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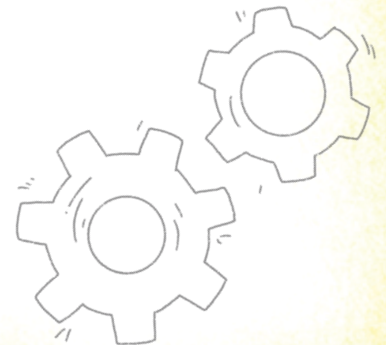
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VIRTUAL CAMPS AND CLASSES



1 ARREE (FREE)

Writing, storytelling, and drawing classes, for all ages, from award-winning author/illustrator Arree Chung.

2 VARSITY TUTORS (FREE)

Free live lessons and virtual summer camps on diverse subjects for grades K - 12. Topics include enrichment-based classes, wildlife, art, recycling, crafts, and more.

3 SERIOUS FUN CHILDREN'S NETWORK (FREE)

Thirty life-changing camps and programs serving children of all ages living with serious illnesses and their families around the world.



4 MICHAELS CRAFT STORE (FREE)

Live sessions that include crafts, art, and building activities for all ages.

5 IMACS

Interactive, instructor-led online classes for grades 1-9. Topics include math, computer science, and logical reasoning.

6 AZULED'S VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP 2020

Global Virtual Summer Camp for students ages 3 - 14. Children have the opportunity to meet and interact with children from all over the world and participate in a wide variety of classes, including music, art, languages, science, and more.

7 ACTON ACADEMY MIAMI

Hero's Virtual Summer Camp for children ages 7 - 12. Children learn skills such as leadership, S.M.A.R.T goals, entrepreneurship, healthy habits, learning techniques, and more. Game-based learning, art, music, and social-emotional intelligence.

8 WILD EXPLORERS CLUB

Educational Adventure Program for children ages 6 - 12. Includes print magazines and patches delivered by mail in the US & Canada.



VIRTUAL CAMPS AND CLASSES, CONT.



9 ID TECH

Virtual Tech/ STEM camps for kids ages 7 - 19. This virtual STEM camp teaches skills for future careers in science, engineering, technology, and math in a fun and engaging summer setting.

10 OUTSCHOOL

Live Online classes for children ages 3-18. Subjects include art, math, coding, writing, and more.



11 CODE NINJAS

At Home Coding and Virtual Camps for children ages 5 - 14. Topics include coding, video games, and STEM.

12 ACT ONE THEATRE CAMP

An online summer acting camp, for ages 6-15, that brings the exciting world of theatre home to your living room. Students spend each and every day acting, singing, dancing, and more.



13 CAMP HULLABALOO

A reading camp for ages 2 - 8. The weekly subscription boxes include crafts and family-friendly activities.

14 BAKETIVITY BAKE-A-CAMP BOX

For ages 6-11, this virtual summer camp helps bakers learn new skills and tips, while discovering the secrets of great baking. Includes online video courses too.

15 PORTFOLIO SCHOOL

The "Summer Makers Program" offers a wide range of online hands-on academic and enrichment classes for kids ages 5 - 11. Topics include creative & performing arts, design, and engineering.





OUTDOOR FUN



16 GEOCACHING (FREE) Explore new areas worldwide with Geocache Travel. There are millions of geocaches hidden around the world for you to find! All ages.

17 BACKPACK SCIENCES 8 weeks of video lessons that encourage critical thinking skills with hands-on science activities. Best for ages 5-10.



18 THINK OUTSIDE Monthly subscription box for kids ages 4 - 14+ full of outdoor equipment and resources that will get your children away from a screen and outside exploring nature.



ONLINE LEARNING

19 12 FAMOUS MUSEUMS OFFER VIRTUAL TOURS (FREE) Experience the best museums virtually from your home. Perfect for all ages.



20 SCHOLASTIC (FREE) Projects and activities to keep children thinking, reading, and growing. Geared for ages 3-9.



21 KHAN ACADEMY (FREE) Online learning platform for ages 2+. Students learn math, science, technology, art history, and more!

22 SAN DIEGO ZOO (FREE) Online learning resources for families that help you stay connected with virtual visits anytime you want. Activities include wildlife cams, games, and crafts.

23 SEW A SOFTIE (FREE) Online sewing patterns and videos to help children, ages 5+, learn to sew.



24 HOFFMAN ACADEMY (FREE) Online piano lessons, for children of all ages, that empower them with the knowledge and techniques to become true musicians in a supportive, child-friendly way.

