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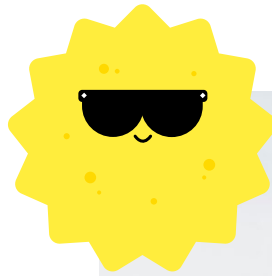
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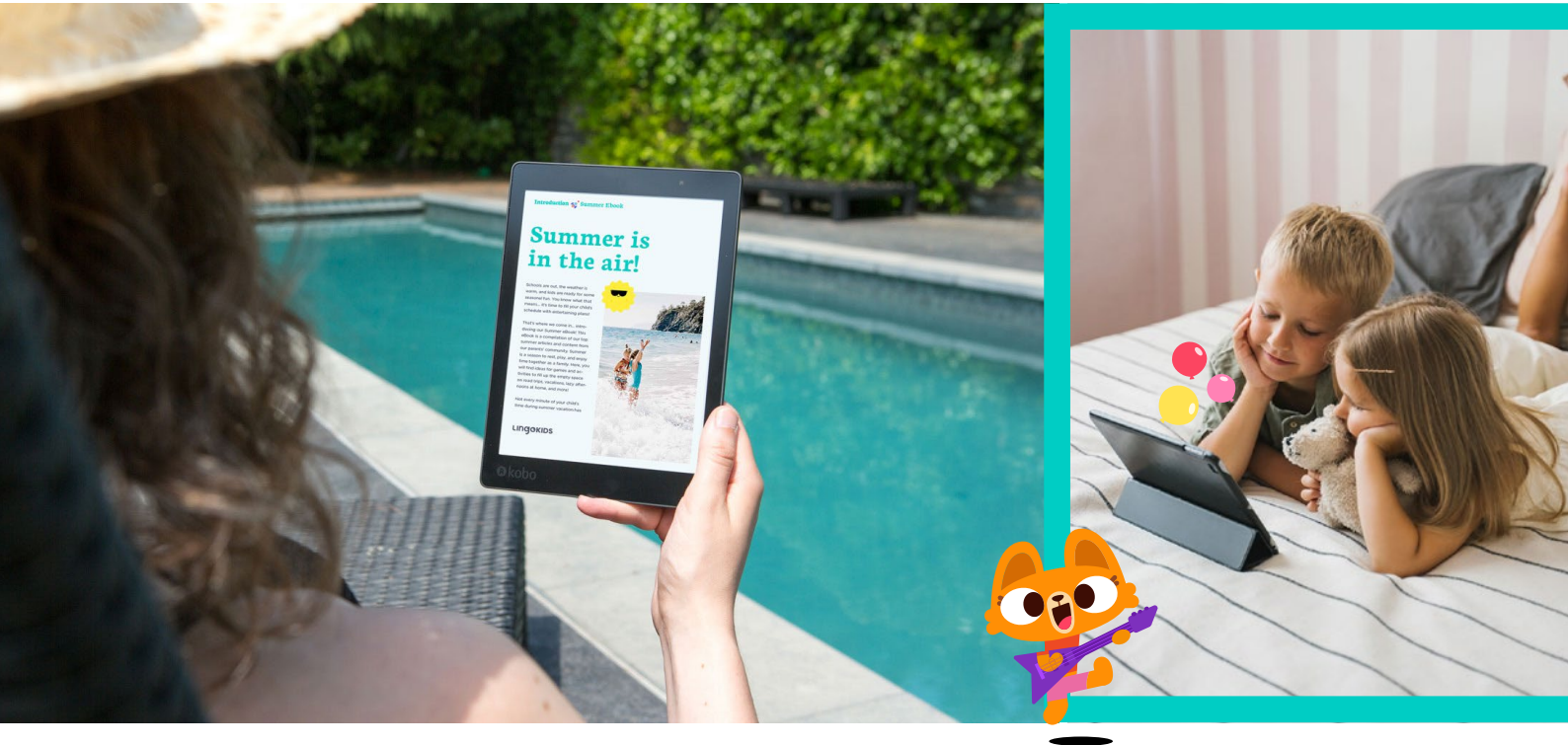
Schools are out, the weather is warm, and kids are ready for some seasonal fun. You know what that means... it's time to fill your child's schedule with entertaining plans!



That's where we come in... introducing our Summer eBook! This eBook is a compilation of our top summer articles and content from our parents' community. Summer is a season to rest, play, and enjoy time together as a family. Here, you will find ideas for games and activities to fill up the empty space on road trips, vacations, lazy afternoons at home, and more!



Introduction



Not every minute of your child's time during summer vacation has to be planned, but it is nice to have resources that keep them engaged and entertained. Our goal is for you to use this eBook as a guide to help your little ones have fun Playlearning™ all summer long!

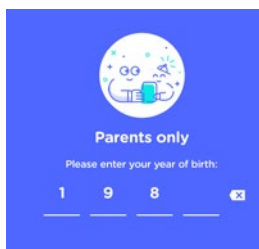
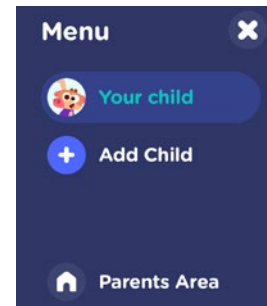
Note: Some of the linked content is interactive, be sure to have our amazing Lingokids app installed and up to date in order to enjoy Playlearning™!

You can also download activities on the Lingokids App to play offline during road trips and more! Follow these instructions to download the activities to your device:

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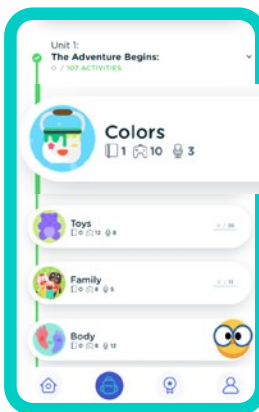
1 In the Lingokids App, click on your child's name at the top left corner.

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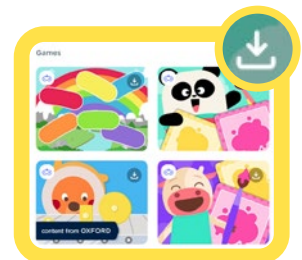
3 Type in your year of birth.

