Activities for Zoom Meetings

Guidelines for Online Games:
Only play online games w/mentee during scheduled Zoom time
Only free online games
No Facebook games, phone apps or games on other social media platforms
Share game links through Zoom Chat
Do not share contact information
Screen-share on Zoom is permitted – must be school-appropriate. Preview content beforehand

Online Games – Internet-Browser games only
Virtual Card Games (Crazy 8s, Solitaire, etc.) – Must make an account. Copy/Paste the link w/Mentee over Zoom chat. https://www.cardzmania.com/
Online virtual chess— Must make an account. Copy/Paste the link w/Mentee over Zoom chat. https://www.chess.com/home
Online communal puzzles—jigsaw puzzle. You choose and work on a puzzle together. Must make an account. Copy/Paste the link w/Mentee over Zoom chat. https://jigsawpuzzles.io/browse/
Uno – Play against your mentee! No log-in required. Copy/Paste the link w/Mentee over Zoom chat https://play.unofreak.com/

Traditional Games
Scavenger Hunts - Student finds things to show you on the camera – See appendix for list
Mad libs - on paper or online generated - make silly stories https://madtakes.com/
Scattegories—can use actual game cards or use ours (See Appendix for list)
Guess Who – Both have board game? If not, think of a famous person. Partner asks yes/no questions to figure it out.
21 Questions—Think of a thing. Other person can ask up to 21 yes/no questions to figure it out.
Name, Place, Animal, Thing—choose a letter A-Z. Challenge the other person to think of something in each category starting with that letter. Can time or race each other, see who can come up with the most answers.

Charades—each of you think of something—act it out on video and have the other person guess

Pictionary – each of you think of something – draw it and have the other person guess

Silly Sentences – Go back and forth saying a word to make a silly sentence. Or use a Random Sentence Generator website. Afterwards, you can create a picture to go with it.

**Conversation Starters and Trivia**
Are you smarter than a 5th grader? [https://www.tvinsider.com/2899/are-you-smarter-than-a-fifth-grader-take-this-quiz-to-find-out/](https://www.tvinsider.com/2899/are-you-smarter-than-a-fifth-grader-take-this-quiz-to-find-out/) (answers at the end)

350 good questions to ask – Please preview questions to ensure they are school-appropriate [https://conversationstartersworld.com/good-questions-to-ask/](https://conversationstartersworld.com/good-questions-to-ask/)

Special Covid Questions – See appendix for list of questions at the end of this document

Deck of Cards Questions – Student picks a card and mentor reads question. See appendix at end of document

**Virtual Experiences (Use Screen Share on Zoom)**

Imaginary vacation: Virtual tour on Google Earth’s Voyager feature [earth.google.com](https://earth.google.com)

Animals: [https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/](https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/)

Museums: The Smithsonian - [https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/](https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/)

**Physical Activities (Use Screen Share on Zoom)**

Cooking—watch an online cooking class together or demo how to make something and show each other

Just Dance/or sing—share a karaoke song together or dance video

Yoga or Exercise video – Do it together

Book Club - read the same book (or watch the same podcast, show, etc) and discuss it together
Appendix (Lists)

**Scavenger Hunt Lists**

Scavenger Hunt Lists (From CharacterStrong)  Designed for use with middle school and high school students.

**The Strange List**
- Something uneven
- Something odd
- Something otherworldly
- Something wacky
- Something unexpected

**The Wild List**
- Something tame
- Something tiger-like
- Something endangered
- Something BIG
- Something fast

**The Fast List**
- Something quick
- Something the makes time fly
- Something that is hard to keep track of
- Something that is instant
- Something that is slow

**The Kind List**
- Something for you
- Something you would gift
- Something that brings smiles
- Something that makes you say Awww
- Something good you won’t forget

**The Silly List**
- Something wonderous
- Something that makes you giggle
- Something animated
- Something drawn
- Something for a knock-knock joke

**The Love List**
- Something you love
- Something you know someone else loves
- Something lovable
- Something you used to love
- Something cute

**The Wise List**
- Something you heard about
- Something random
- Something smart
- Something old
- Something you want to learn about

**The Shape List**
- Something square
- Something circular
- Something triangular
- Something 3-dimensional
- Something angular

Scattegories Lists

**Scattergories Lists** (a board game, copyrighted by Milton Bradley, 1988)

**LIST 1**
- A boy's name
- US cities
- Things that are cold
- School supplies

**LIST 2**
- Vegetables
- States
- Things you throw away
- Occupations
Pro sports teams
Insects
Breakfast Foods
Furniture
TV Shows
Things found in the ocean
Presidents
Product names

LIST 3
Articles of Clothing
Desserts
Car Parts
Things found on a map
Athletes
4-letter words
Items in a refrigerator
Farm animals
Street Names
Things at the beach
Colors
Tools

LIST 5
Sandwiches
Items in a catalog
World Leaders/politicians
School subjects
Excuses for being late
Ice cream flavors
Things that jump/bounce
Television stars
Things in a park
Foreign cities
Stones/gems
Musical instruments

