

KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge 2020

Activity description and self-learning manual

Activity: Record a video of finger-puppet talk between 5 unique fingers/thumb | Physical skills | 3 years

Skill development milestone

The child should be able to sit, walk, use a spoon, scribble & throw a ball. The child can climb stairs up & down one foot at a time. The child can pedal a tricycle and can scribble as well.

Activity description

The child is required to make a conversation happen amongst any 5 fingers of thumbs of his/her hands. Each character/finger must speak at least 2 sentences (any language/any length). The child should move the talking finger up & down while speaking the two sentences. The sentences can be spoken together or separately as desired by child. Record the video of the child doing this activity.

Kindly make 5 faces on any of the 5 fingers/thumbs on the child's hands. Faces can be made using any of the pens (guide the child to not take the fingers in their mouth). Encourage the child to speak on behalf of any one of the fingers & move the talking finger up & down while speaking. Give a demo to the child for ease of understanding.

Below is an image for reference. You are free to make faces of any type.



Try this activity for 2-3 days to get perfection. Once he/she is comfortable, record a video and share with us.

The video should be submitted as an entry as per submission guidelines. You may share the video with family, relatives & close friends as desired by you. Or post the videos on social media, if you wish, with the hash tag #KidExDIYChallenge or #KidExDIYNationalChallenge.

Submission guidelines

1. You have to send 1 video of the child doing the activity
2. Keep the total files size less than 20 MB
 - a. Higher resolution camera creates large size video files
 - b. Android users can install & use Camera MX player to record smaller size video files
 - i. Camera MX player can be downloaded from [here](#)
 - c. Iphone users should change resolution setting by going to Settings -> Camera & selecting lowest resolution from "Record Video" option
3. You can upload the files(s) at <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-nc> (if total file size > 20 MB)
4. You can mail the file(s) to us at info@kid-ex.com (if total file size < 20 MB)
5. Please mention child's name, registered contact number & activity number in mail subject while submitting the file (Example: Veehan Saraf, 9654138862, Activity 1)

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6. Kindly ensure you have registered for the event for us to assess the submission. If not registered, please visit <https://www.kid-ex.com/diy-reg> to register. New registrations allowed till 15th May.

Self-learning manual

Common mistakes in this activity are:

1. The child does not realize that the child is doing puppet talking for one of the fingers
2. The child fails to move the fingers while talking
3. The child can move 2-3 fingers/thumbs but not all fingers/thumbs
4. The child takes the finger in their mouth eating/licking the colors

The best way to teach this trick is to let the child familiarize the concept with one finger first. Draw a face on only one finger. Demonstrate to the kid by talking to that one character on one of the fingers. E.g. Mom/dad speaking with their one finger like they talk to their kid. Whenever the finger is replying, make sure you are moving the finger up & down to register that finger moves while speaking. Encourage the child to do the same with one finger – may be assume one character as mom/dad & speak with them.

Increase the number of characters to 2 & similarly, demonstrate how to make them speak with each other.

Gradually increase the number of characters to 5.

Key benefits of this exercise are:

1. Helps improve gross motor skills and enhances fingers movement setting the child for hands dexterity
2. Helps in improving communication skills & creativity
3. Finger movement exercise will help in improving hand-writing
4. It is a fun exercise and typically, kids like doing this type of activity

Entry evaluation guidelines

The maximum point for this activity is 10. Every entry would be rated as either:

1. Master (M): 100% score
 - a. The child can speak at least 1 sentence/word with each of the 5 finger character while adhering to finger's movement
2. Intermediate (I): 80% score
 - a. The child can speak at least 1 sentence/word with at least 3 finger characters while adhering to finger's movement
3. Beginner (B): 50% score
 - a. The child can speak at least 1 sentence/word with 1 finger character while adhering to finger's movement
4. Not applicable (NA): 0% score
 - a. All other submission cases
 - b. No submission.

For any queries, you may Whatsapp us at +91-7303755886 or email us at info@kid-ex.com.

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About KidEx

KidEx is a company founded by Kapish Saraf & Amritanshu Kumar (IIT Kharagpur & IIM Calcutta alumnus). KidEx aims to create a platform to enable holistic & comprehensive development of every child by partnering with their parents in a logistically convenient manner for the parents. KidEx offers multiple extra-curricular activity classes for kids in physical & digital form (basis screen time guidelines) to enable child's holistic development. Live classes include: Chess, Arts, Mandarin, Spanish, French, German, Guitar, Movie-Making. Upcoming classes include: Academics, Robotics, Coding, Dramatics, multiple Dance & Music, Social Etiquette etc. KidEx will offer all learning solutions to parents under one umbrella. KidEx would soon launch a suite of digital products aimed at making child-raising easier & more fun for parents.

About KidEx Do-It-Yourself National Challenge

The event is an effort to spread awareness regarding need for all rounded development of the child. This is also, designed keeping in mind the current external scenarios where lockdown/no lockdown, social distancing practices would continue & schools/colleges might be shut for a few months which would require parents to find non-screen time learning opportunities for the child while demanding lesser time for parents allowing them some breathing space for themselves.

The event is open to all Indian citizens in India or abroad across age groups of 3 to 17 years. Basis the submitted entries, for every age, a leader board would be created & declared.

Prizes & certificates

We will conduct two versions of the event for all interested parents. Parents can decide whether they want their child to participate in the paid version or the free version of the event. Entry charge for paid version of the event is INR 500 for every child.

Paid version participants would be eligible for:

1. Prizes for winners across all age category
 - a. Number of winners linked to number of paid version participants
 - b. 50% of registration fees to be distributed as prize to winners
2. Winner & participation certificates
3. Assessment score for every submitted entry & leader board position summary

Free version participants would be eligible for:

1. Assessment score for every submitted entry

Even participants interested in paid version would be required to pay the amount after 7th May allowing them opportunity to participate first & then, decide.