

# Home Ideas: Numeracy

Ask Mum/Dad to record which activities you have done!



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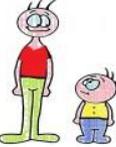
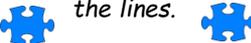
When I am writing numbers, give me lots of verbal feedback on where to start numbers to help me form them correctly.

Touching each object while I count out loud will help with my accuracy.

After I have counted the last object say to me "How many?" I should answer with the last number I said.

If I make a mistake, support and encourage me to try again.

Playing Snake & Ladders, Battle Ships, Checkers Snap or Uno can be a fun maths activity for me!

<p><b>Shape Hunt</b></p> <p>Draw some basic shapes on a piece of paper (circle, square, rectangle, oval, triangle). Look around the house and find things to match your shapes. Make a tally next to each of your shape pictures.</p> 	<p><b>Make a Pattern</b></p> <p>Find objects of the same colour or shape (beads, beans, buttons, etc.) that you can use to make a pattern. Explore copying a pattern, creating a pattern and extending on a pattern of varying difficulty.</p> 	<p><b>Sorting</b></p> <p>Help put the washing up away. Sort the cutlery, plates, cups and other items into matching groups. You could also do the same type of activity by helping to put some clothes away.</p> 	<p><b>Counting</b></p> <p>Look around the house for things you can count (chairs, pillows, spoons, etc.). Pick one category to count at a time. Go around the house counting out loud the number of items in that category and declare your total.</p> 	<p><b>Number Writing</b></p> <p>Roll a die (for numbers to 6) or two dice (for numbers to 12). If you don't have a dice use an online dice roller. Identify the number of dots on your dice and write the matching number.</p> 
<p><b>Before and After</b></p> <p>Create a horizontal number line from 0-10 on the floor using numbers written on paper (with parent support). Call out a number to locate on the number line. Practise jumping forwards to find the number that comes after and backwards for the number that comes before.</p>	<p><b>More and Less</b></p> <p>Gather some of your toys. Take turns putting your toys in two different sized groups (up to 10). Guess which group you think has more and which has less. Check your answer by counting the number of toys in each group.</p> 	<p><b>Comparing Height</b></p> <p>Look around your home for something tall, something short and other items that are 'in between'. Have a go at ordering your objects from shortest to tallest.</p> 	<p><b>Sing a Counting Song</b></p> <p>Sing some songs about numbers like : Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Ten in the Bed, Alice the Camel, This Old Man, One Potato Two Potato, and Five Little Ducks.</p> 	<p><b>Help Make Dinner</b></p> <p>Count out the correct number of plates/ cups/ cutlery to set the table. Talk about the recipe using terms like more, less, how many, how much. Help measure out and collect the correct number of ingredients.</p> 
<p><b>Counting Rocket Ship</b></p> <p>Curl up in a ball on the floor. Start counting from 0 to 10. As you count higher move up onto your feet and then higher and higher until you form a rocket ship blasting off. Repeat backwards (counting 10 to 0).</p> 	<p><b>Dot Match</b></p> <p>Ask Mum/Dad to write numbers from 0-10 on small pieces of paper. Repeat this but use dots to represent the numbers. Hide the dot set around the house. Go around the house matching the numbers to the correct dots.</p> 	<p><b>Fill Containers</b></p> <p>Choose some different sized containers and one cup. Predict and then measure how many cups it takes to fill each container with water. Change your cup size and see how it changes your measurements.</p> 	<p><b>Comparing Length</b></p> <p>Cut a piece of ribbon or string (or even use a shoe lace!). Find something that is longer and shorter. As a challenge, you could find something that is the same length. Once you have collected some items, try and sort them by length.</p>	<p><b>Solve a Puzzle</b></p> <p>Complete a puzzle that you have at home and/ or create your own. Make a puzzle of your own by drawing a picture on some paper/ card. Then, draw some cutting lines over your picture to form puzzle pieces and cut along the lines.</p> 

# Home Ideas: Literacy

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## Keep in mind:

I am learning to hear the first sound in words and I should practice this skill. If I am off school for a longer amount of time, I can also learn the letter that makes the /m/, /s/, /t/, /a/ and /p/ sound. (lowercase)

I can practice nursery rhymes. Can I say them, sing, then dance to them? Can I find words that rhyme? Can I make any more words that rhyme? (they can be non-sense words too)

You can remind me that upper case letters aren't used in the middle of words (including my name).

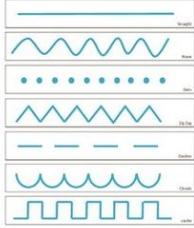
When reading to me, always ask lots of questions. What is this? Can you find something else that is round/green/hot? What might happen next? How do they feel? Why did this happen? What would you do? What does this remind you of?

