

Using YouTube for Home Learning

There are plenty of amazing educational videos on YouTube that can be used as part of learning at home (and also inside the classroom). Why not take advantage of these free resources to help your children discover more about a wide range of subjects and topics?



Before choosing to watch any online video, it's worth taking some time to think about these questions:

- Is it suitable for your children? How can you tell? Was it created for children, or is it aimed at an older audience?
- Who created it? How can you be sure that the information in the video is accurate?
- What do your children hope to find out by watching the video? Do they have any questions about the topic before they start? Could you write these down and make a note of the answers as you watch the video?
- Some of the videos have adverts. Why is this?

Watching these videos can also make a fantastic starting point for further research and activities linked to each topic:

- While you are watching, your children may wish to make some notes. They could try to record the key vocabulary (and discuss what it means) or pause the video to draw some pictures or write a few sentences about what they have found out.
- Do your children have any additional questions after they have watched? Would they like to watch a part of it again to review their learning? Could they find out more about the topic from a different source (e.g. a book or website)?
- How could they record what they have discovered? They might want to draw some labelled diagrams or write a sentence / paragraph / page about the topic. If you have access to a mobile device, could they create an audio or a video report?

Let's explore the video channels...

English

- [The Alphablocks](#) are living letters who appear in wonderful videos to help your children learn about phonics and develop their reading skills.
- [KidsTV123](#) has a large playlist of phonics videos that children can watch.
- [Fairy Tales and Stories for Kids](#) has lots of animated stories to enjoy. Can your children retell the story to you after they have watched one of the videos?
- BBC Teach has [a playlist of English videos](#) to teach your children about punctuation and stories. It also includes ideas for writing, songs and more.
- CBeebies have [a playlist of their Bedtime Stories](#), in which people read popular children's books. Why not record your own version on a mobile device?
- [Watch this collection of book trailers](#) from Scholastic. Could you make a trailer for one of your favourite books?

Maths

- [The Numberblocks channel](#) has lots of great videos to help younger children learn about numbers, addition and subtraction.
- [The Numberjacks](#) are a group of superhero numbers who appear in educational videos that cover thinking skills, problem solving and maths.
- [The Singing Walrus](#) has lots of songs to teach children about numbers and counting.
- [Hopscotch](#) has songs to help your children with counting.
- Mr DeMaio creates fantastic educational videos, including [this playlist of songs](#) to help your children learn their multiplication tables.
- Laugh Along and Learn also have [a collection of Times Tables songs](#) that your children can sing!
- [This playlist from Happy Learning English](#) has some times tables songs, as well as videos about shapes and measurements.
- [Math & Learning Videos 4 Kids](#) have a wide range of videos about different maths topics.
- [This playlist from BBC Teach](#) explores how maths is used in different areas of life and work. It also includes videos about number, measure and shape concepts.

Science

- [Happy Learning English](#) has a large collection of videos about humans, animals and plants.
- [Learn about amazing animals](#) with this playlist from National Geographic Kids.
- Hopscotch produce many educational videos. [This playlist](#) has songs about habitats, the continents, oceans and planets.
- [Operation Ouch](#) produce educational videos about the human body.

- [Homeschool Pop](#) has put together a collection of videos that cover a wide range of Science topics.
- [SciShow Kids](#) has a wide range of Science videos that answer different questions about the world.
- [Science Max](#) carries out huge science experiments. Could your children try similar experiments, but on a smaller scale, at home?

Geography

- Learn about the continents around the world [with this playlist](#) from National Geographic Kids.
- [BBC Teach](#) has a playlist that can help your primary children to learn about different geographical concepts.
- [This playlist from Kids Learning Tube](#) is full of videos to teach your children about countries around the world.

History

- [The Horrible Histories channel](#) has some funny videos and entertaining songs that children can use to learn about different periods from history.
- [This playlist from Happy Learning English](#) has some animated history videos.
- [Clarendon Learning](#) has a large playlist of history videos for children.

Art

- [Art for Kids Hub](#) has an enormous range of 'How to Draw' videos and art / craft ideas.
- [5-Minute Crafts Play](#) shares craft ideas, experiments and tricks that you can try together.
- Disney Junior also has a playlist of videos [from their Art Attack series](#).
- [Easy Kids Craft](#) has lots of enjoyable craft activities that you can complete.
- [Free School](#) has a playlist of videos that can teach your children about famous artists from history.

Music

- [RelaxDaily](#) has an extensive collection of calming music that your children can play as part of mindfulness activities, or when they are working on other educational tasks.
- [Kidz Bop](#) produce child-friendly versions of popular songs. Can your children learn some of the lyrics or dance along with the moves shown in the videos?
- [Classical Kids Storytime](#) features children's stories that are accompanied by classical music.
- Free School has playlists to teach your children about [Beethoven](#) and [Mozart](#).

PE

- The Body Coach has [a great playlist of '5 Minute Move' videos](#). These provide short workouts to get your kids moving!
- [Little Sports](#) has videos featuring a variety of exercises to help your children stay active at home.
- [GoNoodle](#) has videos that teach your children different dance workouts.
- Try different yoga and mindfulness activities with [these videos from Cosmic Kids Yoga](#).
- [Footy Pups](#) shares videos to get younger children interested in exercise and to learn different football skills.

More

- National Geographic Kids have a playlist of videos that [teach children how different things work](#).
- TheLearningStation has [a playlist of songs to use as Brain Breaks](#), when your children need a refresh and recharge before they continue their learning.
- [Messy Hands](#) has a selection of easy recipes and cooking videos to try with your children.
- Discuss what is happening around the world by watching [this playlist of videos](#) from CBBC's Newsround programme.
- Homeschool Pop has [a playlist of timers](#) to use when you would like children to complete a task within a set amount of time!
- [Mike's Home ESL](#) has plenty of games, teaching tips, songs and warm-up activities that you can use with your children!
- [Teachers Hub](#) also has a variety of games and songs that you can try together.

We hope that this list of channels is useful. [Let us know](#) if you use any of them with your children!
