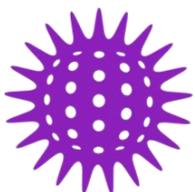
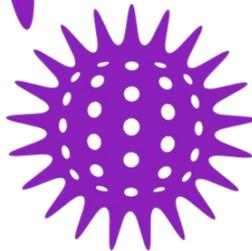
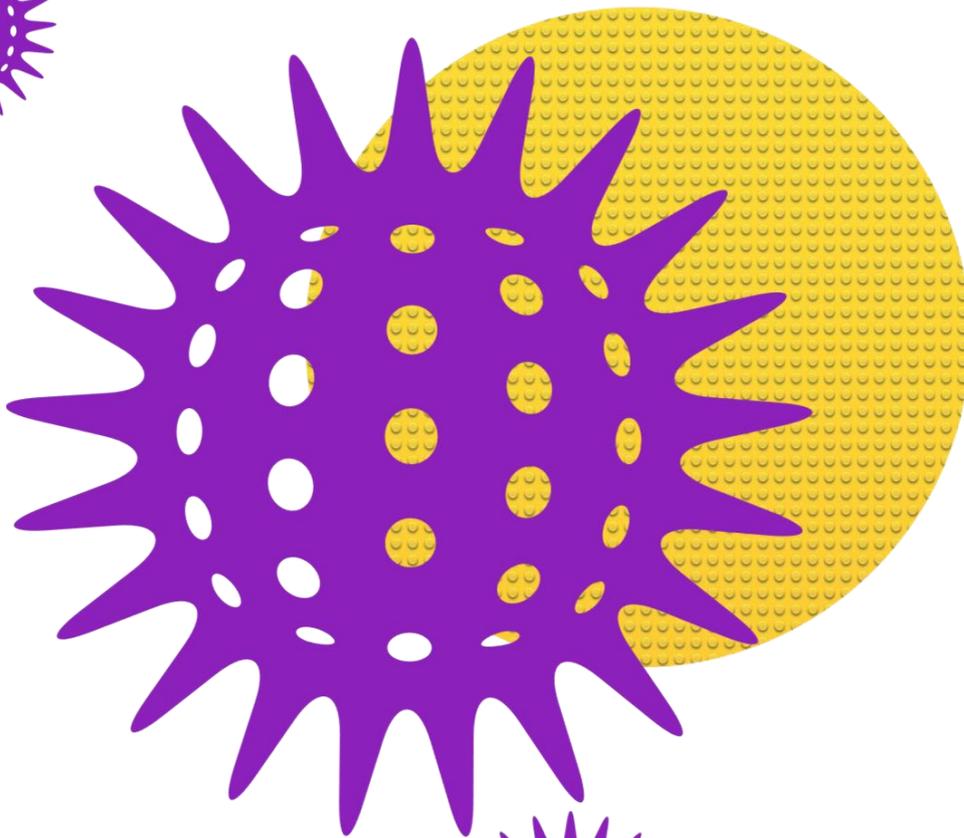
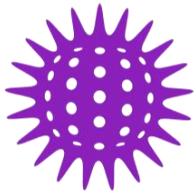
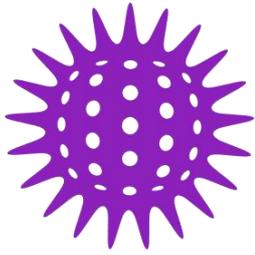


# MAPUTIATOTA'S CORONA-STUCK NANO EBOOK 5



**PRACTICAL TIPS ON WHAT  
TO DO WHILST STUCK AT  
HOME.**

Live productively during the  
Corona Virus lockdown!

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## Introduction

Welcome back! This is my **fifth** book in a **14 part** nano-ebook series. Just in case you've forgotten, I'm Maputiatota\*, and I live in this amazing country, Zimbabwe. Very little content is available about how to live **productively** during the Corona Virus lockdown, and I am on a mission to leave you better than you were when the lockdown began.

Excited? Well so am I! I hope you will enjoy this short read!

## SELF DEVELOPMENT – PART TWO

Learning is like stupidity. It **never** ends. Well this month we're in luck because various content creators worldwide have made their content free for us to access during this month, April. Don't have access to the internet? Don't worry :) this nano ebook is for everyone.

### Programming... and MORE

Want to build your own applications? Want to be a data scientist? Or do you just want to create fancy apps that you show off to your friends? Well look no further. There are several platforms that give you free access to their content.

