

AT HOME! PROJECT NO.5

Be a TV Presenter!

As family days out are put on hold, we've been thinking how we can make your family days in as much fun as possible.

Eureka! is the UK's only hands-on museum just for children aged 0-11. Full of exhibits to explore, helpful staff to engage with, activities to do and buttons to press. Based in West Yorkshire, we have brought smiles to the faces of over 8 million visitors since 1992. As families can't come to us, we are keen to bring a sample of the Eureka! experience to you.

Our expert staff have come up with a series of experiments that can be done at home, all designed to inspire children to get hands-on, have fun, and learn about themselves and the world around them.

Get experimenting and send us or share your pictures and videos using #EurekaAtHome and we'll share on our social media feeds too.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!



Spend a day in the spotlight – be a TV presenter!

When you watch the news, it's all about Coronavirus! That's because it's the most important topic at the moment – but there are lots of other things that presenters usually talk about on the TV. While they are all pre-occupied with the virus, why don't you have a go at reporting on something that interests you!

YOU WILL NEED:

- Relevant props from around the house and garden
- A mobile phone or digital camera to record yourself
- Lots of confidence and a bit of sparkle



STEP 1:

Decide what type of presenter you think you'll be. Do you love nature? You could be a wildlife presenter. If you like making things or engineering - you could report on how something works like Maddie Moate does [Click to see website].

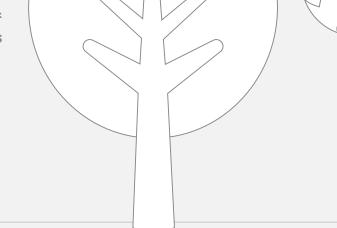
Or perhaps you like celebrities and musicians and would be great at presenting an entertainment show! The choices are endless, just make sure you are interested in whatever you pick.



STEP 2:

You need to decide on the subject or event that you'll be presenting. If you want to be a sports presenter, why not get your family doing a Wacky Races competition in the house or garden [see Eureka! At Home Activity Number 9: Wacky Races] and report on how that goes. Or you could present your own exercise workout like Joe Wicks! [Click to see Channel]

If you're a showbiz reporter why not report on a film you've seen lately? Or if you're a wildlife reporter what creatures can you show us from your garden? If you want to do something more exotic, have a look in some books, or search google for animals from Australia or



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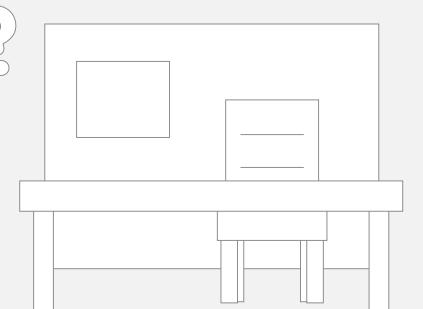
Decide if you'd like to include anyone else. Lots of TV presenters interview other people and this is quite a skill in itself. Is there anyone in your household who would know something about your topic and be able to say something interesting? Are you prepared to share the limelight?





STEP 4:

Decide on where you should film yourself. If you are a newsreader, can you make a desk to sit behind. What would you need behind you? If you are a showbiz reporter, can you make something feel like a red carpet?



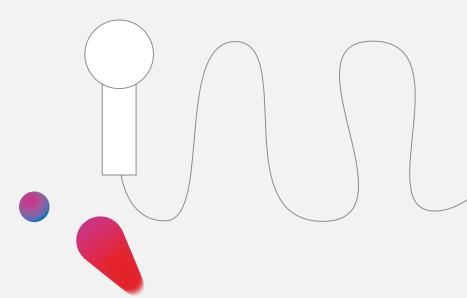
STEP 5:

All TV presenters need to look the part. This is about wearing something appropriate to the type of TV presenter you are going to be. TV newsreaders always wear their best clothes, whilst wildlife or nature reporters need to wear their wellies, or a sunhat, depending on the weather!



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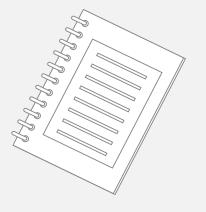
All TV presenters have a microphone. Sometimes you can see it in their hands, other times it's a small one attached to their clothes. If you need to make a microphone, the simplest way is to use a toilet roll tube and scrunch up some tin foil for the ball on the top.... But all sorts of things work really well as pretend microphones – particularly hairbrushes!





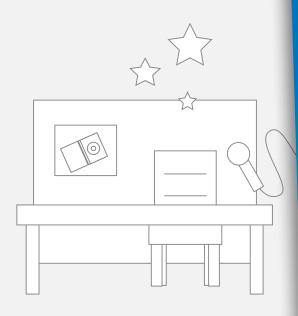
STEP 7:

Before you film it's important to practice! Write and rehearse your speech, or set down a few bullet points to keep you on track. If you're interviewing, make sure you know what you want to ask your interviewee.



STEP 8:

Once you're well-rehearsed, prepared with any props you need, and dressed suitably for the role you're going to take, you're ready to film! Don't forget you can film as many takes as you need to get it right.



Top Tip:

Remember to keep the bloopers – perhaps you could make them into a bloopers reel!

Share your photos #eurekamuse

Top Tip:

When you've made your film be sure to show it to friends and family by sharing it or uploading it to YouTube. Make sure the team at Eureka! can see it by using #EurekaMuseum

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