

Resource List of Activities to Try Online

General Tips/Ideas for Creating Community

- Ask everyone to turn on/use their webcam and use Gallery Mode during activities. Some students may not have webcams, but the more face-to-face contact the better engagement we have.
- Use breakout rooms often and mix the group up. Have agreed-upon ice breakers or silly discussion topics.
- Increase your communication strategy. Have a shared document where members can ask questions or suggest program ideas

Connection Ideas:

- Have an anonymous free-response question at the beginning of the meeting in a google doc
- Themed meetings: everyone picks a virtual background according to a theme and the group votes on who has the best background
- Have a weekly silly tiktok/video thread
- Have quick discussions about current events / pop culture
- Share pictures of pets
- Create a google form that students fill out each week as a semi anonymous check in, use it to answer general questions anonymously/get info to follow up with students about later
- Have students turn on virtual backgrounds and play I-Spy in gallery mode
- Use whiteboard to play Pictionary
- Weekly photo contest, themes like “morning routine” “animals” “studying hard” “my hobby” “my favorite thing” “my hometown”; weekly tiktok / meme/ video share

Activities, Games & Icebreakers

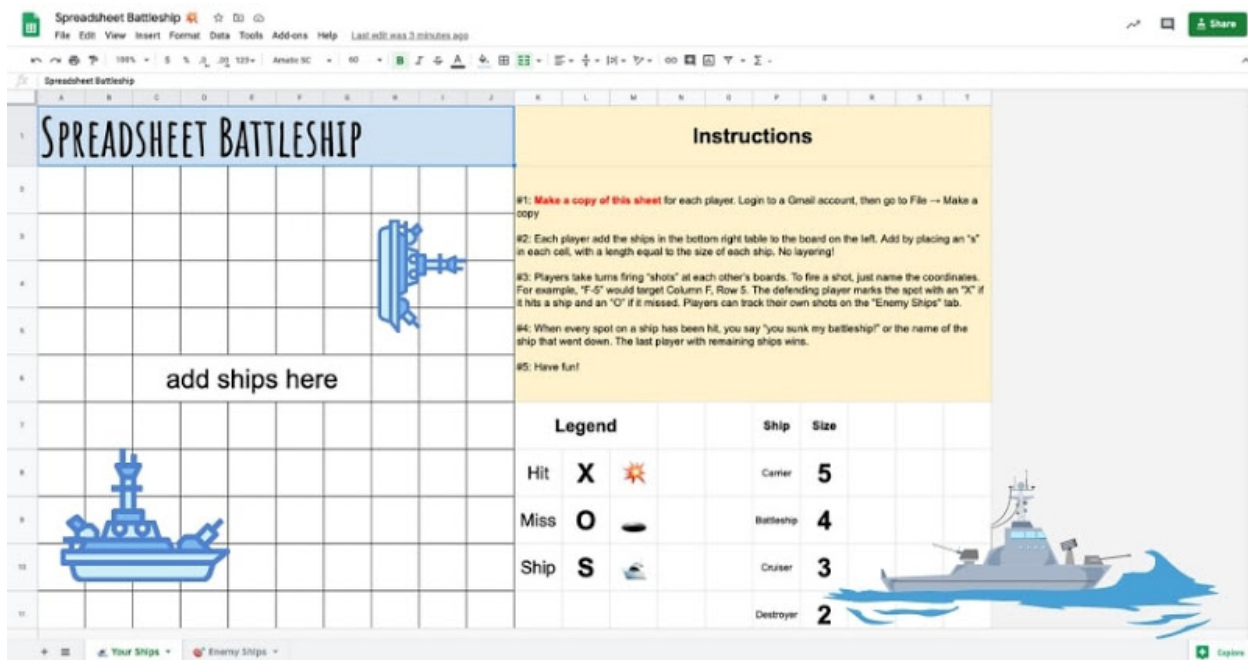
- **Get to know you slides activity:** Have all students spend 10 minutes in Google Slides creating a 1 slide photo profile of themselves. Upload docs to a shared drive/PowerPoint and have students present on themselves (topics: profile pic, pet, favorite band, favorite place, favorite food, major, career dream, fave sports team)
- **Icebreakers:** Ask students what they would put into their COVID time capsule (can ask them to physically show the class 1 item or just to list 3 items each)
- **Counting in the Dark:** the objective is to close your eyes or turn off videos and really listen to the group vibe and to collectively count, no one can say a number at the same time, if they do the group starts at 0 again, over time. If they are meeting more than once they get better and better and it shows the group cohesion growing, ability to listen to each other
- **Pictionary:** Pictionary is a fun game where some people draw while other people guess what the drawing could be. The game includes elements of improv, creative thinking, competition and more. You can play an online game that is similar to Pictionary:
 - Divide your people into breakout rooms.