**365 Data Science**, available at: <https://365datascience.com/>

Data Scientists, this is for you. This site will give free content until 15 April. Stay safe, and stay at home.

**Oracle**, available at <https://www.oracle.com/>

Are you looking for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and Autonomous database material. Well head over to their site now!

**Pluralsight**, available at <https://www.pluralsight.com/>

Their catch phrase is Build in-demand tech skills without leaving your house. Get free access to 7,000+ expert-led video courses and more all month long.

#### Pros

- Offer very many programming courses i.e. C#, python, introduction to AI
- They also offer other useful courses like: communication, business, engineering drawing, and so much more

#### Cons

The material is free for a month.

Recommendation: **Go go go!**

**Coursera**, Available at <https://www.coursera.org/>

Well these offer a wide variety of free courses which include but are not restricted to the following:

- Machine learning
- Algorithms
- Learning how to learn
- The science of well being
- Successful negotiation

## NON-PROGRAMMING SITES

I had to put this title lest you think that this nano ebook is all about programming.

**Audible**, Available at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

I love the opening words you get once you open the site. These are:

*Audible Stories for kids. They entertain. They teach. They keep young minds active, alert and engaged.*

If you have kids running all over the house, then this could be a good option for you. Let them login to audible and learn till they peacefully go to sleep.

**Nikon**, Available at <https://www.nikonevents.com/us/live/nikon-school-online/>

Youtubers! Video-producers! Photographers! Heed to my call. Nikon is offering free access to their material for this whole month. Be sure to take advantage of it before this opportunity disappears.

## HEEEEEEY! I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. WHAT CAN I DO?

Well, you can read books ☺

School teaches us very many things, but leaves out key practical skills that we can only learn through good books. I got these suggestions from the YouTubers I watch. Here are a few books you may like:

***1001 questions to ask before you get married*** by Monica Medez.

The last thing you want to happen is to have nasty surprises when you get married. Get to know each other before you put on that ring – otherwise the rest of your life will be a very terrible, and expensive thing.

PS Divorce is super expensive. One usually leaves the marriage broken and broke. Don't let that be you.

***The little book of Stoicism*** by Jonas Salzgeber

This is not a religious text. Some may end up thinking that I want to indoctrinate them into some strange religion – NO! Stoicism is a way of living that the greeks used many centuries ago. They teach a very good lesson – focus on what is in your control and ignore the rest. Give it a try.

***The alchemist*** by Paulo Coelho

This is a love it or hate it affair. Some people love it, and some people would burn it up if they were to see it anywhere near them. I loved it so much that it was, and still currently is my favourite book. Here's my favourite part of the book:

*"The Secret of Happiness lies in looking at all the wonders of the world and never forgetting the two drops of oil in the spoon."*

## And finally, you can teach

Learning is a threefold process. You learn, you teach and you re-learn. What better way to learn during this Corona-Stuck period than to teach. You give

them the knowledge you have, they ask you really basic questions that you will fail to answer. A good example was a definition that my friend used to mock – Energy is the ability to do work. We obviously saw this as a lousy definition and enquired further on what that ability is. The teacher definitely had a re-learning process there.

### **How can you do so?**

Create a Whatsapp Group with a manageable number of learners. Say 5. Choose a subject to teach them, and create a good schedule e.g. send the topic in the morning, and the pages that they should read from their textbooks.

Give a few practice questions midday, and correct their responses in the evening.

Help your brother(s) or sister(s) at home. There are very many things to learn in life. Teach them something.

I love lists so here's one for you:

*Emotional intelligence* – how to read a person's emotions and interpret situations. For example teach them that when mom is angry and she has a mighty big stick in her hand, it's not a good time to practice your freedom of speech.

*Time management* – how to be early...or what **not to** do if you want to be early. Bad examples are actually good because the person will know that if he/she is doing it that way, then there is something he/she is doing wrong.

*Negotiation skills* – we negotiate everyday. We negotiate not to do the dishes because we have “an urgent assignment,” we negotiate to get information “ASAP” because we are in an “emergency.” Why not teach, and learn to negotiate better?

*Patience* – this is one of the most important lessons to teach, and learn better. Not everything has to be quick. Some things, and processes are slow – and for a good reason.

## **Conclusion**

That's all for today folks!

Tomorrow we will ... hmmm. I've got so many ideas for tomorrow's post. You'll see what I eventually decide to publish ; )

I hope you enjoyed it. For more material, feel free to head over to my blog <https://maputiatotablog.wordpress.com>

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Don't be shy to say hi!