

IDEAS FOR RAINY DAYS!

Let's face it, it will probably rain quite a bit this summer. But don't let a drippy day spoil your fun — go wild indoors instead, with these rainy day activities...

1 MAKE A MEGA FORT

Drape a bed sheet over a clothes horse, ladder or sofa cushions and crawl inside.



2 SOFA FILM FESTIVAL

Hold a film festival in your very own living room. Make tickets, pop some popcorn and dim the lights. Action!



3 WRITE A LETTER

While you're stuck indoors, write a letter or make a card for a special pal that you don't see that often. They'll LOVE getting something through the post!



4 BAKE SOMETHING

Get busy making some treats. Nom!



5 GET SOME CULTURE!

Visit a museum or art gallery! There's loads to explore and most of them are totally free. Bonus!



6 HAVE A GO AT HAIKU!

Just because you're stuck indoors, doesn't mean you can't write about nature. Haiku are short poems from Japan which, traditionally, are all about the natural world.

In English versions of haiku there are rules — they should all have three lines with a total of 17 syllables. The first line should have 5 syllables, the second line 7 and the third, 5.

Here's a famous example by Bashō Matsuo, the first great haiku poet, born in 1644.

AN OLD SILENT POND...
1 2 3 4 5

A FROG JUMPS INTO THE POND
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SPLASH! SILENCE AGAIN.
1 2 3 4 5

And here's one we made up at NG Kids!

NEVER MIND THE RAIN...
1 2 3 4 5

THERE'S LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

IN NG KIDS MAG!
1 2 3 4 5

Send us your rainy day poems and we'll publish our favourites!

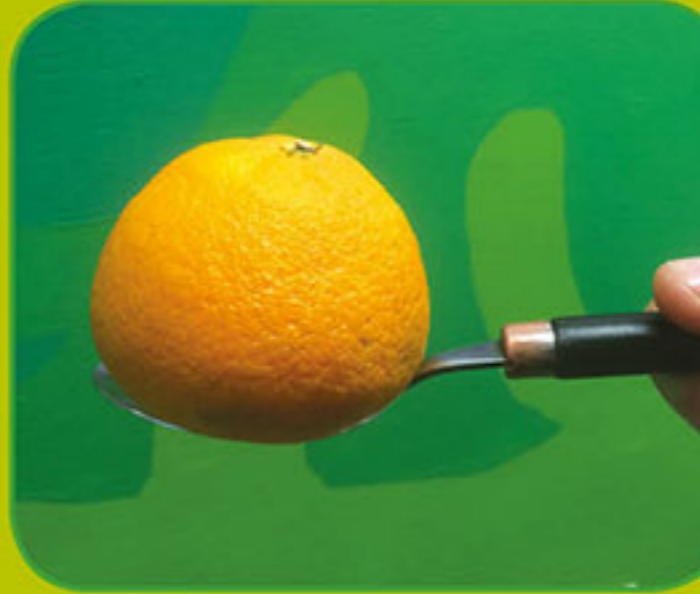
7 SATSUMA SPOON FENCING

Have some fruity fun!

YOU NEED 2 players
● 4 spoons ● 2 satsumas
● A large room to play in

HOW TO PLAY Each player holds an empty spoon in one hand, and a spoon with a satsuma on it in the other hand.

● The aim of the game is to knock your opponent's satsuma onto the floor, without your own one falling off!



8 ONE THING AT A TIME

Get a group of people together and make up a story by telling just one word at a time. Go round in a circle, taking it in turns to say a word. The more adjectives (describing words) you use, the more fun it will be. You can let the silly story go wherever it likes, or you could all decide on a theme first — such as a ghost story, sea adventure or alien invasion.

10 BIG SUMMER QUIZ

Still bored? Have a go at our super seasonal quiz. Test your folks, too, to see who's smartest!

1 What's the name of the famous seaside puppets?
a) Richard and Judy b) Punch and Judy c) Pinky and Perky

2 Unscramble these letters to reveal the name of a famous holiday camp.
NUBSLIT

3 Which vitamin do we get from exposure to the sun?
a) Vitamin B12 b) Vitamin C c) Vitamin D

4 Coconut is one of the main ingredients in tutti frutti ice cream.
True or false?

5 What does a red flag on a beach mean?
a) Jellyfish! b) Do not enter the water! c) No dogs allowed!

6 Unscramble these letters to reveal the name of an outdoor toy.
BISEREF

7 Killer whales can be found off the coast of the UK.
True or false?

8 What's the name given to the year's longest day?
a) Summer equinox b) Summer solstice c) Mega day

9 Who sang the song 'Summer Holiday'?
a) Cliff Richard b) Kylie c) Gary Barlow

10 Which of these items do you NOT need on holiday?
a) Suncream b) Sunglasses c) Mobile phone

11 Unscramble these letters to reveal something you need when camping.
INGLEEPS GAB

12 What is a buoy?
a) A male human child b) A type of anchor c) A floating device



Answers below.