LIST 7
Fictional characters
Menu items
Magazines
Capitals
Kinds of candy

LIST 4
Sports
Song Titles
Parts of the body
Ethnic foods
Things you shout
Birds
A girl’s name
Ways to get there from here
Items in a kitchen
Villians/monsters
Flowers
Things you replace

LIST 6
Things that are sticky
Awards/ceremonies
Cars
Spices/herbs
Bad habits
Cosmetics/toiletries
Celebrities
Cooking Utensils
Reptiles/amphibians
Parks
Leisure activities
Things you are allergic to

LIST 8
Nicknames
Things in the sky
Pizza toppings
Colleges/universities
Fish
Special Covid Questions

Special COVID question prompts for 2020 (Copyright CharacterStrong) Designed for teachers to use in remote or in person classes with middle school/high school students. Mentors could use or modify most of these.

- What do you wish you could have changed?
- What kinds of things do you hear about or see?
• What did you like about being at home? What did you dislike about being at home?
• What did you miss most about school? What did you not miss about school?
• What was the hardest part of remote school? What was the easiest part?
• What scared you?
• What surprised you?
• How did you show courage?
• What frustrated you?
• What did you learn? What do you not want to forget?
• What are you hopeful for as we move forward?
• When did you experience empathy?

Deck of Cards List
Deck of Cards Questions (from the Ungame—copyright 2011)

Pick a card, any card . . . . . and answer the question that goes with it

The Suit of Diamond Questions

How would you dress if you went to a costume party?

2. Tell about a family tradition that you enjoy.

3. What is your favorite month in the year? Why?

4. What sort of are do you like? Why?

5. Share a funny thing that happened to you recently.

6. When do you feel most peaceful?

7. Describe the kind of car you would like to own.

8. Say something about space travel.

9. Make a statement about honesty.

10. How do you think your mother would describe you?
What is something that you have always wanted to try but never did?

What kind of emergency scares you the most?

Complete this sentence: “The loneliest time for me is . . . .”

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Pick a card, any card . . . . . and answer the question that goes with it

The Suit of Club Questions

１. Which holiday has the most meaning for you? Why?

２. Which of your senses do you value the most?

３. Tell about a time when you felt successful.

４. How do you feel about your name?

５. Describe the “greatest” dessert in the world.

６. With what age group do you feel the least comfortable? Why?

７. What would you like to receive on your next birthday?

８. Complete this statement: “Something I really appreciate it . . . .”

９. Talk about your favorite sport and why you like it.

１０. Talk about your favorite style of clothes.
Give 3 reasons why you like yourself.

Tell about something that really upsets you

What disturbs you about the people with whom you live?
Deck of Cards Questions (from the Ungame—copyright 2011)

*Pick a card, any card . . . . and answer the question that goes with it*

The Suit of Hearts Questions

[Heart] ▼ What are 3 things you would like to be doing in 3 years?

[Heart] 2. What do you like best about your personality? Why?

[Heart] 3. Talk about bragging.

[Heart] 4. Describe the kind of house you would most like to own.

[Heart] 5. If you could have lived at a different time in history, when would it have been?

[Heart] 6. Describe the pet you would most like to own.

[Heart] 7. Talk about something beautiful you saw this week.

[Heart] 8. Tell about a mistake you have made recently.

[Heart] 9. What is something that scares you?

[Heart] 10. Complete this sentence: “My favorite time of day is . . . because . . .”

[Heart] Tell about a time when you were teased.

[Heart] How would you feel about being an organ donor?

[Heart] What kind of emergency scares you the most?
Deck of Cards Questions (from the Ungame—copyright 2011)

*Pick a card, any card . . . . and answer the question that goes with it*

The Suit of Spades Questions

1. Describe your favorite movie star

2. Complete the sentence: “My favorite kind of music is . . .”

3. Talk about competition

4. What color would you use to describe yourself? Why?

5. Talk about responsibility.

6. Complete the sentence: “I am the kind of person who . . .”

7. Talk about something you would like to accomplish in the coming year.

8. What do you think about sarcastic remarks?

9. Complete the sentence: “When I am in a large group, I . . . .”

10. What is one thing you could do to improve your life?

What freedom do you value the most?

How do you feel about sharing personal problems?

What seems to be the biggest problem in your life right now?
Extra Questions (from the Ungame—copyright 2011)

1. Complete the sentence: “I hope . . .”
2. Share one of your strengths and one of your weaknesses.
3. Talk about a recent news story that has captured your interest.
4. How do you feel about guns?
5. How do you act when you want to avoid doing something?
6. If you could spend one whole day with your best friend, what would you like to do?
7. What have you done in the last 3 months that makes you proud?
8. Complete the sentence: “I wish ALL people would . . .”
9. Talk about your temper and what you do when you lost it.
10. What would you like to achieve with your life?
11. Tell about an understanding person in your life.
12. How do you decide between right and wrong?
13. What would be the most difficult news for you to accept about someone in your family?