<p><b>Explore a Book</b></p> <p>Ask your child to choose a book and read it to them with an expressive voice. Talk about the front cover, characters, setting and events. Ask them to retell the story in their own words</p> 	<p><b>Play 'I Spy'</b></p> <p>Say to your child, "I spy with my little eye something beginning with ___" (choose a letter sound). Let them guess and give clues if needed. Then swap roles.</p> 	<p><b>Write Your Name</b></p> <p>Explore different ways for your child to write their name (on their name card, on paper, in a tray with rice, in shaving cream, with play dough, etc.).</p> 	<p><b>Sing Songs/Rhymes We Have Learnt</b></p> <p>Incy Wincy Spider Humpty Dumpty Old McDonald Open Shut Them 5 Green &amp; Speckled Frogs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught... The Wheels on the Bus Here we go 'round the Mulberry Bush The Grand Old Duke of York Zip-a-dee Doo-Dah Zip-a-dee Aye (Weather) Head, Shoulders, Knees...</p>	<p><b>Act Out a Story</b></p> <p>Choose a simple story (We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Billy Goats Gruff, Three Little Pigs, etc.) to act out. You could even make your own puppets or use toys as characters.</p> 
<p><b>Puppet Play</b></p> <p>Make a puppet out of a sock.</p> <p>Write, Talk to your puppet, Read to your puppet, Draw your puppet</p> 	<p><b>The Garden</b></p> <p>Go into the garden and look at all the flowers, trees, bushes, bugs, birds that you can. Use your senses to listen, smell, look and feel. Draw or paint what you see.</p> 	<p><b>Reflect On a Story</b></p> <p>After reading a story together, talk to your child about their favourite part of the story. What did it remind them of? (Make a connection) They may like to draw or paint a picture or act it out with their toys.</p> 	<p><b>Explore Different Texts</b></p> <p>Look around the house to discover different types of texts (recipes, maps, newspaper, etc.) and talk about what we use them for. If you have some recipes, you may like to cook something.</p> 	<p><b>Play 'Riddle Me'</b></p> <p>Choose a topic (animals, food, sports, etc.) and something specific to that topic (e.g. tiger). Give clues to your child until they can guess your answer. Then swap roles.</p> 
<p><b>Segment words' (Syllables)</b></p> <p>Practise segmenting words into their syllables. Use your whole body to tap out segments of a word. Eg the word <u>understand</u> Tap Head= un Shoulders= der Waist= stand Say "3 syllables)</p> 	<p><b>Learn Some New Words</b></p> <p>Read a new story and find some interesting words - what do they mean? OR Try an ABC Kids listen story or podcast. Did you learn a new word?</p> 	<p><b>Play 'Mr Copycat'</b></p> <p>Brainstorm different voices you can make (robot, posh, silly, etc.). Choose a sentence and practise using these different voices. You can also choose to change your speed and volume.</p> 	<p><b>Count the Words in a simple Sentence</b></p> <p>Say a simple sentence to me with 3-5 words. Ask me to repeat the sentence. Count the words by clapping, jumping or counting on fingers. You can even write the sentence out for me and show me the spaces between the words. If you cut it up I can also count the words.</p>	<p><b>Innovate a Story</b></p> <p>Retell a simple story (Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks, etc.) or nursery rhyme. Change some of the characters and practise retelling your new story/rhyme.</p> 

# Home Ideas: Gross and Fine Motor Skills & Games

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<p><b>Play dough</b></p> <p>Play with play dough. Can you make a snowman, a snail, snakes of different lengths, your name?</p> 	<p><b>Use Scissors</b></p> <p>See if you can do some snipping or cut out some shapes. Remember to keep your thumb facing up and try to cut on a line. You could cut up catalogues or card!</p> 	<p><b>Pre-Writing Patterns</b></p>  <p>What patterns can you make?</p>	<p><b>Collage - Create a Piece of Art</b></p> <p>Cut out some different shapes, tear some paper, glue on some bits and pieces, and create a piece of art!</p> 	<p><b>How long can you stand on one leg?</b></p> <p>Can you stand for longer each day? Count how long you can balance for. See if you can stand on one leg longer than the other.</p> 
<p><b>Bounce a ball and count each bounce</b></p> <p>How many bounces can you get in a row? If you have a basketball ring, see how many shots you can get in. Have a go at making your own game.</p>	<p><b>Play Hopscotch</b></p> <p>Use some chalk to make a hopscotch game. Can you count as you jump in each square.</p> 	<p><b>Have an outdoor picnic</b></p> <p>Take your morning tea outside today. Use this time to listen to the birds, talk with your family, share you likes or dislikes, your favourite memories. Finish with some outdoor games.</p>	<p><b>Jump on your trampoline or pretend to be a kangaroo, frog or a bunny!</b></p> <p>See if you can increase your heart rate! You may feel puffed or, if you touch your chest, even feel your heart beating!</p>	<p><b>Try Crab Walking</b></p> <p>Walk around your garden with your tummy facing up to the sky. Have a race with a parent, brother or sister.</p> 
<p><b>Build with Lego or Duplo</b></p> <p>Who can make the biggest tower? The widest castle? The craziest building? Have some fun designing! How many wheels, windows, bricks, doors did you use?</p> 	<p><b>Learn a New Board Game or Card Game</b></p> <p>Play a new game or even make one up with Mum or Dad!</p> 	<p><b>Play with Your Toys!</b></p> <p>Design, Create, Imagine, Talk, Have fun!</p> 	<p><b>Play Hide and Seek and Count to 20!</b></p> <p>Can you find a new hiding place? Don't forget to practise your counting as you play!</p> 	<p><b>Help make a family meal for the day!</b></p> <p>Be a kitchen helper. Learn the names of the ingredients you are using, the names of the utensils, and measure out some ingredients?</p>

