

Additional Resources

Reading

Apple iBooks:

1. Go to “iBooks” app (automatically downloaded on most Mac’s, but may have to download from the App Store)
2. In the iBooks Store, search “free children books”
3. They have a variety of books to choose at lower or higher reading levels for your buddy!

Oxford Owl:

1. Visit: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
2. Click “register” → create a free account
3. Now you can browse their library that sorts books based on age, reading level, book type and series

Online Games

Battleship:

- <http://en.battleship-game.org>
- Click “opponent → friend”
- Send the link to your buddy through the chat so they can access the game

Scribblio:

- <https://skribbl.io>
- Create a private room
- Send the link of your private room to your buddy through the chat so they can access the game
- Tip: you can add custom words that relate to the theme of the week!

Abcya

- <https://www.abcya.com/>
- Variety of educational games
- Can choose any game based on the buddy’s grade level
- Can try more challenging games by choosing a higher grade level

TVO Kids

- <https://www.tvokids.com/>
- Various games
- Educational videos
- Can choose for either school age or preschoolers

Fun Games on Zoom

“Zoom Out” (picture guessing game)

- Before sharing your screen, bring up a high resolution google image. Try matching the image to the theme of the week.
- Zoom into the image until it is almost pixelated, or as far as you can zoom in
- Share your screen
- Slowly zoom out of the image and try and get your buddy to guess what the image is.

Active games

- Freeze dance
- Simon says

Would you rather

In progress:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1lxa164SOZVuNSmUphEqRB8OV-yyxplJrJ9Y42mJoPj8/edit?usp=sharing>

5 minute virtual tour

Many places have been making videos, virtually touring their facilities including aquariums, zoos, museums, etc. If you are having troubles connecting with your buddy (e.g. they are shy during the first few sessions), you could try a 5-min tour. Try picking a tour they are interested in and only show them for a short period of time, **just enough to prompt an interesting conversation.**

- Link to different tours:
<https://helpwevegotskids.com/national/article/education/20-cool-virtual-field-trips-for-kids/>
- Monterey Bay Aquarium (live on camera):
<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>
- Houston Zoo (live on camera): <https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>