4 At the bottom of the screen, click on the **"Backpack"** icon to access the curriculum. 



5 Click on the unit and theme that you want to download. For example: if your child is on Unit 1, click on **"Colors."**

6 To download an activity, click on the **"Download"** icon at the top right of each box.



7 You will need to download each individual game or activity by clicking on the **download button** at the top right corner.

8 The icon will turn green with a "✓" if it has downloaded correctly.

9 When you want to play **offline**, access the games you have downloaded via the curriculum section of the Parents Area.



Vacation Routines and Mealtimes



Summer Snack Time



Ice cream, refreshing fruit, chocolatey s'mores... When it comes to summertime treats, we could go on and on.

The great thing about snack time in the summer is that there are so many ways to make it fun and creative. It can also be a great opportunity to enjoy more family bonding moments with your tiny human.

Sit outside with your child while you make yummy fruit kebabs together. Roast s'mores under the stars - or even indoors! Make watermelon popsicle sticks, try different smoothies, and enjoy homemade ice cream.

The possibilities for yummy - healthy - summertime snacks are truly endless.



Frozen Berry Yogurt Recipe

A perfect activity for those hot summer days! Make mealtime meaningful with this hands-on recipe that your little one can help prepare. You will need:



- 1 1/2 cups berries: strawberries, blueberries, raspberries
- 1 1/2 cups Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon honey

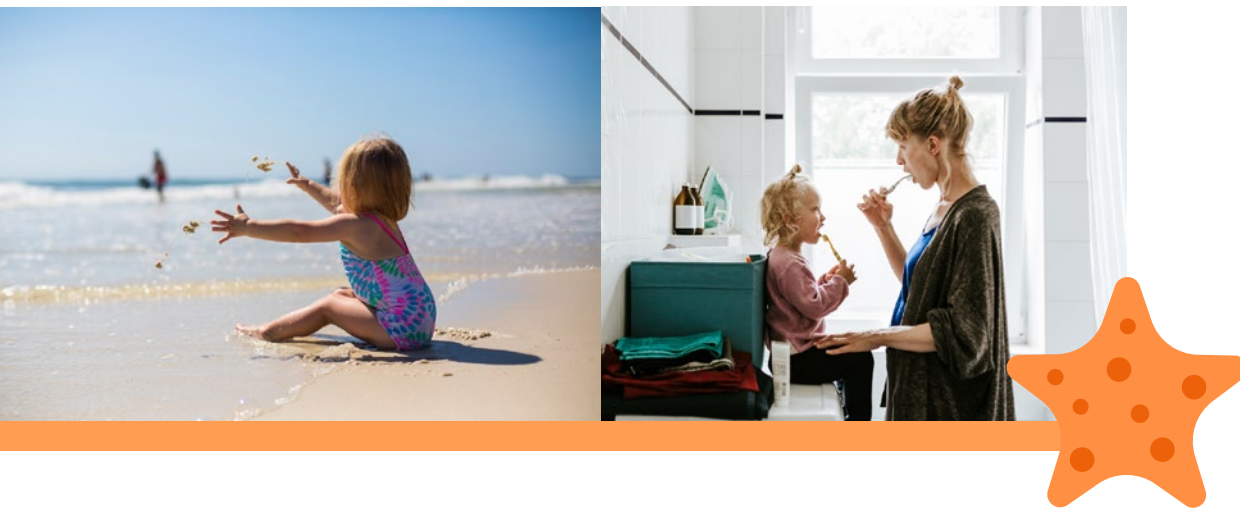
Instructions:

Mix the berries and the greek yogurt together in a freezable tub (you can even blend them in a blender if you want).

Add a teaspoon of honey if you would like a bit of sweetness
Put in the freezer and leave for a few hours.

Remove from the freezer and enjoy!





Summer Routine

If there's one thing we know for sure, it's that a good routine for kids makes all the difference in the world! Routine offers stability, balance, and structure, which encourages the development of important skills and healthy habits in our little ones' lives.

Why is a summertime routine important?

A solid routine is super important to help maintain some consistency in kids' day-to-day lives. It helps kids feel safe and reduces the fear of the unknown. This security allows for their creativity and imaginations to soar!

And during the summer, a good routine is just as important to help them thrive and enjoy their favorite activities even more.

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Tips for establishing a routine

There are plenty of simple things you can do to create a summertime routine that works for your family's individual needs.

One idea that you can do with the whole family is to create a family calendar that lays out the plans and schedule for the summer. You can even get creative and decorate the calendar and put it in a common area so that everyone can see it!

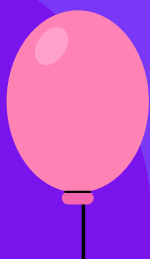
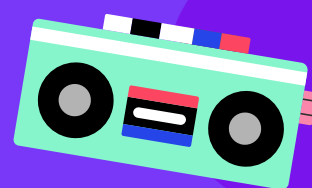


Other small things that can help create a routine include regular family dinners, a designated quiet time every day, and a consistent bedtime.

Remember, plans can change last minute, especially during the summertime. So don't be hard on yourself if you don't stick to your routine perfectly! Just as structure and routine are important, so are flexibility and remembering to be kind to yourself.



Traveling with Kids



Top Tips for Traveling with Kids

In need of a vacation but worrying about how to take the kids along? All that planning can become overwhelming. Luckily for you, we've thrown together some tips to make traveling with kids a breeze.

Whether you're hitting the road or braving an airport, here are our top tips to make your trip as smooth-sailing as possible:



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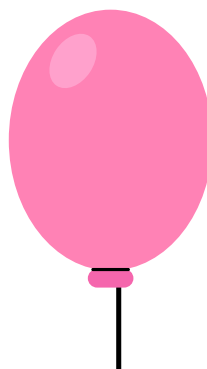
Plan Ahead

Preparation will become your new best friend when traveling with your little ones. Make sure to give yourself plenty of time, leaving enough time for potential traffic, waiting around, and lots of bathroom breaks. Being in a rush is the last thing you'll want with kids!

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Bring on the Bargains

Who doesn't love the sound of "kids go free?" Travel can be expensive so before you go on your trip, shop around for those discounts on travel and special days out.



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Be Prepared to Go Off Schedule

While it's a good idea to have a general itinerary, don't expect to follow it 100%. If you spot something on the way that you want to see, don't miss out just because it doesn't fit with the plan.

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Keep It Varied

Spice things up with different destinations and activities to keep everyone happy and try new things together!

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Snacks, Snacks, Snacks!

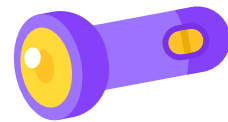
Kids on road trips will probably be tired, but tired and hungry is a whole different ball game. Keep their energy levels up and the belly rumbles to a minimum.



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Pack Light

The less you take, the easier it will be to find what you need. Taking more also means you're more likely to lose something.



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Entertain Them While Traveling

Kids can't sleep the whole journey or they won't be tired when it's their bedtime. Play a classic game of "I Spy," pack a book, or bring a deck of cards. Keep reading for more car ride game ideas!



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Talk It Through

Traveling is an adventure! But it can also be scary when you don't know what to expect. In the days leading up to your trip, begin talking about the travel plan so that children can prepare as well. This will help them to better understand that they might be spending a lot of time in the car, and it will be an exciting challenge.

Set some ground rules about sticking together, and don't forget to talk over emergency plans!



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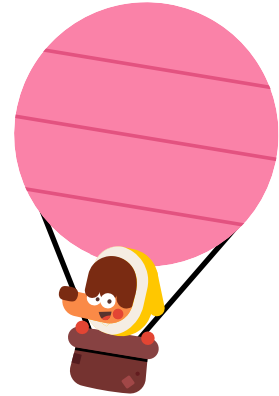
Keep Calm

Travel can be stressful but it's a lot easier when you remember to breathe. You're on holiday – and remember, you're there to enjoy it, too!

Traveling as a family makes for some great memories – it just takes a bit of organizing to avoid the stress.



7 Tips for Traveling with Young Kids



What better time to take a family road trip than during the summer months! But as fun as car rides to cool vacation destinations can be, they can also be a bit stressful and chaotic without advanced planning! Between sitting in the car for hours on end, the discomfort, and the boredom, it's normal that our tiny humans get restless and irritable on road trips.

However, with a bit of patience, a bit of organization, and following a few simple pieces of advice, this whole process can be less of a hassle and much less traumatic than we might expect.



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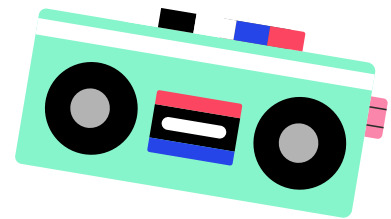
Put On Their Favorite Songs

As the saying suggests, music will tame the beast. Of course, children are not beasts but in a surrounding so hostile, it is possible for their worst sides to be provoked.

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As a result, we suggest that you have their favorite songs playing during a large part of your journey. Most of their favorite songs will be children's songs with similar rhythms but you are looking for them to feel comfortable, which will make the journey a lot more peaceful.

For adults, children's music and those melodies played continually may require large amounts of patience, but if your children respond positively, it will be worth it.



Need some groovy tunes for kids? [*Check out our Lingokids Playlist below!*](#)



Incorporate a Balance with Technology

In today's world, technology can provide a great solution for a long journey.

For this, you can choose between different devices so that children can watch their favorite movies or cartoons. Cell phones, tablets, or small video devices can be incorporated into car seats, making them an easy and simple solution.

Playlearning™ can take place offline as well. Any content that is engaging and entertaining will make your journey a lot more stress-free.



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Once you sense that your child has had enough screen time, be sure to take a break from the technology. Your child is bound to get bored and restless from electronics on long trips. Mix it up a bit and encourage your kid to get imaginative. Listen to a podcast for kids, play a game of “I Spy,” or take turns telling stories. There are plenty of ways you can entertain your toddler, minus the screen time.

Did we mention that Lingokids has an amazing podcast for kids? Introducing, “Lingokids: Stories for Kids.” Just head over to [Spotify](#) or [Apple Podcasts](#), download some episodes, and you’re ready for any adventure!

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Plan Pitstops

Without a doubt, taking breaks is key. Breaks are not only important for adults, but also for children. We recommend stopping every hour and a half.

Do your research before your trip and map out a couple of spots where you can stop to let your kids stretch their legs. Giving them a little exercise will do wonders in helping them not to be so fussy and restless. At each rest area, you can stretch your legs, go to the restroom, talk about your journey so far, have a walk around, or just have something to eat or drink.

It’s helpful to know ahead of time that traveling with toddlers is slow and steady. With this mindset, you will all be able to relax and get ready for the next stage of your journey in a more positive way.



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Plan Snacks Wisely

Spare yourself the headache by avoiding munchies that are messier or can easily spill.

You may also want to pack a few sweets that your child doesn't usually get to eat to make the car ride more enjoyable and exciting!



An example of yummy snacks are:

- Frozen squeezable yogurt tubes
- Granola bars
- String cheese
- Dried fruit
- Squeezable applesauce
- Fruit leather



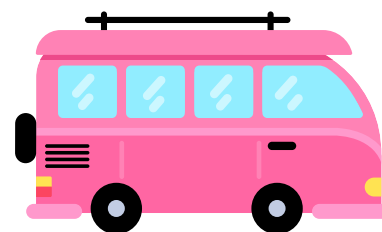
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Comfort Is Essential For Your Journey

Another key element for a long, successful journey is to be comfortable. Before starting the journey, check the areas around the seats to make sure that everything is fitted correctly.

Make sure that the car seat, seatbelts, headrests, armrests, etc., are all in the right positions and adjusted correctly.

There is nothing worse for a child than being uncomfortable. In fact, being uncomfortable can result in very negative behavior throughout the trip. Checking these elements before setting off will only take 5 minutes, but they are vitally important.



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Try And Get Them To Sleep

Getting them to sleep for a part of the journey will obviously help to keep things peaceful.

The problem is that it is not always that easy. Before traveling, try to avoid any naps or a really long night's sleep. It may sound contradictory, but try getting them to the car already tired. This way, once you set off, the soft sounds and vibrations of the car, mixed with the right temperature, will send them to sleep in no time.



To help set up a sleep environment in the car, play calming music or a podcast for sleeping. When you are relaxed on the road your little one is more likely to drift off to sleep.

Hopefully, by the time they open their eyes, you will have completed a large part of your journey and if you are really lucky, you will already be reaching your destination.

[Click here](#) to listen to our sleeping podcast for kids.

7

Distract, Distract, Distract!

There comes a time in every road trip when the first “are we there yet?” begins. And once it starts, it can feel impossible to make it stop.

Cue the distractions! Bring a printout map and ask your child to be the “co-pilot.” Encourage them to help by looking for street signs or landmarks. Remember, at the end of the day, the key to surviving road trips - and even making them fun - is the art of distraction.



4 Fun Car Games for Kids

Traveling to your summer vacation destination doesn't have to be annoying and boring at all. Instead, you can turn it into an opportunity for learning for your kid.

Here are 4 ideas to make it more fun:



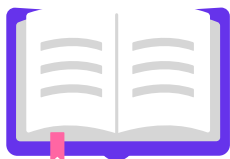
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Count the Cars

This is a great way to learn to count. Making a rule to only count cars in certain colors will help your kid learn colors too. For example - take only red cars and stop counting once you have counted 10.



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Bonus tip: Make it a competition – whoever finishes counting first gets the extra candy that we know you have!

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Cloud Shapes

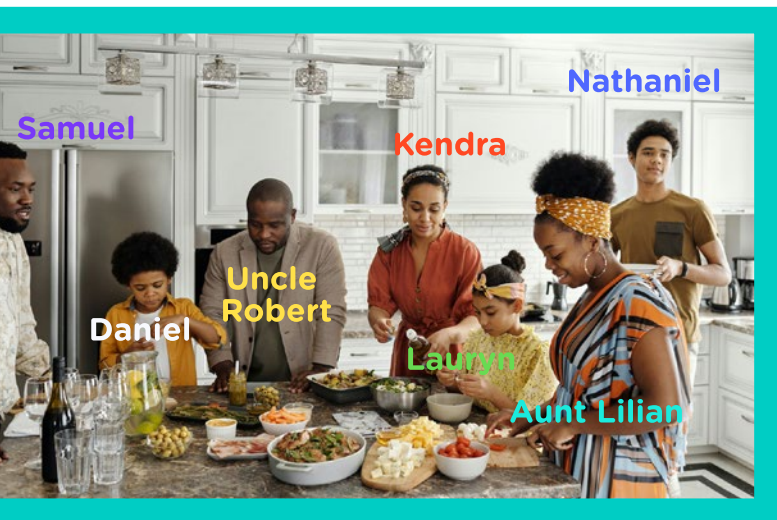
You definitely did this when you were a kid (and probably even now, admit it!). Stare out the windows and let yourselves be creative and have your kid learn shapes. Don't limit yourself to basic shapes; try animals and any other objects that you know too.



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Family Members

If you're on your way to visit family, it is the perfect opportunity to learn the names of family members. You will find the perfect game for kids for that purpose on the Lingokids app (remember, it works offline too!)



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Name the Fruit

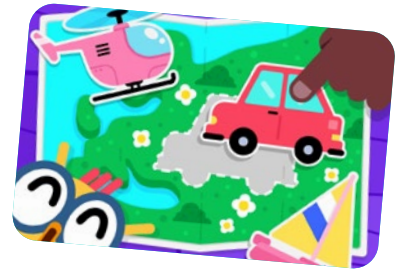
Kids learn best when you teach them about the things they see in everyday life. Take out the bag with fruits and get your kid to name each one.



In-App Lingokids Activities

Sticker Game: Travel

In this activity, your little one will learn travel vocabulary such as map, plane, car, and boat! Can they match each vehicle sticker to its correct spot? This is a great game for young learners to strengthen their preliteracy skills and develop fine motor skills.



Modes of Transportation: Vocabulary, Songs, and Games

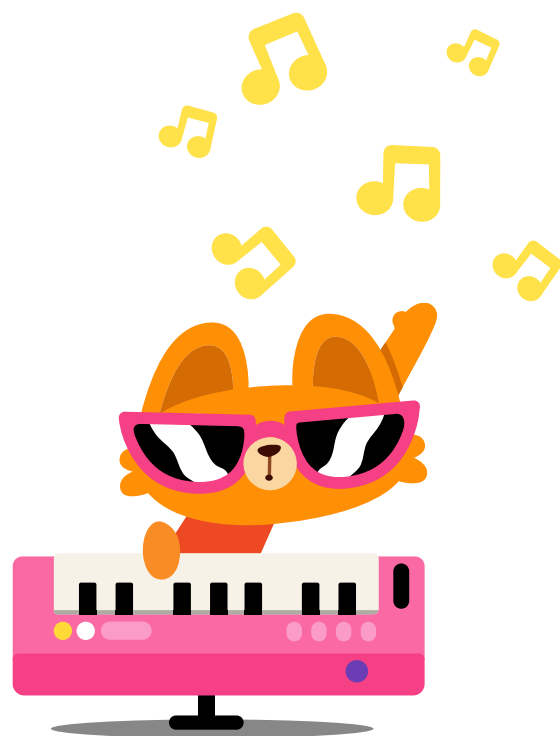
This compilation of our educational content on our YouTube channel will teach your child about all the different ways we

can travel. Enjoy videos on transportation vocabulary, groovy songs, and engaging games!



Roadtrip Playlist

Crank up the tunes to keep your little one entertained and singing along for those road trip journeys. Choose the playlist that meets your summer vibe!



Upbeat Dance Music

Show off your grooviest dance moves with this compilation of our best Lingokids dancing songs! Enjoy multiple videos about different topics from the ABCs to days of the week, all while dancing your socks off.

