic includes videos, quizzes, related reading, and even coding activities. Teachers have access to planning and tracking resources too. They also offer [BrainPop Jr.](#), specially designed for younger kids.
- § What They're Offering: All schools get free access to their [COVID-19/coronavirus online learning resources](#) for talking to students about the topic. Any school closed due to the outbreak can receive free unlimited use of BrainPOP during their closure. [Contact them here.](#)

[ABCmouse Early Learning Academy](#)

- § What It Is: This comprehensive program covers a wide variety of subjects for students aged 2-8 (Pre-K through second grade). It offers more than 850 self-guided lessons across 10 levels. A companion program focuses on teaching English as a second language for this age group.
- § What They're Offering: [ABCMouse for Teachers](#) and [ABCMouse for Schools](#) are always free for all schools and teachers in the U.S. In another country? [Contact them here to see what they offer if you're closed due to COVID-19/coronavirus.](#)

[123 Homeschool 4 Me](#)

Over 200,000+ free homeschool printables on all school subjects for FREE

30 Great Educational Netflix Shows for K-5

Happy streaming!

[Hannah Hudson](#) on March 13, 2020

What are the best educational Netflix shows? We've gathered the top 30! Whether you're showcasing these to students or using them as part of a distance learning curriculum, these are the best options currently streaming.

Note to teachers: Some schools block Netflix, which requires you to use Netflix's offline feature to download preferred shows and use them during class. When it comes to the legality of streaming Netflix in the classroom, the company notes which media are available for [educational screenings](#).

Best educational Netflix shows for elementary school

[The Magic School Bus](#)

When a science concept just isn't clicking for your students ... Ms. Frizzle to the rescue! Stream episodes on the human body, gardening, weather, and more.

[Octonauts](#)

If you teach about the ocean, chances are there's an *Octonauts* episode related to your unit.

[Brainchild](#)

This science-based show answers all sorts of questions kids tend to ask.

[Ask the Storybots](#)

The only thing more curious than the bots are kids. Celebrity appearances and a music video at the end of each episode only add to the fun.

[The Who Was? Show](#)

Based on the popular book series, this live-action sketch-comedy show brings important historical figures, like King Tut, Marie Antoinette, and Pablo Picasso, to life in an entertaining and hilarious way.

Dino Hunt

Top scientists examine fossils found in Canada while looking for an elusive, new species!

If I Were an Animal

Observe different animals as they age from babies to adults.

Disney Nature: Oceans

This documentary explores the ocean depths and the creatures who live within.

White Fang

Have students compare the film version to the classic novel of the same name.

Growing Up Wild

Five baby animals in different parts of the world grow up learning to survive the wild.

Dream Big

This compelling documentary showcases some of the world's biggest engineering achievements.