- Have each person in each room draw three clues. You can use this [random word generator](#) to return three nouns.
- Teams accumulate 1 point for each drawing someone on the team guesses correctly. Teams get no points for any clues that players skip or do not guess correctly.
- After 15 minutes, return everyone to the main room and compare scores.
- **Lightning Scavenger Hunts:** The solution for successful online scavenger hunts is to throw away the normal and adopt a lightning version instead. For Lightning Scavenger Hunts, fire off a rapid series of clues that have your team members dashing to find objects, solve clues and win points. For example, you could have everyone grab their favorite mug and award points to the best mug story. The fast paced nature of Lightning Scavenger Hunts is what makes it work for online team building games.



- **Ouch! That Stereotype Hurts Bias Busting**
https://www.diversityinclusioncenter.com/videos/elearning-preview/ouch-that-stereotype-hurts-online-learning/presentation_html5.html
 30 minute module that walks user through bias definitions and social situations
- **Sudoku Throw-down**
 - In the early 2000s, Sudoku took the world by storm; inspiring nerds everywhere to complete numerical logic games instead of the daily crossword. Today, you can play a version of Sudoku for online team building called Sudoku Throw-down. Here is how it works:
 - Send everyone on your team a free game board from a site like [Web Sudoku](#).
 - Challenge each player to complete the game board as quickly as possible.

- The first player to complete the game board with 100% accuracy is the winner.
- For Sudoku Throw-down, you can easily up the competitive spirit by including prizes for the top three finishers.
- **Risk** - play Risk with the group- many emulators online- example [Conquer Club](#), which provides a free browser based game.
- **Virtual Charades** - Charades is one of those games that nearly everyone plays at school or home while growing up. With this proliferation of Charades, Virtual Charades has the advantages of being fairly familiar while also being moderately fun. To play Virtual Charades, prepare a set of links that go to Google Image pages or use a random image generator. On each player's turn, that player must act out what they see in the image and the player's teammates can guess each one to earn points. Rinse and repeat until you are all out of fun.
- **Spreadsheet Battleship**. It turns out that Battleship has a perfect format for online games. You can also play the game multiplayer, with three to 10 players or more if you are feeling audacious.



- To play Spreadsheet Battleship, each player needs two things: a game board and the placement of ships. You can use graph paper labelled with letters and numbers for the game board, and either randomly assign battleship placement or let each player choose where to place the ships.
- Here is a [Google Sheets game board](#) you can use.
- Spreadsheet Battleship game mechanics are a little like Go Fish. On each player's turn, that player chooses another player and names a square on the grid like A-5 or C-10. The receiving player says, "you missed", "you hit" or "you sunk my

battleship!" depending on what happened. The next player then goes in sequence, which could be in order of age or geographic location.

- Continue playing until only one player has ships remaining.
- **Lexulous "Scrabble" Style Game (Free)**
 - [Lexulous](#) is a free online game that is modeled after Scrabble. The main difference is that Lexulous has eight tiles in play at a time, and the value assigned to each letter is a little different.
- **Watch a Show together- How to set up in Zoom:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f0dvj1QrVg>

Website Tools/ More Fun Ideas

- **Miro** (<https://miro.com/>)
 - Collaborative white boards where multiple users can log in and use post-its/images/etc to work together or play games
 - 3 boards free per user, unlimited collaborators
- **Kahoot!** (<https://kahoot.com/schools-u/>)
 - Game software, good for competitions
 - Needs to be set up in advance and screen shared
 - Students use mobile phone to participate
- **Cards Against Humanity** (family friendly) Max 30 players <https://notallbad.cards/>
- **Uno** <https://play.unofreak.com/>

- **Jackbox Games:** <https://www.jackboxgames.com/about/> **How to video:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZN8AH0iJI8>
- **Taskmaster** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT5C7yaO3RVuOgwP8JVAujQ>)
Choose a segment and have students answer the questions in groups:
 - Who had the best idea? What could they have done to improve their results?
 - What would you have done differently?
 - If you had to accomplish the same task with a friend, what would you plan to do?
 - **Good segments:**

Conceal a Pineapple on your person:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-PzBCjd4kg>

Move Water from Bucket A to Bucket B without touching it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWHsGzChKAQ>

Place these Exercise Balls on the yoga mat on top of the hill:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gznDGyNiDIg>

Create the best snowman without any snow:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33wuaNWB4yo>

Destroy a Cake as beautifully as possible:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfooYMrBuWA>