

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Activities for home

Primary literacy

Scavenger hunt sounds

Choose a sound or letter (for example, 's'). Search around the house for things that begin with that sound. Say the word, write it down, or draw it.

Who Am I? game

Think of an animal or character. Give 3 clues and have someone guess. Swap roles. Optional: write clues down first.

Sticky note story

Write one sentence on each sticky note to build a story. Move them around to change the sequence.

Letter to a toy

Write a short letter to a favourite toy or stuffed animal. Ask questions or describe your day.

Read and act

Choose a book. After reading a page or two, act out part of the story with props.

Syllable clap

Clap out the syllables of everyday items (for example, toothbrush = 2). Make a list of items with 1, 2, or 3+ syllables.

Name 5

Choose a category (for example, animals, food). Name 5 items and use them in a silly sentence.

Weather reporter

Look outside and write or say a weather report as if you were on the news. Add fun details (for example, toothbrush, "It's raining cats and dogs!").

Build-a-word

Use paper, pebbles, or magnetic letters to make simple words. Change one letter at a time (cat → hat → hot → hop).

Primary numeracy

Select the links or scan the QR code to learn more about these primary numeracy activities.

Creating schedules

[Creating schedules](#) are a fun way to learn about time and being organised.



Guess the colour

Play [guess the colour](#) to explore ideas of probability.



Handfuls

[Handfuls](#) create collections of objects to get your child estimating numbers.



Nature walk

Take a [nature walk](#) collecting different items that can be arranged in length.



Pig (dice game)

Improve your child's confidence with addition while playing [pig](#).



Rubik's cube

Explore the algebraic formula to solve a [Rubik's cube](#).



Scavenger hunt

Go on a [scavenger hunt](#) to learn the basics of positioning.



Sketching a portrait

Use shapes while [sketching a portrait](#) from plants to family members.



Snakes and ladders

[Snakes and ladders](#) is a great board game to build mathematical skills and understanding.



Story book spotting

[Story book spotting](#) builds language to identify and describe illustrations when reading.



Secondary literacy

Two truths and a lie (with a twist)

Write 2 true statements and one false one about a topic you're studying (for example, a novel or historical event). A family member guesses the lie.

60-Second book talk

Summarise a book or article in under one minute—record or perform it.

Sentence stretch

Take a basic sentence, for example, “The dog ran.” and expand it with details until it becomes rich and descriptive.

Soundtrack a story

Choose 3 songs that match the mood or events in a story or book. Explain your choices in writing or speech.

Vocabulary sketches

Choose 5 new words from reading or schoolwork. Write the word, define it in your own words, and draw a picture to represent it.

Mini memoir

Write a half-page personal memory with a focus on emotion and sensory details, for example, “The first time I cooked dinner”.

Headline remix

Find a news headline and rewrite it to be more exciting, funny or poetic.

Caption this

Take an old family photo or image from a magazine and write a caption or short dialogue for the characters.

Character text messages

Pretend you are a character from a book and write a short text conversation with another character.

Secondary numeracy

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Split the bill

Going out to breakfast, lunch or dinner with family or friends? Put your teenager in charge of [splitting the bill](#) fairly. Just make sure you double check their calculations!



Triple J Hottest data

The average beats per minute (BPM) of songs featured in Triple J's Hottest 100 has declined from 128bpm to 116bpm. What are the BPM patterns you can uncover in the [Triple J Hottest 100 data](#)?



Business plan

Have a creative teen with big ideas? Encourage them to design a mini [business plan](#)—it's a fun way to channel their interests while building real-world skills in problem-solving, planning, and innovation.



Reorganise your bedroom

For teenagers interested in updating the look of their room the [reorganise your bedroom](#) activity uses measurement to work out what fits where



Work out your hourly rates

When your teen is looking at part-time jobs, encourage them to view or ask what the [hourly rate](#) is. They can start using this to calculate a budget of how much they can save and still have enough to buy what they want.



Saving water challenge

Looking for a meaningful way to get your teen thinking critically at home? Support them to carry out a simple water audit—it's a practical activity that helps identify ways to [save water challenge](#) (and money!), while showing how maths and everyday problem-solving go hand in hand.



How to win at pool

Support your child's knowledge of angles by playing [how to win at pool](#).

