

# Games and Activities to Play over Video Calls

Keeping in touch with family and friends, when you can't be together, has never been so easy. There are many different options available for video calls and meetings, helping us to stay in touch even when we can't visit or see each other.

Making these video calls fun and interesting for young children is a great way for children to feel a connection with loved ones and friends they cannot see in person. Try some of the fun and creative activities and games below.

## Find Me Something...

The person being called asks the child to find something from the house that meets a particular description, e.g. is blue/tiny/fluffy/begins with 's'. Your child rushes to find something to meet the description and bring it back to the camera.



## Charades

Play a simple game of charades over video call, where one person thinks of a book, film or TV programme and acts it out in silence for the others to guess.

## Hide and Seek

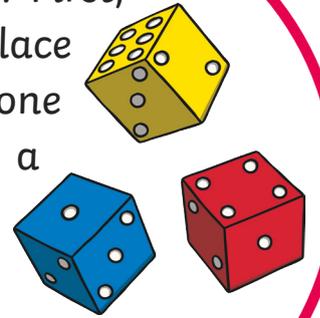
While family members or friends are on the video call, hide your phone or tablet somewhere in your home for your child to find. The adults who are 'hiding' can call out to your child to give them a clue.



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## Party Plate

This game is great fun but requires a little preparation. Each group of people on the call must prepare a party plate. First, divide a plate into six sections with coloured tape and place one to six small party foods in each section, such as one biscuit, two berries, three sweets, etc. Each group needs a dice. When on the video call, someone rolls the dice and someone from the other group must eat the food that matches this number. Take it in turns to roll the dice.



If you've already eaten that number of foods, you miss a turn.  
Who can eat all their foods first?

## Alphabet Games



Choose an easy topic, such as food, and take it in turns to say something from that topic in alphabetical order, for example 'apple, bread, cake...'

## Memory Game

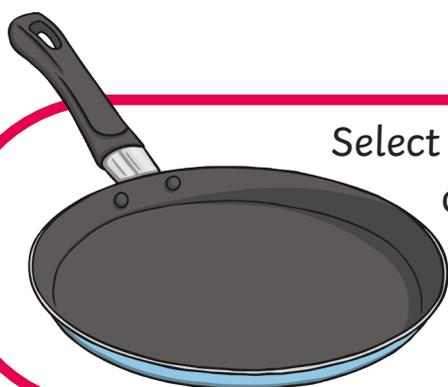
Each group of people on the video call select up to ten objects or toys from their house. Take it in turns to show all the objects selected before moving the camera away from them. How many of these objects can the other group remember?



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## Storytime

Family members and friend love to read children stories and this doesn't need to stop just because you can't be together. Use video calls to share favourite stories, holding the book up to the camera to share the pictures.

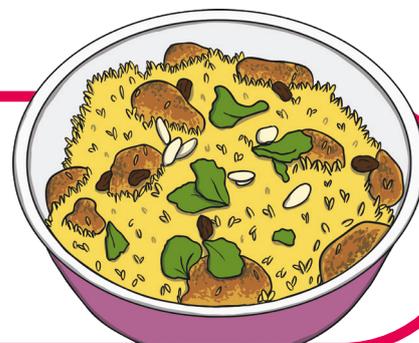


## Let's Cook

Select a very simple recipe, ensuring that each group of people on the call have the correct ingredients, and cook together over video call. The adults can talk the child or children through each step and model what to do.

## Have Dinner Together!

Have your family or friends on the screen at the table while everyone is having their dinner. It will be just like having them over for a meal and you can chat about your days.



## Draw It!



One person thinks of an object, place or person and draws it on camera. How quickly can the other person guess what they are drawing?

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### What a Performance!

Family members and friends would love to see a performance from your child. Why not put on a show? They could sing, dance, play an instrument, do a puppet show or tell jokes.



### Afternoon Tea



Set up an afternoon tea that you can enjoy together and spend the time chatting. Both parties can have a teapot and teacup and a small selection of cakes or biscuits.