Online Games for Groups

-a resource list to plan your event-

Whether you are planning an online party or just a simple games night, you can still get together as a group virtually with a number of free online group games.

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Scattergories / Names, Places, Things

(https://nameplaceanimalthing.online/)

How to play:

The game is simple. Everyone heads to the website and joins with the room name and password given by the game host.

The game creator sets the number of rounds and chooses the word categories.

The game is player over a couple of rounds. At the beginning of every round, players get a new alphabet letter. Your job is to think of words that begin with that letter and fit the categories in the game.

Each game round is timed at 60 seconds, but the game also end as soon as the first person submits their responses. Think fast!

Scoring Rules are simple:

- +10 points for each unique answer
- +5 points for each non-unique answer
- +0 points for no answer

No. of players: 2-10 players

House Party

This is an app available on iOS and Android where you can play a variety of games for free with your friends.

There are in-app games such as Trivia, Charades, and Word Association to get energetic and have fun.

How to play:

Download the application from the App Store or Google Play. Invite your friends and create a room together.

No. of players: 2-8 players

Codenames

(https://www.horsepaste.com/)

This game is a word-based party game that'll test how well you and your friends can communicate with each other and was awarded as one of the best board games in 2016. This free online version is just as fun. , there's an online variant that's free and just as fun. Players are split into two teams – red and blue – with one spymaster on each side. The spymaster gives one-word clues and the team guesses the corresponding words until all of their colour has been cleared. Nothing will beat that "*Eureka!*" moment when your friend correctly guesses "School", "Temple", "Hotel" and "Crane" from a single word – "Building".

How to play:

Open the website, create a game room and send the invite link to your friends.

1. Split players into 2 teams and assign a spymaster on each. Only the spymaster is able to see the coloured board.
2. The spymaster will give one-word clues followed by a number for the team to guess their coloured words. For example, "Music, 2" will prompt the team to guess "Flute" and "Pitch" from the above example.
3. If the team guesses a neutral black word or the opposing team's word, their turn is lost.
4. If the shaded black tile is chosen, the team automatically loses.
5. First team to clear their words wins.

No. of players: Minimum 4 players

BOMB

A simple group game which requires no website, app or download!

How to play:
One person names a movie, then the next person must name an actor from that movie, then the next person must name a movie with that actor...and so on. Rules: You cannot repeat any movie titles or actors during a specific round. And if you can't name the next person or movie, you get a letter. If you spell out BOMB (or lose four times) you lose. The last person standing wins!

No. of players: Minimum 3 players

KAHOOT!
(https://create.kahoot.it/auth/register or get the app on iOS or Android.)

Kahoot! is a great platform where teachers post online quizzes for their students or even host live quiz sessions and it's also a fantastic way for you to get in on some Trivia action! A basic KAHOOT! account is free and allows you to host a trivia game with up to 10 people. There are tons of existing quizzes to choose from, which you can filter by subject and grade level, or you can create your own.

How to play:
Register to get an account. Then from the website - after you click "Play," "Host," and then "Classic," you'll be given a number code to send to the other players, who can enter it at Kahoot.it or through the Kahoot! app. Your friends will submit their answers on their own devices, but the questions will pop up on your (the host's) screen, so you'll also need to video chat with your friends and share your screen with them. HERE is an easy YouTube tutorial on how it works.

No. of players: Up to 10 players

SKRIBBL
(https://skribbl.io/)

Skribbl is essentially digital Pictionary. Having to draw with fingers or a mouse instead of pens or pencils might make it even more fun as your team tries to recognize what the object is. Laughter is sure to follow!

How to play:
To start a game, head to Skribbl.io and click "Create private room." There, you'll get to decide how many rounds you're playing and how long each turn is (i.e. how many seconds each drawing session lasts), you can even enter a list of custom words for the system to choose from. Then, copy the link to your private room and send it to however many friends you'd like to invite. When it's your turn, you'll pick a word from three options and begin drawing it on your own screen. Other players will see your work on their screens and submit their guesses in a chat box along the right side.

No. of players: Up to 12 players

PSYCH!
(App available on Android here or iOS here)

Made by the same creators of Heads Up! comes Psych!, a free game where you try to outsmart your friends by making up fake answers to real trivia questions in categories about animals, entertainment, and more. Everyone votes on the answer they believe to be real and points are earned by both guessing the correct answer and by fooling people into believing yours is the correct one.

How to play:
You don't need to share your screen in order to play, but video chatting with your friends during the game will give it a more authentic game-night atmosphere. Download the app for Android here or iOS here.

HERE is an easy YouTube tutorial on how it works.

No. of players: Minimum 2 players

Spyfall

(https://www.spyfall.app/

Similar to the classic board game Cluedo, Spyfall is a game of deception. If you ever wanted to be a spy – well now you can live that fantasy!

How to play:
The "spy" is randomly selected. All the other players, except the spy is given a location. Players will then have to take turns asking each other vague questions to determine who is in on the secret location, before the spy figures it out. The spy must try to guess the round's location by inferring from other players' questions and answers. But be quick! There is only a limited amount of time each round to guess.

No. of players: 4-10 players

Playingcards

(http://playingcards.io/)

Play any card game with your friends on this virtual table top.

How to play:
Just send them the invite link! You can either start your own game or pick from their favourites, which include Go Fish, Match Up, Crazy Eights, and Remote Insensitivity.

No. of players: Up to 6 players

Bingo

(https://myfreebingocards.com/virtual-bingo)

A classic game which you can use in a variety of ways.

How to play:
Simply head to the website and choose your game style, with ready-made bingo games or the option to create your own perhaps one that revolves around a movie or TV show that your group plans to watch. You can even decide to have small fun prizes, like an IOU for dinner or coffee with friends at a later date.

No. of players: Up to 30 players