Useful websites for all areas of learning

[stories.audible.com](http://stories.audible.com)

(Free stories)

[abcya.com](http://abcya.com) (Pre-K games)

[Scholastic Learn at Home](http://Scholastic Learn at Home)  
(Pre-K & Kindergarten)

[abcmouse.com](http://abcmouse.com) (early learning activities)

[gonoodle.com](http://gonoodle.com) (movement)

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

[readinga-z.com](http://readinga-z.com)

[Home Learning with PLD](http://Home Learning with PLD)  
(Early Literacy)

[Cosmic Yoga](http://Cosmic Yoga) (Movement)

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/)

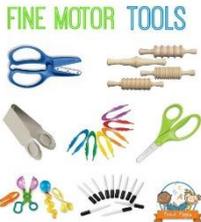
[www.vooks.com/](http://www.vooks.com/)  
(online storybooks)

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

[phonicshero.com](http://phonicshero.com)

# Home Ideas: Extra Fine Motor Activities

Cross out the rectangles as you complete each activity.

<p><b>Guided drawing</b></p> <p>Give simple directions using shapes to draw familiar objects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings</li> <li>• Animals</li> <li>• Shapes</li> <li>• Vehicles</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Painting</b></p> <p>Use paints to create colourful pictures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finger painting</li> <li>• Mixing paints</li> <li>• Use brushes, household items to create different effects / patterns</li> <li>• Paint with water outside on the wall and pathways</li> </ul>	<p><b>Write Your Name</b></p> <p>Explore different ways for your child to write their name (on paper, in a tray with rice, in shaving cream, with play dough, chalk on the pavement, etc.).</p> 	<p><b>Duplo / Lego</b></p> <p>Create projects out of Duplo or Lego to build pincer grip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build cities</li> <li>• Animals</li> <li>• vehicles</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Box construction</b></p> <p>Use household recycled items to create art projects</p> 
<p><b>Play dough</b></p> <p>Use the recipe on the side of the Cream of Tartar container to make dough in a variety of colours for endless projects. Use feathers, beads, sticks, leaves, etc to make animals. Add scent or meals to add texture - sand, coffee, oats, shampoo</p>	<p><b>Cutting</b></p> <p>Use scissors to cut and snip paper, card and dough. Create pictures. Go into the garden and look at all the flowers, trees, bushes that you can.. You can also cut the grass with scissors.</p>	<p><b>Tearing and sticking Collage</b></p> <p>Tear newspaper, magazines or assorted paper and past onto paper.</p> 	<p><b>Hanging out the washing</b></p> <p>Using pegs and a piece of twine, nag up the washing for your dolls and other toys. Then take them off and start all over.</p>	<p><b>Motor Planning:</b></p> <p>Teach your child to fold the tea towels. This assists in developing sequences from beginning to end and motor response.</p>
<p><b>Pipe cleaners and colanders.</b></p> <p>Thread pipe cleaners, straws or small sticks through the holes on a colander, criss-crossing as you go.</p>	<p><b>Cornflour goop</b></p> <p>Using cornflour, food colouring and water create goop that will glide with the fingers and return to its initial state.</p>	<p><b>Tongs</b></p> <p>Use small tongs to serve food or pick up objects.</p> <p><b>FINE MOTOR TOOLS</b></p> 	<p><b>Whole arm movements</b></p> <p>Do anything that involves pushing (toys) pulling (tug) or large arm movements (wheelbarrows)</p> <p>Bounce and throw a ball.</p>	<p><b>Whole hand activities:</b></p> <p>Spooning activities</p> <p>Using a spray bottle to water plants/paint</p> <p>Pouring activities, moving water from one object to another</p>



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[KidsTV123](http://KidsTV123)

(Free songs to view and sing along to aid learning)

Songs:

- shape song 2,
- colour song,
- the big number song

Cosmic Yoga offer mindfulness segments:

<https://www.cosmickids.com/tag/zen-den/>

Letters and Sounds is a language site offering great games for developing listening skills

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html>

Starfall: has a huge array of interactive language activities online

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>