



Ways to Bring Fun Into an Online Group

Kahoot!

Check out this online trivia game for groups. You can find links and instructions [here](#).

Movie Theme Songs

Have everyone mute their mic. Make sure they have a piece of paper and a pen. Make a list of famous movie theme songs and pull them from youtube, Spotify, or another app so you can play the song to everyone in the group online. Here are some movies to consider for your list.

- Star Wars
- Rocky
- Dirty Dancing
- Ghostbusters
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Avengers
- Mission Impossible
- The Pink Panther
- Indiana Jones and...
- Jurassic Park
- Back to the Future
- The Wizard of Oz
- Saturday Night Fever
- Robin Hood
- Toy Story

Hey Robot

This game requires one participant to have an Amazon's Alexa or Google Assistant-enabled device within hearing distance of the online call. Have group members attempt to get the device to say a specific word without using any part of the word. For example, have Alexa try and say "blue" by asking, "Hey Alexa, what color is the sky?" Come up with a list of words and phrases before the group meeting or have individual group members come up with their own.

Note: There is an online version of this game, which you can find at playheyrobot.com.

Guess the Virtual Background

Zoom allows users to display an image as their background during a Zoom Meeting. Use this feature to display different images from movies and TV shows and have your group members try to guess, by shouting out, what movie or TV show the image is from. You can find a ton of images from movies and TV shows that you can use [here](#).

Note: For more information on how to change the background, check out [this article](#).

Sketch a Group Member

Once the online group meeting has started, have group members take a few minutes to sketch someone else on the call. Once finished, take turns having group members show their sketch while having the other group members try and guess who they drew.

Jackbox Digital Party Games

[Jackbox Games](#) has a ton of fun and interactive party games that you can play with a group of people online. Check out [this article](#) for information on how to incorporate Jackbox games into a Zoom meeting.

Musical Bingo

A digital twist on a classical game. Click [here](#) for some examples.

Netflix Watch Party

Getting your group together to watch a show, a documentary, or a movie and chat through it is an awesome and fun way to stay connected. There are a few ways you could do this. A low tech option is to tell everyone to start it at the same time and start a group text about it (or use GroupMe). A higher-tech option would be something like netflixparty.com.

Cooking Show

Host a digital cooking show. Use ingredients your group members most likely already have at home. You can host the lesson, invite someone else that is a great cook, or give each member two to three minutes to introduce and explain how to make a certain recipe in a specific category and then show off their final product of what they've made.

Trivia Night

Host your own trivia night online! About anything. OR let your group members put the questions together and run it for the group!

Lunch or Dinner Chat

Have your small groups jump on a video call around lunchtime or dinnertime and just hang out while eating together. No real structure—just chilling while you have a sandwich!

Theme Anything

This could be a PJ party, Christmas party, hat party, costume party—basically any kind of party you can think of. Whatever it is, pick a theme for your gathering and encourage your group to go all out.

Virtual Charades or Pictionary

Assign a game host. Divide group members into teams or play every man for themselves. DM them the word or phrase. Then let the fun begin!

Virtually Go Somewhere Together

Log on to the aquarium, zoo, or national park live-stream together and have a group chat about it while you watch! So many places are offering these opportunities right now.

Have a Scavenger Hunt

Give your group members a scavenger hunt to participate in!

This can be stuff around their house:

- Find one sock
- Find a random spice
- Find an old family picture where someone is wearing a hat

Or stuff they can find outside:

- Find a leaf that has four different colors on it
- Find a flower
- Find a tree

Or stuff they can find online:

- Find facts about a certain topic
- Find an article about a certain topic from a specific year
- Find a YouTube tutorial with a certain fact

Play a Game of Heads Up

Have every group member download the [app](#) and take turns playing heads up.

Play an Online Game Together:

There are a variety of ways you can play a game online. Here are a few suggestions:

- [Board Game Arena](#)
- [Table Topia](#)

Recreate Museum Paintings

Have your group members [recreate museum paintings](#) with stuff they can find in their home and then share the picture with group members. Also, try recreating a famous painting blindfolded.

Virtual Scattergories

Everyone loves the classic game Scattergories. Now you can play it virtually with your group.

Game setup:

1. The leader goes to: <https://swellgarfo.com/scattergories/>
2. The leader shares their screen.
3. Everyone will need a piece of paper numbered 1-12 (and a pen!)

Objective: to get as many UNIQUE answers as you can before the time runs out.

How to play:

1. Leader presses play. The timer will start and the categories will be shown.
2. Everyone (on their own) writes down their answers starting with the letter shown.
3. Once the timer is up, go through one at a time and share your answers.
4. The player with the most points wins.

How to score:

- 1 point for each answer
- 2 points for a double letter answer (ie: unicorn umbrella)
- 0 points if someone else in your group has the same answer
- The person with the most points at the end wins!
- If there is a tie, the most unique answer from the card wins (group votes)!

Favorite Shelter-in-Place / Quarantine Meme

Have group members take a picture of their favorite meme and share it in group time. Remember, be sensitive, avoid anything cruel. But also remember, the positive emotions that humor triggers do us good and are incredibly important for our health and well-being.

Do you have other ideas or tips that have worked well for you and your online group? Please share them with us at (eric.miracle@beachsidecc.org). We'd love to add them to this resource.