Adventure Songs for Kids

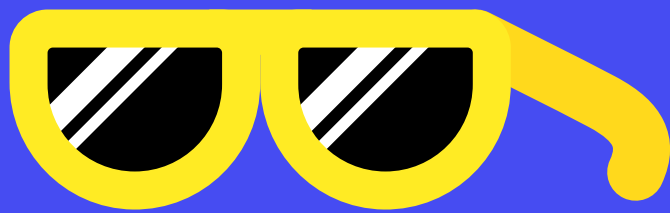
Put your curiosity caps on because it's time for our most adventurous videos! From treasure hunts to jungle explorations, this wildlife compilation will be fun for the whole family.

Playtime Music for Kids

Sing along to our songs that encourage kids to celebrate being outside, exploring nature, and treating animals with kindness.

Nursery Rhymes for Kids

Row, row, row your boat gently down memory lane! In this compilation, your child can sing along with these classic nursery rhymes for toddlers.



Summer Activities



Sensory Summer Activities

Frozen Discovery

Sensory activities are great ways for young learners to explore and learn about the world!



Use food coloring, water, and ice cube trays in different shapes to make colorful ice. Freeze plastic toys such as underwater animals in a recycled container so that, once frozen, it is a block of ice with animals inside.

Put the ice block and colorful ice shapes in a plastic tub. With bowls of warm water, salt, and droppers, let your little one have fun trying to melt the ice block to reveal the animals inside!

They will have so much fun using their hands on a hot summer day and learning how salt, warm water, and patience can yield an exciting reward! Then, let their imaginations run wild and play with their new underwater toys in a big of colorful water.



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Object Matching Game

Use shells, rocks, or leaves to create a matching game.

Collect some pretty shells, rocks, or leaves from your local area.

When you get home, paint the objects with either paint or nail polish. Make sure to put them into groups and paint identical pairs. It would be good to create the pairs according to size, shape, and color.



Let your child try to match the pairs - can they organize them according to size, shape, color, and pattern?

Watermelon Slime

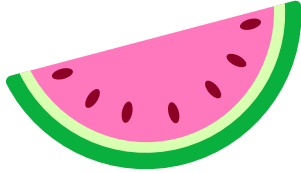
This is a great summer sensory activity to have fun with your little one, while also practicing fine motor skills and counting.



With your child, mix the following ingredients together to make the red slime:

- 2/3 cup of liquid glue
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup water
- 2-3 cups shaving cream – note: do not use shave gel
- 1.5 Tablespoons contact lens solution – *Important: your brand of contact lens solution must have boric acid and sodium borate in the ingredient list
- Red food coloring
- Black pom poms or uncooked black beans

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For thicker slime, add more contact lens solution. For a slimier texture, add less solution. Your child can have fun picking the seeds out of the slime or counting the seeds!

Note: be mindful of supervising your child during this activity so they don't try to eat the slime or the seeds!



Water Pistol Fun

Cool off on a hot day with some water shooting fun while also practicing letters, numbers, and shapes.

All you need is a water pistol! Ask your child to draw a letter, number, or shape with their water pistol on a dry wall or patch of ground.

You can even use the water pistol to draw pictures of flowers, animals, and more. The whole point is to get creative!



Counting Bubbles

Get some bubbles and blow them for your child. Tell them a specific number of bubbles they can pop on each turn (e.g. 5 bubbles). Then, let them tell you how many bubbles you have to pop, and it will be their turn to create the bubbles.

They will have a lot of fun while practicing their counting skills!

Summer Activities

Bug Hunt

Get some fresh air and teach your child about insects! Use a magnifying glass or even a magnifying app on your phone.

To start your bug hunt, take your child out on a walk or within your garden if you have one. Inspect any insects that you can find. Then, ask your child questions such as “what is it?” and “what is it doing?”

This is a great way to inspire their curiosity and combat any “bug-related” fears

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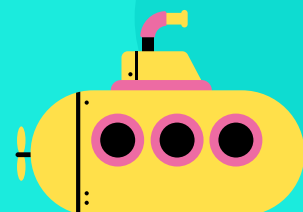
[Seasons of the Year](#)

In this episode of “Music to Our Ears,” we will learn why we have different seasons and why they change. We then will sing along with Cowy a catchy song about the seasons of the year.





At the Beach

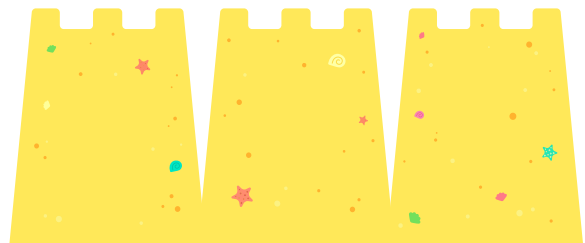


Activities to Play at the Beach

Build a Sandcastle

Nothing ever beats this classic. Even though it almost never comes as a real success from the first try, your kids and you will have so much fun building castles over and over again.

Along the way, make up a story about a family of animals who will live in the castle. It's a fun and creative way to have your kids learn the names of the animals.



Beach Tag

This classic is even more entertaining on the beach, as the sand makes us slip and fall. Have some laughs running around and name the person who is "it" a shark, octopus, or any other sea animal and learn the animal names.



At the beach

Aim Game

There are never enough games for learning numbers and shapes, and every one of them is as equally entertaining as it is educational. This one requires you to draw different shapes in the sand and put numbers inside.

Have your little ones aim for particular shapes and score points.

Sensory Tracing

Why not help your child practice their letters while having fun at the beach?

Sand can be a useful tool as an introduction to letter and number formation. Your child will use their finger and won't have to worry about holding a pencil or pen. It can also give you an indication to see which writing hand they prefer and are more dominant with.



At the beach

Say the letter 'a' aloud and then write the letter in the sand (take care to model the correct letter formation using a 'lead in stroke').

Your child can trace the same letter using their finger, and then try to draw their own letter next to the original in the tray. Repeat for as many letters as you can!

