

# 1980s Challenge



**We Just Wanna Have Fun with the 1980s Challenge Pack...**  
From bright colours and big hair, to Live Aid and the creation of the world wide web, this decade was full of bold music, style, and new ideas. Ready to explore?

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# Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



## PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

## PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

## PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

## PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

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# HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack



This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

<b>Age 3 - 5</b>						
<b>Age 5 - 7</b>		<b>Craft</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>PICK</b>
<b>Age 7 - 11</b>	+					
<b>Age 11 - 14</b>	+					
<b>Age 14 - 18</b>	+					
<b>Age 18+</b>	+					

**Leaders, Teachers & Parents**  
Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

## TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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# Craft

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- Button Moon was a popular children's television programme in the 1980s. All of the characters lived on Junk Planet and everything was made from everyday objects such as wooden spoons, tin cans, and bottles. Use junk modeling materials that you have at home to create your own Button Moon inspired characters.
- Create some fingerprint art using ink, paint, or pens.

## Why?

In 1984, scientist Alec Jeffreys discovered DNA fingerprinting, which was a technique that could identify a person based on the unique patterns in their DNA.

- Keith Haring was one of the most influential artists of the 1980s. His distinctive style featured thick black outlines and bright colours. He often created his work using chalk or paint and was inspired by creative minds such as Dr. Seuss and Walt Disney. Create your own artwork inspired by Keith Haring.
- Friendship bracelets were popular in the 80s. Make some friendship bracelets of your own. Why not try some different techniques such as braiding or threading neon coloured beads?
- Puffy paint was a big hit in the 1980s. Make your own puffy paint and use it to create a picture full of colour and texture.

## How?

Pour some PVA in a small bowl, then add roughly the same amount of shaving foam and mix together. Add a few drops of food colouring depending on what colour you want your paint to be. Repeat this process in separate bowls for each colour you would like to make.

- Make a CD wind spinner using old CDs and sequins. Before you start, check that it's okay to use the CDs as you wouldn't want to accidentally ruin someone's favourite music. If you're unsure, you could always take a trip to a local charity shop and pick up some old CDs.

## Did you know?

The 1980s saw the invention of both the CD player and the portable CD player, making it easier than ever to enjoy music on the go!

- Labyrinth was a popular fantasy film released in 1986 that starred David Bowie. Make your own marble labyrinth maze using a cardboard box or other recycled materials of your choice.



# Food

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- Host a dinner party inspired by popular 1980s dishes.
- BBC Children in Need was first broadcast in 1980. Organise a bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. You could get creative by making cakes or biscuits inspired by Pudsey Bear!

## Did you know?

In 2018, BBC Children in Need officially raised a total of £1 billion to support children and young people across the UK since it started in 1980!

- The Breakfast Club was one of the most popular films of the 1980s. Host your own 'breakfast club' for friends or family. Serve your favourite foods such as eggs, bacon, pastries, pancakes, or fruit.
- Cheese and pineapple sticks and vol-au-vents were popular buffet items in Britain in the 1980s. Hold a 1980s themed buffet for your friends and family.
- Bake some heart shaped treats.

## Why?

On the 2nd of December 1982, Barney Clark became the first person to receive a permanent artificial heart during a transplant. This special machine, invented by Robert Jarvik, helped pump blood around his body when his heart stopped working. This was an incredible breakthrough in medical history and showed how scientists and doctors can create amazing things to help save people's lives.

- Bright neon colours were popular in the 1980s. Layer different colours of jelly in clear cups to create a fun rainbow effect.
- Roald Dahl's beloved story Matilda was published in 1988 and includes a chapter where Bruce Bogtrotter must eat a gigantic chocolate cake in front of his classmates! Bake your own chocolate cake inspired by this story.

## Here's an idea!

The 1980s also saw the creation of four other Roald Dahl classics; The Twits, George's Marvellous Medicine, The BFG, and The Witches. Why not recreate some of your own versions of the weird and wonderful foods and drinks mentioned in these stories such as worm spaghetti, Snozzcumbers, and Frobscottle?

- Make a dessert that was big in the 1980s such as trifle, lemon meringue pie, baked alaska, or pineapple upside down cake.



# Games

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- The World Wide Web was invented by Sir Tim Berners-Lee in 1989. Use a platform such as Scratch to build your own online game.
- Pac-Man® was released in 1980. Play your own real life game of Pac-Man®.

## How?

One player must be Pac-Man and use their arms to recreate the famous opening and closing of the mouth. The other players will be the ghosts (Blinky, Pinky, Inky and Clyde) and Pac-Man must try and 'tag' them. When all the ghosts have been tagged, they are all out and somebody else must be chosen to be Pac-Man.

- Arcade games were popular during the 1980s, with classic games such as Space Invaders®, Frogger®, and Donkey Kong®. Visit an arcade and enjoy playing some of the games there. How do today's arcade games differ from the machines of the 80s?
- The Care Bears® were created in the 1980s and promoted kindness, sharing, and friendship to a young audience. Make some kindness envelopes.

## How?

This is for fun but also has a long lasting effect. Each person has one envelope and a number of slips of paper, enough for one for each person. Write your name on your envelope and leave it in your place. Swap places so you are sat by someone else's envelope. Anonymously, write them a kind comment and pop it in their envelope. Repeat until you have written everyone a comment. When you return to your envelope, seal it up and open it when you are alone, taking some time to absorb the nice words about you.

- The first London Marathon took place on the 29th of March 1981. Hold some running races and calculate your speeds.
- Take part in some space hopper races.

## Why?

The first space shuttle launch took place on the 12th of April 1981, when astronauts John W. Young and Robert L. Crippet were sent into space on mission STS-1 from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

- Portable CD players were first invented in 1984, allowing people to take their favourite music with them wherever they went. Pop in some earphones or headphones, and listen to some music. Hum along and see if others can guess the song correctly.



# Other

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- Disposable cameras were invented by Fujifilm in 1986, and part of their magic was waiting to see how the photos turned out when they were printed. Take your own pictures using a disposable camera and create your own mini gallery to display your memories.
- Put on a music event to raise money for a charity that is important to you.

## Why?

Live Aid was a benefit concert that took place on the 13th of July 1985 to raise money for the famine in Ethiopia (1983-1985). Many famous artists such as David Bowie, Queen, Elton John, and Paul McCartney performed there. The concert raised over \$125 million and reached around 2 billion viewers around the world!

- Watch a classic Disney film that was released in the 1980s such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Oliver & Company*, or *The Fox and the Hound*.
- Read a book that was published in the 1980s such as *Hairy Maclary* by Lynley Dodd or *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian.
- The first episode of Eastenders aired in 1985. Write and record your own short soap opera episode with friends or family. Think about drama, funny moments, and cliff-hanger!
- The 1980s was a defining year for musical theatre with the opening of *Les Misérables* and *The Phantom of the Opera* in both London's West End and Broadway. Visit the theatre to see a production of one of these shows. Alternatively, have a listen to one of the soundtracks.
- Listen to some music that was popular in the 1980s such as Michael Jackson, Madonna, Whitney Houston, Duran Duran, or Wham!
- Interview somebody who grew up in the 1980s and ask them about their favourite music, clothes, food, and games at the time.
- In 1985, The Titanic was found at a depth of 13,000 feet by Dr. Robert Ballard and his team. Write a diary entry as if you are a passenger on the Titanic.
- Put together a 1980s inspired outfit. Think neon colours, big hair, shoulder pads, and bold accessories!
- Michael Jackson made the moonwalk popular in the 1980s. Have a go at learning this dance for yourself.

## Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their 1980s Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



## Create a Keepsake!

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