

Have you got children at home? Here at Altru, we want to help you and your children be as creative as possible over the coming weeks without school.

We'll be aiming to share some creative activities that don't need big groups and can be done at home on the sofa or in the garden. The first is below – a very simple storytelling game which is quite addictive!

We hope you enjoy – let us know how you get on!

Stay safe and positive.

The Altru Team x

The Fortunately/Unfortunately Story Game

To help boost your child's imagination and maybe even your own, tell each other a story where every sentence has to start with words fortunately or unfortunately (use them in alternate sentences to create some real twists and turns!)

Here's a quick example:

Parent: There once was a man who went to the park.
Child: *Fortunately*, is was lovely weather, so he sat on a bench in the
 sunshine.
Parent: *Unfortunately*, after 5 minutes it began to rain.
Child: *Fortunately*, he had packed an umbrella and put it up.
Parent: Unfortunately, the umbrella had a hole in it.

If the story runs dry, feel free to give it a nice positive ending and begin another. (And don't be tempted to tell your child what to say or to try to take the story in a particular direction – this activity allows imaginations to run wild!)

And if you have more than one child at home, this is something they could work on together – once you've modelled the story and laid some ground rules.

To follow up:

- Discuss the stories you've created – which was your child's favourite and why?
- Rewrite one of the stories trying to recall what happened and when.
- Ask your child to create a picture of their favourite story. (Years 1-3)
- Or a comic book with the flow of action and speech bubbles. (Years 4-6)

HAPPY IMAGINING!