

## Amusing or Entertaining Things to Do While Staying at Home

Schools are closed. Theaters, cafes, and other gathering place are also closed. Families are tired of remaining indoors streaming TV shows and movies. Here's a list of several things to do that can rev up the imagination and keep boredom at bay. Use this list to jumpstart your imagination for your own ideas on keeping occupied.

- Complete a puzzle. There are jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzles. Try both kinds or choose a preferred type. Consider the Rubik's Cube.
  - Play dress up with old clothes or leftover costumes. Afterward, have a photoshoot in the dressed-up clothes or costumes
  - Write paper and pen letters to family and friends. Younger children can draw pictures. After placing it in an envelope, take a walk to the nearest mailbox to mail your letters.
  - Visit YouTube to learn how to do things you've always wanted or needed to learn. YouTube topics include how to:
    - Write calligraphy
    - Braid hair
    - Whistle with your fingers
    - Tie a necktie
    - Do a magic trick
    - Moonwalk
    - Make a Paper Airplane
    - Survive a shark attack
    - Juggle
    - Make balloon animals
    - Begin knitting or crocheting
- And many other topics
- Pull out the board games and encourage the entire family to play.
  - Clean out and organize the junk drawer. Almost every family has one; now is the time to clean it out.
  - Find new coloring books for kids. The Census Bureau has online coloring books for young students. Click [here](#) to download the [coloring books](#) from the Census Bureau.
  - Go through your phone camera to organize photos, make an album, or order hard copies to place in frames as possible gifts to select family members or friends.
  - Conduct an indoor scavenger hunt. When the weather gets warmer, conduct an outdoor scavenger hunt.
  - Have your children (elementary and middle school) help to rearrange the furniture in a specific room.
  - Start planning your garden. If there is space in a yard, list the flowers and vegetables and where they'll be planted. If there is no yard space, consider planning for a container garden.
  - Clean out closets.
  - Have a dance party with the children. Let everyone help select some of the dance music, and enjoy!
  - Bake something together, such as cookies, brownies, cakes, or pies. Afterward, enjoy the delicious results!