

THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR STUDENT

FUN IDEAS TO FILL YOUR TIME

1. **PICNICS:** You might make a customary picnic lunch while asking your student to share customary food or their favorite picnic dish.
2. **BAKING:** American kids grow up knowing how to make cookies and cakes but, most likely, your student does not. Teach them how to make your favorite treat or ask them to teach you how to make theirs!
3. **COOKING:** Ask your student if they will show you how to make a typical dish from their country. Show your student how to make your favorite family recipe!
4. **GAMES:** Some board and card games might provide an evening's fun (stay away from difficult word games or games with complicated instructions.)
5. **PHOTO ALBUMS:** Pictures of family trips, wedding albums, home movies; these can start conversations and break the ice.
6. **COLLECTIONS:** Ask your student if they have a collection or hobby, ask about their hobbies.
7. **ERRANDS:** A simple trip to the market, shopping center, library, etc. can be a big adventure for your student. Next time you are leaving, ask them if they'd like to join!
8. **SHOPPING:** Always a hit!! Invite your student to join your various family members during their shopping trips.
9. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Are always interesting. Ask your student if they want to participate in the community activities you may already be doing. Invite them to a Little League game, community playhouse, religious service, etc.
10. **SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS:** Attending weddings, quinceaneras, baptisms, birthday parties, baby showers, retirement parties, etc. are very exciting occasions for students.
11. **HIKING IN LOCAL MOUNTAINS OR ANY NATURE SETTING:** Be sure student has proper footwear, sunscreen, a water bottle, etc. Take lots of pictures.
12. **VISITING THE BEACH OR A PRETTY LAKE:** This is a favorite activity for students, especially in the warm months. Students will remember a day like this forever.

HAVE FUN!