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English Challenges



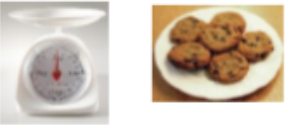


How many challenges can you complete? Tick them off as you go.








<p>Alphabet game</p> <p>Choose a category (food, animals) or a word class (collective nouns, adverbs) etc. and write a list starting with each letter of the alphabet.</p> <p>A = alligator B = baboon C = chameleon</p> <p>*Add adjectives e.g. angry alligators, brilliant baboons,</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Just a minute</p> <p>Choose a topic that you know lots about and talk about it for 60 seconds without hesitating (no 'ums' or 'errs' or repetition!).</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Yes and No</p> <p>You have one minute to answer as many questions as you can. The rules?</p> <p>You cannot say yes or no. You cannot nod or shake your head. You must answer within 3 seconds. You may not repeat an answer more than twice!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Riddles</p> <p>Can you solve this riddle? <i>I come one in a minute, Twice in a moment, But never in a thousand years. What am I?</i></p> <p>Write some of your own to challenge your family.</p> <p>Answer: The letter M</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Word Squares</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1697 470 1861 614"> <tr><td>c</td><td>a</td><td>b</td></tr> <tr><td>a</td><td>r</td><td>e</td></tr> <tr><td>b</td><td>e</td><td>d</td></tr> </table> <p>These are trickier than you think because the same three words need to be read horizontally and vertically!</p> <p>Can you make some of your own?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <p><small>Source: Playing with Words by A Trussell Cullen</small></p>	c	a	b	a	r	e	b	e	d							
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<p>Rebus Puzzles</p>  <p>Can you solve this rebus puzzle? Design some of your own to test your family.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Countdown</p> <p>P T O T I G F E P</p> <p>You have 5 minutes. How many words can make from the letters above?</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Film review</p> <p>Summarise a film you have recently watched. How many stars would you award it out of 5 and why?</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Boggle</p> <p>How many words can you find using letters that are next to each other?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1344 1053 1541 1252"> <tr><td>M</td><td>A</td><td>P</td><td>O</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>T</td><td>E</td><td>R</td></tr> <tr><td>D</td><td>E</td><td>N</td><td>I</td></tr> <tr><td>L</td><td>D</td><td>H</td><td>C</td></tr> </table> <input type="checkbox"/>	M	A	P	O	E	T	E	R	D	E	N	I	L	D	H	C	<p>Would you rather?</p> <p>Would you rather meet a dinosaur or an alien?</p> <p>Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of both to help you to decide.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>Marvellous menu</p> <p>Choose a character from a book/film. What sorts of things would they like to eat? Make a menu – describe each dish carefully and draw some pictures to illustrate.</p>  <input data-bbox="474 722 548 794" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Palindromes 1 (Words or sentences that can be read forward or backwards!)</p> <p>Some words are palindromes: <i>dad, madam, rotator, Hannah.</i> Challenge yourself to find 5 palindromic words.</p> <p>Sentence palindromes are fun to collect too. E.g. No lemons, no melon. (<i>It reads the same backwards and forwards.</i>)</p> <p>Can you invent one of your own? <input data-bbox="846 722 920 794" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Palindromes 2</p> <p>This poem can be read from the top line or from the bottom line.</p> <p><i>This fierce and hungry shark I saw, As I was swimming in the sea; With vicious teeth and powerful jaw, With beady eye that stared at me. It seemed to move so powerfully. Twelve feet long it was, or more. As I was swimming in the sea, This fierce and hungry shark I saw.</i></p> <p>Challenge yourself to write your own! <input data-bbox="1202 722 1276 794" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><small>Source: Playing with Words by A Trussell Cullen</small></p>	<p>Anagrams 1</p> <p>These are all anagrams of well known animals. Can you solve them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • star • toga • hear • paws • bolster • raptor • fowl • shore <input data-bbox="1568 722 1641 794" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Word Staircases</p> <p>A ten minute challenge. Select a letter at random and build a staircase, adding one more letter each time.</p> <p>n no net nine nasty nearly naughty</p> <div data-bbox="1832 544 1995 683" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>How big will your longest word be?</p> </div> <input data-bbox="1935 722 2009 794" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Kennings</p> <p>A kenning is the process of using a two-word phrase in the place of a one-word noun.</p>  <p>Write a list of kennings to describe your favourite food treat.</p> <p>E.g. Mouth-watering marvel, Tongue tantaliser, etc.</p> <input data-bbox="474 1310 548 1382" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Tongue Twisters</p> <p>Learn this tongue twister off my heart:</p> <p><i>A flea and a fly in a flue Were trapped, so what could they do? Said the fly, "Let us flee!" Said the flea, "Let us fly!" So the flew through a flaw in the flue.</i></p>  <input data-bbox="831 1305 904 1377" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Scrambled Words</p> <p>Unscramble these letters to make words connected with food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toracr • lpape • ootmta • rippsna • ryabrsetrw • ccraubmu <input data-bbox="1202 1310 1276 1382" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Write a Diary Entry</p> <p>You could write a diary about what is happening to you. You could write a diary in role as one of your favourite book/film characters.</p> <p>You could completely invent a day imagining you are exploring deep space, etc. The choices are limitless.</p>  <input data-bbox="1556 1310 1630 1382" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Collections</p> <p>Find the collective noun for these groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sheep • cows • thieves • owls • crows • ants • lions • fish  <input data-bbox="1935 1310 2009 1382" type="checkbox"/>

Maths Challenges

How many challenges can you complete? Tick them off as you go.