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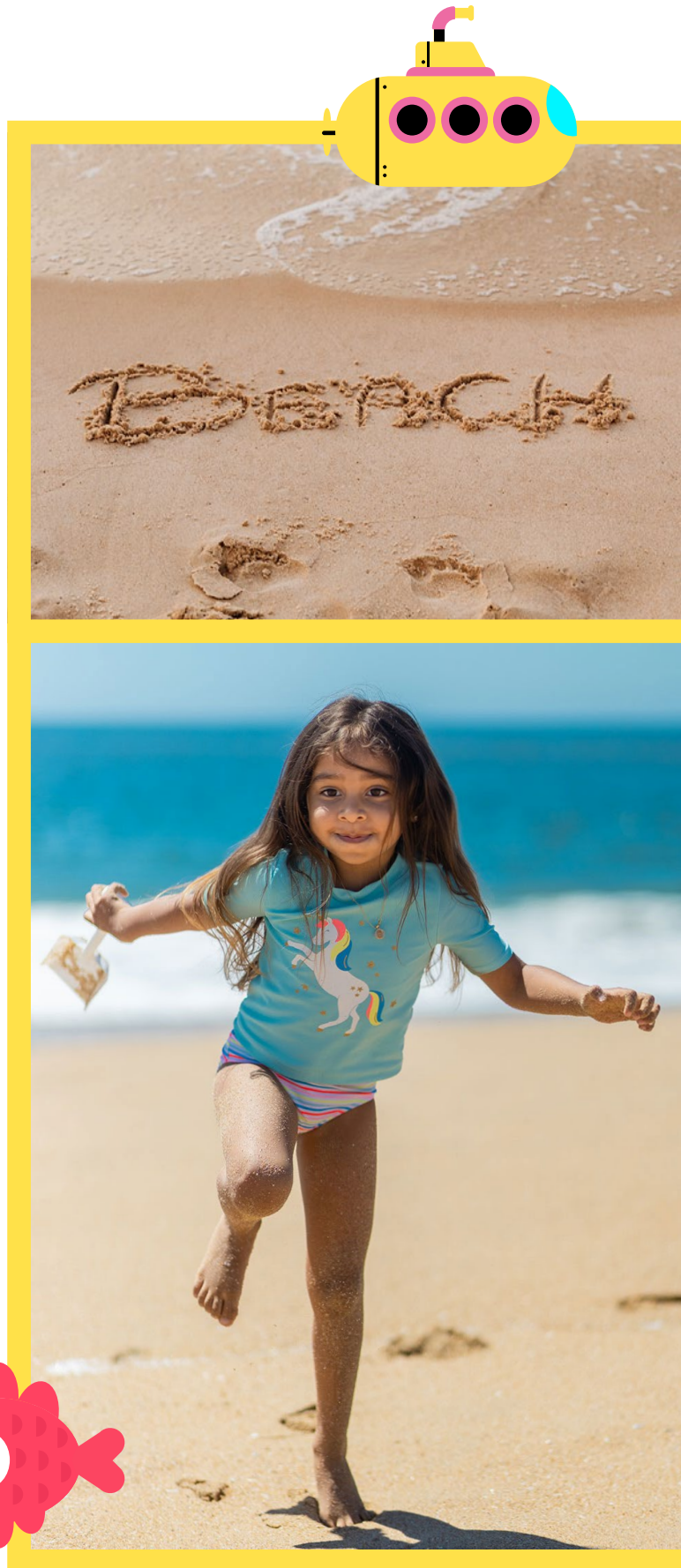
["The Sound We Found: At the Beach"](#)

There are so many sounds at the beach! With deductive reasoning skills, help the Lingokids friends figure out what's making today's mystery seashore sound.

Step by Step Coloring Video

[How to Draw a Fish](#)

What lives in water, loves to swim, and has fins? Get ready, because, for this craft time, we're learning how to draw a fish, step by step!





Camping





Camping Coloring Pages

Camping is all about nature, adventures, the outdoors, and family! It's a fun way to spend some bonding time with our loved ones. These camping coloring pages celebrate this fun activity by helping your little one be creative as he or she paints and learns!

Going camping is an experience that many families enjoy each year. It's the perfect moment to disconnect from the daily chores and relax. However, camping with young children might not be as easy, but there's always a way to instill the love for outdoor adventures without much hassle while your little ones grow old enough to enjoy it: coloring pages!

With these coloring pages about camping, your little one will be able to be creative while putting into practice their fine motor skills!



Camping

Each worksheet has one of several items related to camping, both in color and outlined. Your little one has to color the outline drawing using the colored image as a guide.

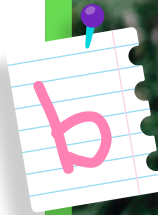
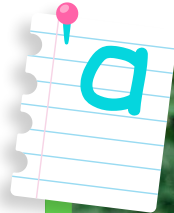
As your child is painting, name the different colors aloud, and practice their pronunciation. This improves fluency and memory.

It's also a good opportunity to learn and practice the alphabet and how to write each letter.

Once your child has done all the coloring, you can try next to talk about the items shown in the pictures by asking questions about what they created.



For example, you and your child can discuss what a campfire is. You can ask, "How do you make a campfire?" and see if your little one knows! Explain that a campfire is a fire perfect for getting warm at night while camping. Campfires also allow us to cook food and roast marshmallows. It is made with rocks and a pile of tinder.

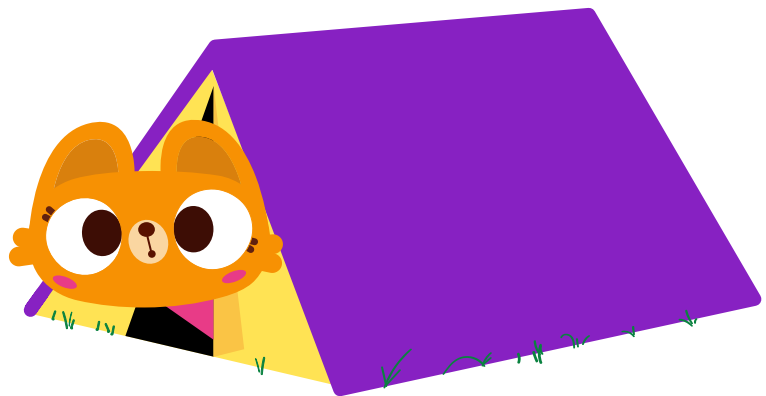




You can also talk about tents and sleeping bags, which are two of the most used items while camping since they allow people to sleep safely and comfortably during the camping trip.



