

Covid-19 Speech and Language Therapy Resources

Find below external links to websites that can support your child's speech, language, communication and social development at home. At time of posting all of these links were free of charge.

Accessible Information on Covid-19

Comic for teenagers (and you can listen to it too!)

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR3z2hffMf7vQfNOXSI8WeZsamKS7OdV8hBGhZqaXvXYaX1DBXeFhzqeTs&t=1584308539778>

Podcast on how to talk to children about Coronavirus

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510338/all-guides?fbclid=IwAR2Ixat-ifN-t5mK8XkldElkEPm4h1ayEEy3i-4vo9LgdzFuYh4mEdYt4Ic>

Video on Coronavirus:

https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR2u-1lygGz9yvtLW7J4W_zc4meowdsPqo3hCzLjpdHoh71eui1qCHCyPLg

Video on washing hands:

https://jr.brainpop.com/health/bewell/washinghands/?fbclid=IwAR0GIcH_44pIW_hUCywqIHGnif4ijl_JQMLVXCB73gKWyL1IqEDg6JSpWY

Educational Games

Miscellaneous educational games:

- <https://www.factmonster.com/>
- <https://www.ducksters.com/>
- <https://www.funbrain.com/>
- <https://www.abcya.com/>
- <https://www.arcademics.com/>

Art Activities

- <http://coloritbynumbers.com/online/easy/animals/octopus#coloring>
- Crafts, activities, mazes, dot to dot, etc, <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>

Literacy & Language

Spoken and written language influence each other. The following links contain links to ebooks, literacy and language games, listening and reading comprehension. You could then get them to write a book review. (Template on Google Drive for Students)

- Audio Books <https://www.lifewire.com/free-audio-books-the-15-best-sources-online-1357952>
- Dr. Seuss <https://www.seussville.com/>
- Children's books read by famous people <https://www.youtube.com/user/StorylineOnline>
- Reading comprehension: <https://bamboolearning.com/resources>
- Reading Comprehension. <https://www.commonlit.org/>
- Reading Comprehension: <https://www.readworks.org/>
- Decodable Books: <https://dogonalogbooks.com/printables/>
- Learning to write in paragraphs <http://www.paragraphpunch.com/index.php>
- Free stories <https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>
- Interactive books (read along!) <https://noveleffect.com/>

Movement Breaks

Your child may need some movement breaks while staying at home. The following links are free and show a variety of different fun exercises and dances they can learn.

- <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Virtual Field Trips

Students can explore around the world and go on a virtual field trip!

Tips for supporting language:

- Describe what you can see
- Ask questions such as 'where, when, how'
- Have your child write a 'review' (Template on Google Drive for Students)
- Travel to Paris and see art! <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- The Great Wall of China: <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destinati.../great-wall-of-china>
- The San Diego Zoo : <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>
- Tour Yellowstone National Park!
<https://www.nps.gov/.../lea.../photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>
- Explore the surface of Mars: <https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>
- FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs. <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>

- The British Museum: <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- National Gallery: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>

Speech

- Practise your articulation and reading skills with free interactive books and videos! <https://noveleffect.com/>
- Use Alexa or Siri to practise speech sounds and clarity of speech: students will need to speak clearly and slow enough for the device to register and follow their instructions.

Challenging Behaviour

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation has handouts and a family linking scheme that can support families who are struggling with challenging behaviour:

<https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/>

Handouts

There are lots of speech and language therapy handouts that parents can access at:

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

Social Skills

You can discuss social skills and watch videos showing expected and unexpected behaviours. Some good videos include

Youtube Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GofBaXi2sE&list=PLVZh-3ewCEIIPxjUynwfYoAt5vsG-t-qY>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TDSocialSkills/videos>

Social-Emotional Resources

Here are some resources to support the emotional regulation and development of your child.

- Everyday Mindfulness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTsUEOUaWpY>
- Bodyscan for teenagers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X462QPGZQt4>
- Angermanagement Games: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79S8iyxQiZo>

Click here [\(LINK TO CALENDAR\)](#) to download a weekly calendar template that you can use to plan your week with your child.

