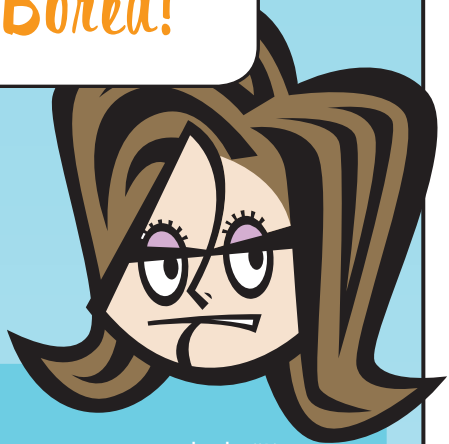




I'm Bored!



20 Ideas for a Fun Day

Instead of telling your mom or dad, "I'm bored," or "There's nothing to do," think of all the things you *could* be doing. Playing the same games over and over isn't any fun. But trying something new is. If you're having a dull day, turn it into an exciting one by giving the following ideas a try.

- 1 Pretend you've joined the circus.
- 2 Ride bikes (remember to wear a helmet!)
- 3 Dress up in your favorite costume.
- 4 Run through the sprinkler.
- 5 Build a fort inside or in your backyard.
- 6 Read a story.
- 7 Go to the park.
- 8 Have a picnic.
- 9 Play Frisbee.
- 10 Write and sing your own song.
- 11 Play with a pet!
- 12 Finger paint.
- 13 Host your own TV show.
- 14 Search your house for coins that have fallen on the floor or are hiding under chair cushions.
- 15 Gaze at the stars.
- 16 Search for four-leaf clovers.
- 17 Go to the library.
- 18 Guess the shapes of clouds.
- 19 Help your parents by setting the table.
- 20 Make sock puppets.



With all these ideas, you're sure to find adventure around the corner. You can also chase away boredom by visiting us with your mom or dad. You'll learn how to save your money for the things you want and you may even be able to exchange your old coins for some bright, shiny new ones.



You're watching your favorite television show when a commercial comes on for a new video game. "Wow! That looks like fun!" you think to yourself. You ask your parents if you can get it. They say, "You don't need that." You think your parents are wrong. But if you stop to think about that commercial, you may decide they are right.

All about Ads

A commercial or ad (short for advertisement) is a message that is created to sell people products. Ads want you to *add* toys, games or clothes to the ones you already have. You see them on TV, before movies, in magazines, on billboards, on trucks and many other places.

The products in ads cost money. So, before you ask your parents for something you see in an ad or want to use your own money to buy, think about these questions:

- Is a toy pictured with other toys that are not sold with it?
- Do I just want the product to show off to friends?
- Will I use the product for a long time?

You may decide you don't need the product or can wait to buy it on sale. Saving money to buy something you will truly enjoy is worth it! Deposit money in your savings account to help your money grow. Then you – not an ad – can decide when you are ready to buy!

What's Food Got to Do with It?

Have your parents or teachers told you sayings about foods that just don't make sense? Because food is such a big part of our lives, many sayings come from food. Here are a few:

Too many cooks in the kitchen – If there are too many people working on a project (or a meal), it may get sidetracked by arguing or different opinions.

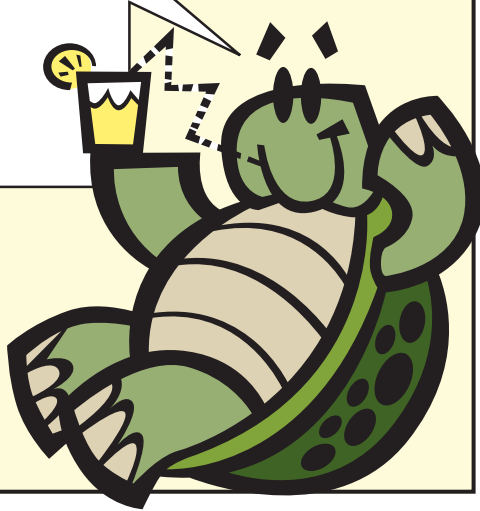
An apple a day keeps the doctor away – Eating fruits and vegetables, and other healthy foods, will help you stay healthy and strong.

Don't bite off more than you can chew – When you're doing something like chores, don't try to do too much. Only work on one thing at a time. Otherwise you might get overwhelmed.

When life hands you lemons, make lemonade

– When something bad happens, try to make the best out of it. Like if you get a bad score on a test, study harder next time.

Now that you understand some of the crazy sayings people say, you can say them to others too! Be sure to save some lettuce (money) and deposit it into your savings account. We'll help you save for a rainy day.



Are Pennies Good Luck?

"Find a penny, pick it up. All day long you'll have good luck."

Maybe you've heard that saying from your parents or grandparents. Throughout history, pennies have often been linked to good luck.

Here are some fun penny superstitions:

- Carrying a penny will make you lucky.
- Keeping a jar of pennies in the kitchen brings good luck.
- If you give a purse or wallet to someone as a gift, put a penny in it for good luck.
- Place the first penny you get each day into your pocket. You will attract more throughout the day.

So if you think one cent isn't worth picking up – think again. Just for the luck of it!



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Connect the Stars

On a really dark night, did you know you can see about 1,000 to 1,500 stars in the sky? You may notice that some stars are brighter than others. And some of the brighter stars form patterns in the sky. These are called constellations. One of the most well-known constellations is the Big Dipper. Connect the stars to the right to see what the Big Dipper looks like!

Be a Savings Star!

Have you been saving money at home? It may be time to "scoop" it up and bring it in to deposit in your savings account where it can grow safely. Then, you can "dip" into it later when you've saved enough for something special!

Can you see the handle that connects to a bowl? It looks like a scoop, doesn't it?