

Online Activities for Teens in Lockdown



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Take an online photography course: Now is the time to learn a new skill, and surprisingly there are tons of [photography courses online](#). Ideally, they'll need a DSLR camera – luckily that's one thing that hasn't sold out on Amazon – but there are also courses in [smartphone photography](#) that focus on capturing interesting angles and concepts, and using natural light.



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Learn to touch type: Why not try to move away from the two-finger jab and learn how to type properly. [Learning to touch type](#) will speed up essay work too, so no more claiming carpal tunnel syndrome as an excuse to avoid doing English homework.

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Enrol in Stage School: It might sound strange but lockdown is the perfect time to start acting classes. Stage Academy are an established performing arts school who, like everyone else, have had to temporarily stop live classes. But they've put together online versions that are so good they actually stand alone as a way of taking drama lessons on an ongoing basis. They cover all ages from 4-18, it costs £10 a month (honestly SUCH good value for money), and you get a free 7-day trial – it's a no-brainer for budding thespians.



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Build a website: Why not learn to code? [Code Academy](#) offers free coding classes online. You could build your first ecommerce site, or start a blog!

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Create an Anime: If you're into graphic design, [Anime](#) is a good way to spend their time and learn a new skill.

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Start a podcast: If you fancy having a YouTube channel but you're too shy to put yourself out there, a podcast might be a good alternative. It's super easy to get started, and podcasting is really taking off right now. There are lots of podcast hosting platforms, and most of them have really good instructions explaining how to do it. [Podcast.co](#) allows you to download a pretty comprehensive guide with no obligation to sign up. Only once you have a recording you want to put on the podcasting apps, do you need to pay for an account. If you've never listened to a podcast, here's an example – [Teenage Kicks](#), a mental health podcast aimed at teens and their parents.