25 WOW ART (FREE) Free daily painting tutorials for children of all ages.





ONLINE LEARNING, CONT.



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YOUSICIAN

Yousician is an online music platform for anyone to learn, play, create, and teach music.

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JAM WITH JAMIE

A virtual music club for kids ages 0-12. This children's entertainment company that specializes in birthday parties, events, and private classes/playgroups.



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MARCOPOLO LEARNING

A STEAM and literacy digital learning platform for children ages 3-7 that includes online learning, video lessons, and printable resources.



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TYNKER

A coding platform where children learn problem-solving, critical thinking skills, and programming in a fun way. Self-paced coding tutorials for children aged 5 - 14+.

GARDENING

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KIDS GARDENING (FREE)

Fun gardening ideas and activities for children of all ages.

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CITY BLOSSOMS (FREE)

Free gardening resources, lessons, and activities for children of all ages.

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LIFE LAB

Curriculum and online lessons for education in gardening for grades K-5. Lessons, videos, and fun activities that include garden scavenger hunts and gardening lessons.



SPORTS

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NET GENERATION (FREE)

Fun activities and tips to stay connected and engaged in tennis at home. All ages.

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SUPER SOCCER STARS

Fully interactive virtual soccer classes and camps for children 2-18.

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CHESS NYC

Online Chess classes ages 4+, from beginners to highly advanced play. Lessons, classes, games, gamesmanship and Chess Mentorship.



"The expert at anything
was once a beginner"

Helen Hayes

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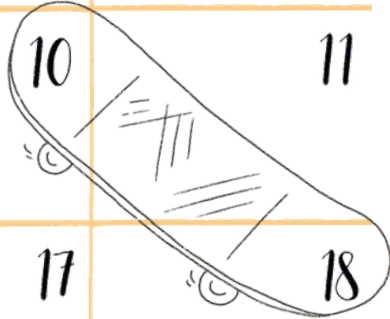



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"The day you plant the seeds
isn't the day you eat the fruit"

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"Each moment and every person you meet presents an opportunity to learn "something new" unknown

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5 Ways to Help Your Child Be a Problem Solver

1. Encourage Free Play

Playing offers your child tons of **problem-solving opportunities**. Unstructured play, or free play, is especially impactful. Without set guidelines, children have the freedom to **create, discover, and establish** their own rules.



2. Teach Flexible Thinking

Building cognitive flexibility begins early. When children **know there are choices** and options from a young age, they begin to see all the possibilities.



You can start with:

- **changing the daily routine** in a small way ("Do you want to take a bath before or after dinner?")
- using **"flexible" language** ("Let's see if we can try this another way")
- **brainstorming options** for as many things as possible (pizza toppings, ways to travel, ice cream flavors, or paint colors)
- deciding on a **new rule** for a favorite family game

3. Celebrate Failure

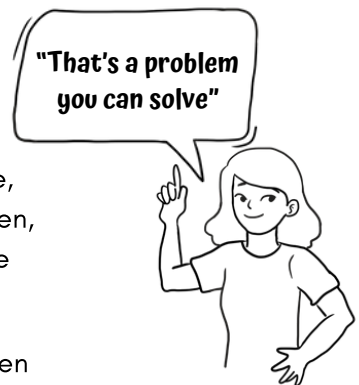
Children who fear making mistakes or failing are **less likely to tackle their own problems**. Discuss how failing often happens when we work hard and practice a lot.



Talk with your child about how **mistakes prime our brains** for learning. Give them an **opportunity to boast** about their mistakes and how they overcame them (and do the same with yours)!

4. Don't Rush In

The next time you're tempted to immediately solve your child's issue, **choose a different strategy**. Often, they just need to hear the message they're capable.



It's also key to differentiate between **"kid problems"** and **"adult problems."** Make a list with your child of issues a parent should always help solve: when someone's hurt, in danger, or there's a safety issue.

5. Practice Mindfulness

Studies show that **mindfulness promotes problem-solving**. When we learn to quiet down, the answer often becomes obvious.



- ★ Take a **listening** walk together and count the sounds you hear
- ★ Read stories and **discuss** how mindfulness helps each character solve their problems
- ★ Praise your child for **pausing** or taking a deep breath before reacting to a challenge

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