If your little one doesn't feel like using the same colors, you can encourage them to use their favorite combinations! This way, you'll be nurturing their creative process and giving them more creating freedom, which is perfect for your child's overall development.



Now, it's time to start painting!

[Click here](#) to download and print the coloring pages!

Step by Step Coloring Video



[How to Draw a Tree](#)

Break out the crayons and reach for the sky! In this craft video, your child will learn how to draw a tall tree step by step. Show off creativity skills by adding colorful fruit to the masterpiece.

[How to Draw a Deer](#)

Fawn over this craft! In this video, your little one will learn how to draw a deer with step-by-step instructions and creative encouragement. Is your tiny artist ready to create?



[How to Draw a Flower](#)

What grows in nature and smells so sweet? Flowers! Let's learn how to draw a flower step by step in this Crafts by Lingokids video.



In-App Lingokids Camping Games

[ABC Chant: Lingocamp!](#)

This chant teaches summer vocabulary like swim and tree! Get ready to strengthen your rhyming skills, young learners!



[LingoCamp](#)

[Friendship Chant](#)

Learn about summer routines, helping, and social skills! This chant encourages acts of kindness and citizenship.



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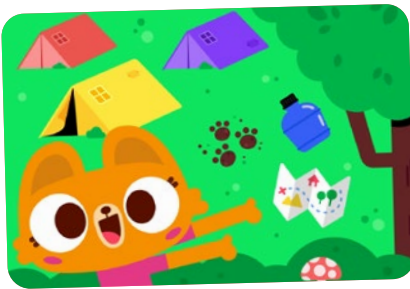


[Sequence Path: Camp](#)

Learn directions with Elliot! This game gets your little one problem solving and using listening skills to figure out the best pathway to the prize!

[LingoCamp Sticker Game](#)

Is there anything better than stickers?
This activity supports young learners with their development of fine motor skills and encourages them to learn new vocabulary.

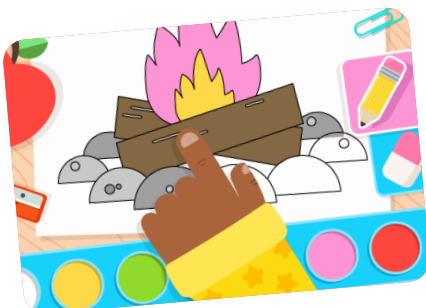
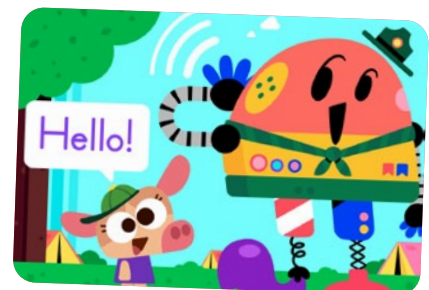


[Discovery Game: LingoCamp](#)

Practice vocabulary such as map, flashlight, and forest. This game helps young learners develop literacy skills.

[Talking Baby Bot: Camp](#)

Practice communication and listening skills with Baby Bot! This activity will help your child's language acquisition.



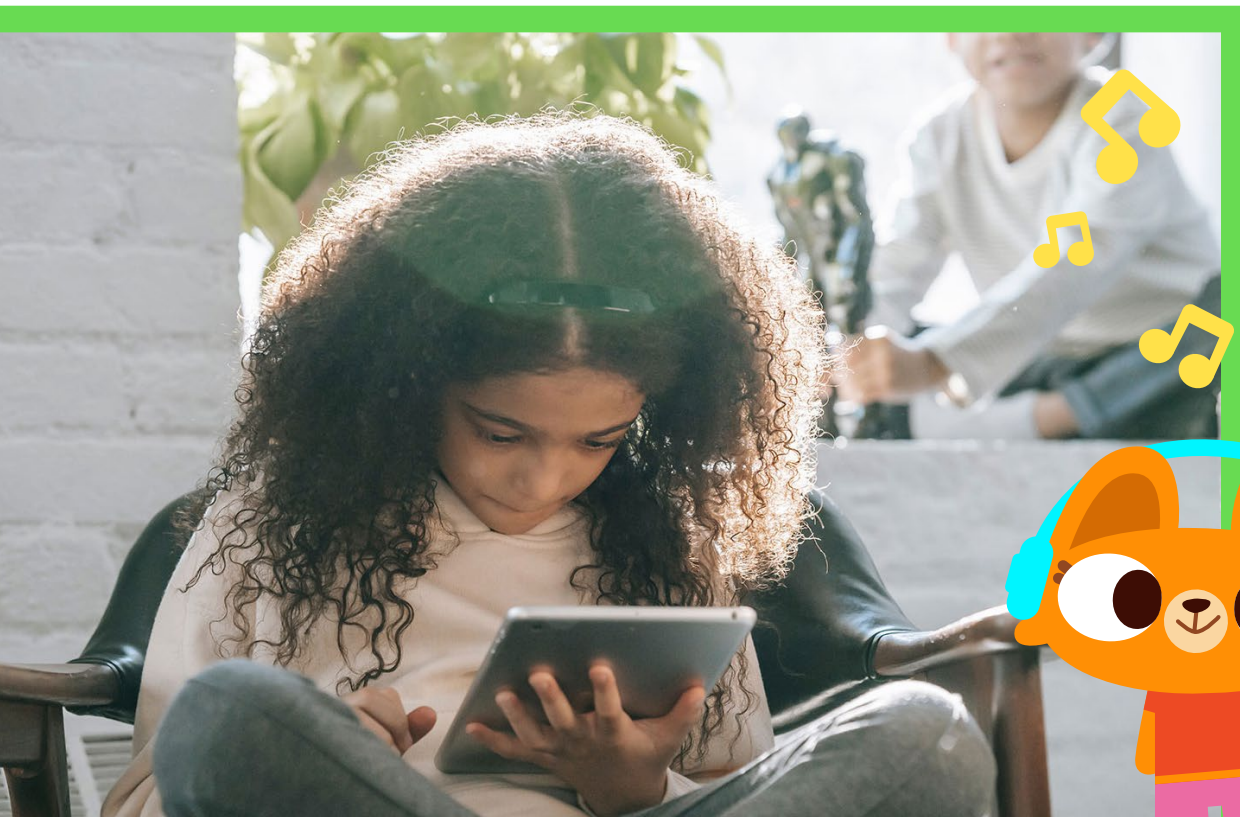
[Coloring Book: Campfire](#)

