

Old-Fashioned Games and Other Old-Fashioned Fun

No Electronics or Even Electricity Required

You don't have to have a video game console to have fun with your grandkids. Just remember the old-fashioned games and other fun activities that you did as a kid. It's almost certain your grandchildren will love these activities too, partly because they're enjoyable and partly because they will be doing them with you.

1. [Play Football](#), roll a ball or swing ball

2. [Run, Hop or Swing](#)

Most grandparents have fond memories of classic outdoor games like tag and hopscotch. Try teaching one of these games to the grandchildren. They are cheap, easy and fun, and the kids will get their exercise. You will, too, if you choose to play with them. But there is usually some need for a coach/line judge/referee if you don't run, hop and swing quite like you used to.

3. [Fly Away](#)

There's something magical about things that fly, and flying toys will teach the grandkids about physics as well. These flying toys that you make or put together teach other skills as well. Indoors, make paper airplanes or helicopters. Outdoors, try kites and parachutes. For flying adventures outside, look for areas that are free of trees, light poles and other obstructions.

4. [Cut-Up](#)

Remember how much fun you used to have cutting pictures out of catalogs or making strings of paper dolls? Your grandchildren can have a lot of fun with paper and scissors, too. Most of these easy paper crafts require just those two things, plus some markers and a little glue.

5. [Skip a Rope](#)

You might think you've forgotten the jump rope rhymes of your youth, but they will all come back to you as soon as you begin. All you need for jump rope fun is one long rope with a person on each end, plus one person to jump. If you are short one person, you can tie one end to something that is about waist high.

6. [Play Cards](#)

You don't need game boards or special decks of cards to have fun. All you need is one deck of cards to play these old-fashioned favorites like Snap and Go Fish. You'll be teaching logic and concentration and the conventions of card playing.

7. [Have a Sing-Along](#)

Have some fun singing the next time you make a road trip or sit around a table. If you have four or more grandchildren, singing rounds is fun. And try this: sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and leave off one more word each time you sing it.

8. [Read a Book](#)

To make it really special for your grandchildren, make it one that their mom or dad enjoyed, or even one that you liked as a child.

Have fun!