



Click and Play!

Online games for children—even young children—can be safe, beneficial, fun, AND educational! When you choose the games carefully, play *with* your child, and limit the time spent in front of the screen, online games can become a great tool for the whole family.

Educational games that feature your child's favorite characters can be especially appealing. The familiarity of the characters, will help your child feel excited and eager to play. A well-designed online educational game enables children to improve and practice their creative, social, and school skills while they play. Children can play with adults, siblings, and friends. And when parents and caretakers join in, it's another opportunity to talk, enjoy one another, and learn together.

The games on the PINKALICIOUS & PETERRIFIC® website are based on an arts curriculum and help children explore their imagination and creativity. Starring Pinkalicious, a girl who loves to make all kinds of art—music, visual art, dramatic play, and dance—the games are easy to understand and invite repeat play. Here's a brief description of each game and ideas to extend the learning.

The **Pinkamazing Family Game** offers a suite of activities. After choosing the number of players, you are invited to draw, act, dance, and sing. Most of the suggestions are a little silly ("Act like a pumpkin flipping pancakes") or a variation on the expected ("Sing 'Row Row Row Your Unicorn'") for maximum giggles. Voting on each performance brings a round of applause and a shower of little bear faces. A special feature allows parents to customize the timer and to select which challenges they'd like to play.

Play On! ★ Choose a night to be a family game night. Combine online games with board games.

★ Provide paper and pencils or crayons and take turns telling or drawing a made-up story. Now act it out or make up a theme song. Ok, everyone take a bow!





In **Pinka-Perfect Band**, children create variations on three kinds of instruments: a drum set, xylophone, and harp. For each instrument, they can choose how to play it (with a stick, wrench, jar, tape, pan, and so on) and then join the Pinkalicious characters in a musical performance, making up their own rhythm to go along with the tune.

- Play On!** ★ Make your own homemade instruments with an empty tissue box and some rubber bands wrapped around it—or just play air guitar!
- ★ Host a family sing-off, with everyone singing a line or two from their favorite song.
- ★ Or play deejay: turn on the radio and dance!



The **Pinkatastic Stickers** game gives kids the ability to make their very own stickers using colorful backgrounds, objects, various Pinkalicious & Peterrific characters, and their own scribbles.” Children play with colors, shapes, lines, and animation as they create their very own masterpieces.

- Play On!** ★ Gather as many art supplies as you can find and decorate cards to send to friends and family.
- ★ Get a children’s book about art from the library and discuss your favorites.
- ★ Plan a trip to a local museum, school, or park to check out the art around you!

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