

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/>

Scategories—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/> (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/>

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

Animals: <https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>

Museums: The Smithsonian - <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 that 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 wonderful
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

Scattergories 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

Appliances
Cartoon Characters
Types of Drink
Musical Groups
Store Names
Things at a football game
Trees
Personality Traits

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

Items you save up to buy
Footwear
Something you keep hidden
Items in a suitcase
Things with tails
Sports equipment
Crimes

LIST 9

Restaurants
Notorious people
Fruits
Things in the medicine cabinet
Toys
Household chores
Bodies of water
Authors
Halloween costumes
Weapons
Things that are round
Words associated with exercise

LIST 11

Baby foods
Famous duos and trios
Things found in a desk
Vacation spots
Diseases
Words associated with money
Items in a vending machine
Movie titles
Games
Things that you wear
Beverages
Things at a circus

Countries
Things that have spots
Historical Figures
Something you're afraid of
Terms of measurement
Items in this room
Book titles

LIST 10

Heroes
Gifts/presents
Terms of endearment
Kinds of dances
Things that are black
Vehicles
Tropical locations
College majors
Dairy Products
Things in a souvenir shop
Items in a purse/wallet
World records

LIST 12

Famous females
Medicine
Things made of metal
Hobbies
People in uniform
Things you plug in
Animals
Languages
Names
Junk food
Things that grow
Companies

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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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

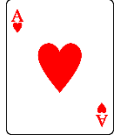


What disturbs you about the people with whom you live?

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The Suit of Hearts Questions



What are 3 things you would like to be doing in 3 years?

- ♥ 2. What do you like best about your personality? Why?
- ♥ 3. Talk about bragging.
- ♥ 4. Describe the kind of house you would most like to own.
- ♥ 5. If you could have lived at a different time in history, when would it have been?
- ♥ 6. Describe the pet you would most like to own.
- ♥ 7. Talk about something beautiful you saw this week.
- ♥ 8. Tell about a mistake you have made recently.
- ♥ 9. What is something that scares you?

- ♥ 10. Complete this sentence: “My favorite time of day is . . . because . . .”



Tell about a time when you were teased.



How would you feel about being an organ donor?



What kind of emergency scares you the most?

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

The Suit of Spades Questions



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 Ugame—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?