<p>Measure objects and rooms in your home using a tape measure or ruler. Can you calculate the perimeter of your bedroom? Investigate other rooms. What have you found out?</p>  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Make your own 'top trump' cards. Choose a theme you are interested in (e.g. – football players, dinosaurs, capital cities, characters in your favourite TV programme). Think of five categories and include scores for each category on each card. Play with a family member.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Write directions from your bedroom to the front door using positional language (e.g. – walk forward 6 steps and turn 45° clockwise....). Ask a family member to try out your instructions. Do they work? Try other routes around your home.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Make your own board game to play with your family. You could make the board with part of a cardboard box or cereal packet.</p>  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Make up a secret code with a key (e.g. – A = 1, B = 2 etc. or draw a symbol for each letter). Write a message for a family member or to send to a friend. Don't forget to give them a copy of the key!</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>
<p>Use Lego/Duplo bricks, building blocks or empty boxes etc. Build the tallest tower possible. Measure your tower using a ruler/measuring tape. Can you build a tower as tall as you or even taller? Set yourself some other similar challenges.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Use an unopened package of food which has a label telling you how much it weighs. Using your package to help you with your estimates, try to find as many items as you can which weigh more, less or the same. Arrange your items in three groups.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Help an adult to do some baking. Measure the ingredients carefully and enjoy the results!</p>  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Design your own theme park or zoo. Draw a map showing a bird's eye view and include a symbol for each feature. Think about how big each enclosure or ride will be and mark the measurements on your map.</p>  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Use a piece of rope, string or ribbon. What 2D shapes can you make on the floor? Draw each shape you make and mark any lines of symmetry.</p>  <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>

<p>Design some 'minute challenges' and try them out. Can you beat your score? Here are some ideas to get you started. Set a timer to measure a minute and record your scores:</p> <p>How many star jumps can you do?</p> <p>How many words can you read?</p> <p>How many words can you write?</p>  <input data-bbox="495 751 562 799" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Keep a weather diary. Design a key and use symbols to record the weather each morning and afternoon. Find the temperature from the TV weather or the internet. What is the difference in temperature between the warmest and coldest day? What other mathematical questions could you ask and answer?</p>  <input data-bbox="864 751 931 799" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Go on a 2D shape hunt around your home. You could record your findings on a tally chart or draw or photograph each shape. Which is the most common shape? Can you find any irregular shapes?</p>  <input data-bbox="1234 751 1301 799" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Write a story book with a maths theme for a younger child. Include maths ideas you have learnt in the past and colourful illustrations to draw the reader in. If you have a younger brother or sister, share your book with them.</p> <input data-bbox="1592 751 1659 799" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Draw a plan of your home from above. If there is more than one floor, draw these separately. Use symbols to show where objects are and record these on a key. Include measurements if you can.</p>  <input data-bbox="1951 751 2018 799" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Go on a 3D shape hunt around your home. You could record your findings on a tally chart or draw or photograph each shape. Which is the most common shape? Are there any shapes you can't find?</p>  <input data-bbox="495 1214 562 1262" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Look around your kitchen. What maths can you see? Draw or photograph each item you spot. Now try other rooms. Which room contains the most maths?</p> <input data-bbox="864 1214 931 1262" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Make up your own game using playing cards, dominoes or dice. Teach a family member how to play.</p>  <input data-bbox="1234 1214 1301 1262" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Go on a number hunt around your home. Record each number you spot. What is the highest number you have found? What is the lowest?</p> <input data-bbox="1592 1214 1659 1262" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Using one piece of A4 paper, make the longest possible paper chain. When it is finished, lay it out and measure it with a tape measure or ruler. If you did it again, would you change your method? How?</p>  <input data-bbox="1951 1214 2018 1262" type="checkbox"/>

Where possible, step away from the screen and get creative and busy at home. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Create an Easter egg hunt around your house for your family to take part in
- Stay active by doing the Joe Wick's workout
- Read your favourite book
- Watch a film and then write a review of it
- Spend time talking to family and friends or Facetime people that you can't go and see at the moment
- Create a 'Time Capsule'. Try to include objects, pictures and photographs
- Tidy your room and organise your toys
- Cook a meal with your family
- Write a letter to a relative or friend who you can't see at the moment

Extra Activities

Go to <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

On the Scout's 'The Great Indoor Challenges' there are lots of fun activities like creating a picture out of leaves, creating lolly pop catapults or designing a fancy photo frame.

The Great Indoors

We know the coming days and weeks are going to be difficult for families across the UK, as the spread of Covid-19 causes schools to close. As the experts in developing skills and bringing adventure to young people, we want to do what we can to help.

While we normally love the great outdoors, we've pulled together some inspired indoor activity ideas (if we do say so ourselves). Keep your kids learning new skills and having fun (and avoid hearing 'I'm bored' every 30 seconds) all in [27TheGreatIndoors](#).

- Snap happy**
Learn how to use a camera, and share your skills with others.
Suitable for: 8-10s | Takes: 20 mins
Snap happy >
- Storm in a teacup**
Understand energy by creating your own tornado.
Suitable for: 8-10s | Takes: 20 mins
Storm in a teacup >
- How to be kind to yourself**
Five ways to be kind to yourself with mindfulness and self-care (even if you don't really feel like it).
Suitable for: everyone
How to be kind to yourself >
- The leafy hedgehog**
Get crafty with natural materials to create a leafy hedgehog of your own.
Suitable for: 6-10s | Takes: 20 mins
The leafy hedgehog >
- Lolly stick catapults**
Put your pioneering skills to the test by creating a miniature catapult from lolly sticks.
Suitable for: 6-10s | Takes: 25 mins
Lolly stick catapults >
- Be a blackout poet**
Anyone can be a poet (even if they don't know it). Set your inner poet free!
Suitable for: 10-14s | Takes: 30 mins
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