



Active learning@Home provides parents and caregivers with easy-to-do CAPS-based activities per Grade to support their children's learning at home

# Meet the Triangle-family

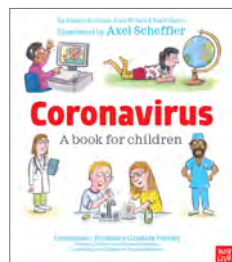
## Parent Corner

The focus for Grade 8 today is about listening and following instructions.

In mathematics your child will learn more about exponents (the number of times a number is multiplied by itself, for example,  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  is written like this:  $2^3$ ). You and your child will need to find recyclable materials around the house to play a game.

## Book of the day

**Coronavirus: A book for children** is a book especially written for children about the Covid-19 coronavirus.



It explains complicated issues in an easy way and also provides important information to children on how to protect themselves.

Download this book (it's for free) here: [https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus\\_INS.pdf](https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus_INS.pdf)

## Online Resources



FREE online applications (Apps) recognised by the Department of Basic Education (linked to the curriculum) are available.

These provide support materials in all languages for several Grades.

2Enable register here: <https://www.2enable.org/>

Also visit the DBE's Cloud at: <https://dbecloud.org.za>

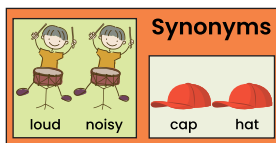
## Learning together is FUN

Do the following activities with your child. They are linked to the work that he or she is already doing in class. In this way you help him or her to stay up to date with his or her learning.

### Synonyms and antonyms

As your child learns how to read and write it will find that words become very important. Without words we cannot make up a sentence and without a sentence we cannot make up a paragraph.

Explain to your child the following: **Synonyms** are words that have the **same meaning**. For example, the word *happy* has the same meaning as words such as *cheerful*, *glad* and *joyful*.



**Antonyms** are words that have the **opposite meaning**, for example the opposite of *happy* is *sad*.



Writers use synonyms to make their stories more interesting and fun, as it becomes boring to use the same word many times in a sentence or paragraph.

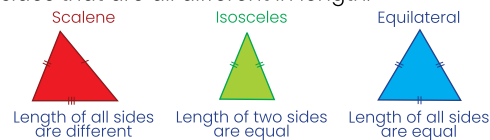
Make this a bit more fun by asking your child to create a **song** using synonyms and antonyms of his or her choice. Also ask him or her while reading the book for today, to identify words that are synonyms, or create synonyms for some words.

### The Triangle-family

In maths we learn about many shapes. Shapes have special features that make them unique from each other. Today you and your child are going to have fun learning about the **different types of triangles**.

Explain to your child that we get many types of triangles, but they are all part of the triangle-family. To be part of the triangle-family it must have a shape with three (3) sides. Just like in his own family, each member of the triangle-family is given a specific name based on how it looks. We use the sides of a triangle to decide on the name.

Today, we will focus on three members of the triangle-family. If all three sides of the triangle are the same (equal) in length then it is called an **equilateral triangle**. When two sides are equal in length, then it is called an **isosceles triangle**. Lastly, a **scalene triangle** has three sides that are all different in length.



Even though these three triangles are different, they are still part of the same family.

Ask your child to draw each type of triangle and colour or decorate it.

## Play today

**TREASURE HUNT.** It is important to keep your children's minds active in order to develop their thinking skills.

First, plan where you will hide the treasures (in the house or outside). You will need to write a clue that will give your child just enough information to search for the treasure. For example, if you hide a 'treasure' under the bed, the clue may be 'something you sleep on'. Hide about 5 treasures, each with its own clue. Write the clues on a piece of paper and give to your child. The treasures can be anything from a special note, to a healthy snack like an apple.



If they have found all the treasures, their reward is that they can choose who will wash the dishes that evening.

## Healthy Habits



Cough and sneeze into your elbow please



Remember to keep it **PLAYFUL** and **FUN**. That is how children learn.