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My ex-wife Kate and I have discovered many useful online educational resources during our time travelling the world together with our three kids the past couple of years.

If you or anyone you know is having to begin a homeschooling program right now because of school closures, you might find these online resources useful.



[Horrible Histories](#) – Explores the side of history they don't teach you about in school. Horrible Histories covers the funniest, yuckiest, and most gruesome bits of history for kids.



[Liberty's Kids](#) – Two teenage reporters cover the events of the Revolutionary War for Ben Franklin's newspaper, *The Philadelphia Gazette*.



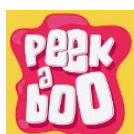
[World Ahoy](#) – a fun animation series for children that deals with general culture, education, and entertainment.



[Bill Nye \(The Science Guy\)](#) – full-length clips from each of the 100 shows on some very interesting topics.



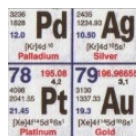
[National Geographic](#) – makes it fun to explore your world with weird, wild, and wacky videos. Videos featuring awesome animals, cool science, funny pets, and more.



[Peekaboo Kidz](#) – colorful animations specially designed for kids as they explore the world of educational videos, classic English songs, phonics songs, lullabies, and more.



[Ashuelot Concerts](#) – a pair of musicians, who tour schools introducing school children to classical music, have started performing their concerts live for an online audience (Wednesdays and Saturdays).



[Periodic Videos](#) – a channel for all things chemistry. A video about each element on the periodic table, demonstrating their properties with spectacular experiments.



[Art with Mati and Dada](#) – a good way to learn about the Masters in an entertaining and kid-friendly way.



[TED Talk: Sir Ken Robinson](#) – a very funny and motivational speech about creativity.



[TED Talk: Logan LaPlante](#) – when 13-year-old Logan LaPlante grows up, he wants to be happy and healthy. He discusses how hacking his education is helping him achieve this goal.



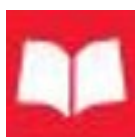
[TED Talk: Rita Pierson](#) – a rousing call to educators to believe in their students and connect with them on a real, human, personal level.



[Audible](#) – Audible has opened its catalogue. Kids can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages.



[Google Arts and Culture](#) – includes virtual tours of over 500 of the world's most famous art galleries and museums, including the British Museum, the Guggenheim, Musée d'Orsay, and many others.



[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) – 20-day courses made especially for children affected by school closures. Suitable for all grade levels.
