



BRING ON THE FUN WITH THESE VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

Are your video conferences feeling a little stale?

Working from home has its benefits, but you tend to miss out on some of the spontaneous social interaction you get when you gather in person. Liven up your next online hangout by trying out one of the ideas below.

HOST A GAME DAY

Online games are a great way to work together (even when you're physically apart). If you have the budget for it, opt for a professionally hosted event like a virtual escape room. For something a little more low key, check out video-conferencing-friendly mobile games and board games.

FOLLOW A TUTORIAL

Put a DIY spin on your next virtual event by broadcasting an online tutorial. YouTube is a treasure trove of free, follow-along paint nights, cooking classes and craft tutorials. To keep things simple, look for activities that use basic materials (like origami, for example).

MAKE A PLAYLIST

Connect over music by creating a shared playlist that everyone can contribute to, and jam out to the result. It's a great way to share your favorite songs, discover new tracks and learn a bit more about your team.

POST YOUR PICS

Make a little room for humor and creativity throughout the workweek by organizing photo scavenger hunts. Post a weekly theme (e.g., pet selfies or your favorite mug) and watch the gallery submissions roll in.

TRY TRIVIA

You can find premade multiplayer quizzes online for a wide variety of topics. Raise the stakes with a prize for the winning team, or—if intense competition isn't your thing—award bonus points for the funniest answers.

CHANGE UP THE FORMAT

If your entire team only ever attends routine meetings, experiment with different meeting formats. Create a "virtual breakroom" channel, where you can casually drop in and out throughout the day, or schedule individual or small-group video chats to connect with your coworkers.



According to a work-from-home survey by Owl Labs, **brainstorming is the most challenging type of meeting** when it comes to remote work.

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