This is a great activity for young learners to use their imagination and creativity! In this activity, your little one will learn camping vocabulary and colors

Lingokids Podcast

“Elliot’s Bedtime at Camp”

Elliot is going to bed at camp, but he’s not worried. Get cozy and listen to Elliot’s bedtime tips that help them feel at home when he’s sleeping in a new place.





Education



Summer is a Great Time for Playlearning™!



During the summer vacation, we can take advantage of the extra time by introducing our children to creative and outdoor activities that also have an educational focus (like the ones mentioned above).

They will love exploring and playing, and you will be relaxed knowing that what they are doing is also meaningful and productive. By inspiring children to learn through play during the summer break, we can motivate them to want to continue doing so once the break is over.



In addition, a lot of the concepts that they will see at Preschool will also be fresh in their minds and not so difficult to pick back up once the term starts again.

Scheduling learning time shouldn't be a chore if it is considered fun by the child. Anything can be turned into a game or activity that a child would like to repeat with a bit of imagination and creativity. For example, can you turn learning opportunities into a craft, a game, a sport, a story, or a song!

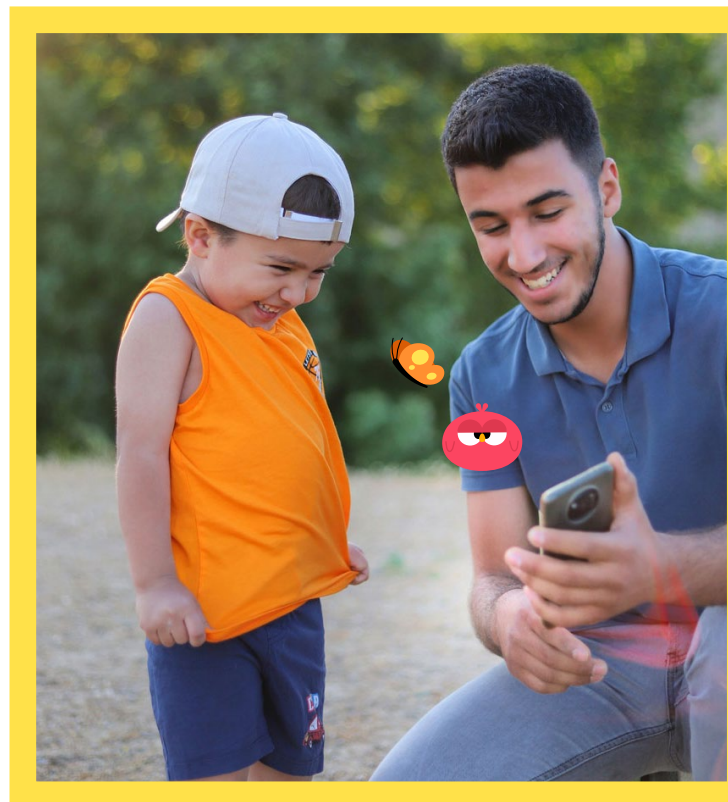
We should aim for Playlearning™ for roughly 30 minutes per day during the summer vacation.



In-App Lingokids Summer Activities

“Everybody Play Outdoors” Song

Practice counting skills with this photo song! Sing about why it’s so important to play outside while practicing action verb vocabulary.





[Puzzle Island Game](#)

Strengthen problem-solving skills and put all the pieces together to discover a beautiful island. This is a great game for young learners to practice their fine motor skills.



[Dance Time: Bubbles](#)

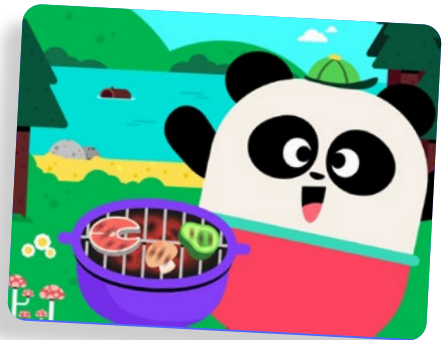
This video teaches children about healthy habits through singing and dancing. Use this resource to help keep up those routines during the summer season.



[Chef Lake Game](#)

Help Elliot prepare a summer barbeque!

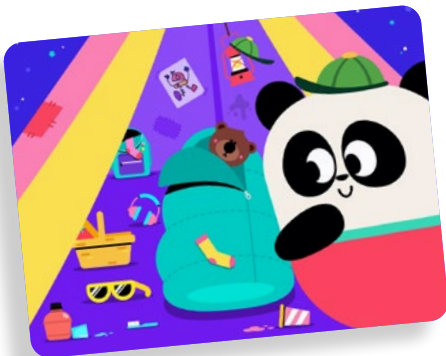
Learn about food vocabulary while enjoying the summer sun.



[Hidden Objects Game:](#)

[Tent](#)

Help Elliot pack clothes and toys for his camping trip. This game helps young learners develop their problem-solving skills.



[Runner Game: Bugs](#)

Help Cowy run

across the Earth to collect different types of bugs! Practice insect vocabulary while developing critical thinking skills.



Interactive Books



At Lingokids, we like interactive experiences! So, we recommend [Summer in the Forest](#), which is a lift-the-flap style book that involves the child in the story as well as introduces them to the concept of summer.



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