

Tips for Parents: Cool (free) Websites to Teach Academics

Learning strategies: <https://www.learningscientists.org/videos> (Good for ALL parents who are not educators as well as for older students using texts or other challenging assignments).

Some websites require you to sign on. Don't forget your passwords! Also, presume competence in your student. They may still get a lot out of a website you think is beyond their grade/age level. The best advice is to follow their interests and talk about what you saw(or learned) even if they can't talk back or show you they understand. Learning side-by-side typical siblings can also be a great family activity!

MULTIPLE SUBJECTS

- **Encyclopedia Britannica** <https://www.britannica.com/>
- **Khan Academy | Free Online Courses, Lessons & Practice**
<https://www.khanacademy.org>
- **Writing or other language development** (Select and enlarge a picture. Tell or write about it.) <https://store.nytimes.com/collections/photography>
- **The Open Library** (To read or listen to. Although the reader sounds artificial, it is good for some children who listen best in motion.) <https://openlibrary.org/>
- **Freedom Homeschooling Virtual Field Trips**
<https://freedomhomeschooling.com/virtual-field-trips/>

GEOGRAPHY and WORLD CULTURES

Questions to ask: *How would you get from our house to (anywhere)? Where is ____? What type of land form is ____? (Check Wikipedia if you don't know!) Tell me what people do differently in _____?*

- **Google Earth** <https://www.google.com/earth/>
- **Google Maps** <https://maps.google.com>
- **Rick Steves World Tours** <https://www.ricksteves.com/>



HISTORY

Suggested activities: Make a timeline. Build a village from that time period with Legos or blocks. Talk about what life was like back then.

- **History Channel** (you may need to vet the episodes since some shows, e.g., about various wars, are very graphic) <https://www.history.com/>
- **History for Kids** <https://www.historyforkids.net/> (for younger kids)
- **American History for Kids** <https://www.americanhistoryforkids.com/> (for younger kids)

SCIENCE

- **Bill Nye the Science Guy**
 - Episodes to watch <https://billnye.com/the-science-guy>
 - Home experiments to try <https://billnye.com/home-demos>
- **Animal Planet** (you may need to vet the episodes for sensitive students since some programs involve carnivores killing their prey) <https://www.animalplanet.com/>

MATH

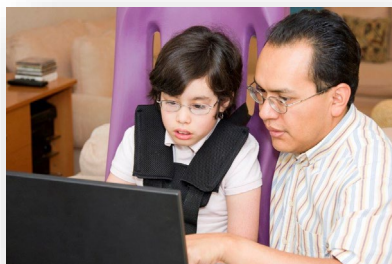
- **Splashlearn** www.splashlearn.com (Young children)
- See our separate tip sheet for everyday math. [LINK TO IT HERE](#)

LANGUAGES

What do you want to learn to say (can't be anything they would let you say in school)? Look it up and repeat it over and over until you can pronounce it correctly. Go say it to someone in your house and tell them what it means. Check again tomorrow to make sure you still know it.

Did you know many of your favorite TV shows have subtitles in other languages? Check them out on www.youtube.com

- **American Sign Language** <https://www.signingsavvy.com/learning>
- **Google translate** <https://translate.google.com/>
- **This website is specifically for learners who type to communicate:**
<https://www.reacheveryvoice.org/virtual-institute>



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