

# Can We Play Now?



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My school is closed right now.



We are staying home to help everyone be healthy.



I am not sick. My friends and my teachers are not sick. The grown-ups in my house are not sick, either.



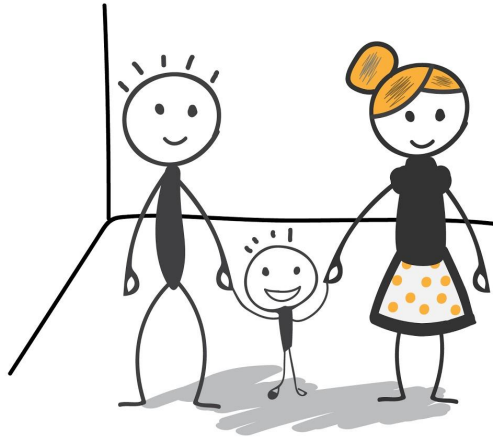
I like playing with my friends and teachers at school.  
I wish I could play with them now.



My school is closed, but I can play with my toys at home!



Everyone I live with is home. I want to play with them  
all day!

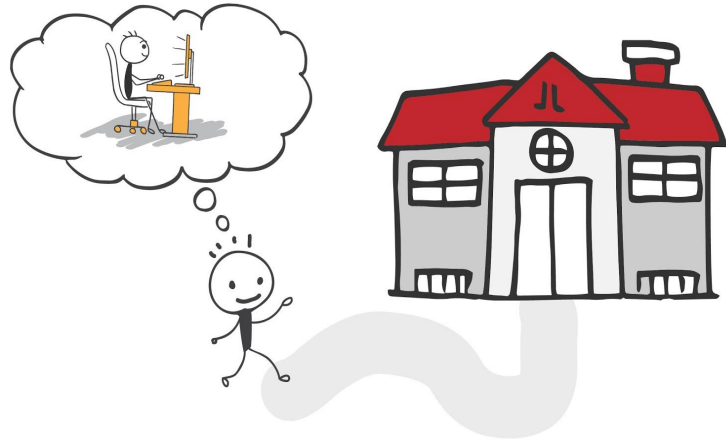


My grown-ups say they can't play all day. They have to do their work.





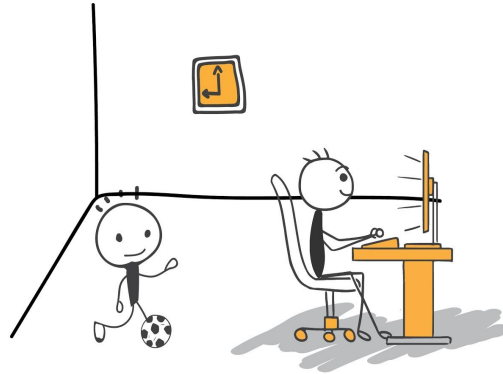
When my school is not closed, my grown-ups go to work while I go to school.



Right now, their work is closed just like my school is closed! They are helping to make sure people stay healthy, too.



When my school is closed, I can play at home. When my grown-ups' work is closed, they need to do their work at home.



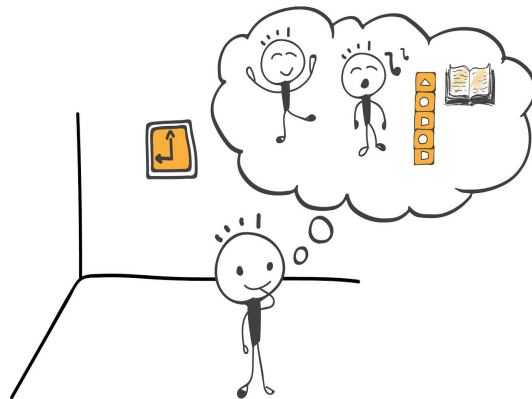
Sometimes I have to be extra quiet while they do their work. That is not so easy!



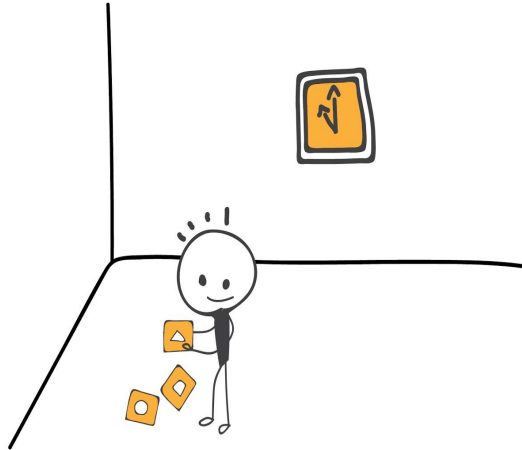
Sometimes I ask, “Can we play now?” But the grown-ups are busy with their work.



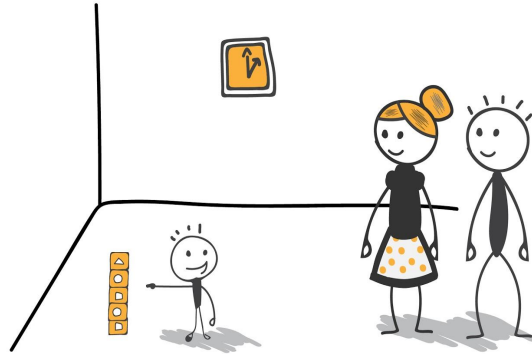
I have an idea! There are lots of things I know how to do without my grown-ups! I can play with my toys, read a book, dance, sing, jump, or build a tower!



My grown-ups will tell me when they can take a break from their work and play with me. I will try to be patient.

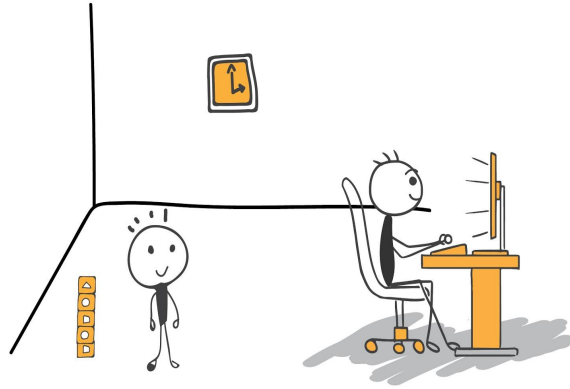


When it's time to play with my grown-ups, we will have so much fun. I will tell them about all the things I did while they were working!





I wish I could have fun with my grown-ups all day,  
but I am already thinking about what I will play when  
they go back to their work!



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