**Zoom Youth Group Games**

1. Bring me

Have a list of objects. Read out the objects one by one, everyone has to go find it and first two to bring back to camera get a point.

2. Box of lies

This game comes from Jimmy Fallon’s late night show. (Here’s a clip so you’ve got an idea of how it works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md4QnipNYqM Each person who comes to your Zoom meeting would bring the “weirdest” thing they can find in their house and keep it out of sight of their camera. Then, each person will take a turn describing their object (either lying or telling the truth – they decide). Everyone else holds up either a “thumbs up” for telling the truth or a “thumbs down” for lying. Then the person who was it shows their object, and you can keep points on how many people were right or wrong about the person lying or telling the truth.

3. Two truths and a lie

Pick one person in turn to think of a two statements about themselves or their life that are true and one that’s a lie. Everyone else has to guess which one is the lie.

4. Mafia

The host will randomly select students’ roles with an actual deck of cards. Everyone closes their eyes and in turn host calls out their name and shows them their card. Then, you play like normal. You can mute everyone so that there isn’t any sound except for your voice, and then each student/group of mafia can write down their answers and put them up to the camera (who the mafia wants to kill, who the doctor wants to save, who the sheriff accuses, and so on…). Then, when everyone wakes up, you can unmute them and let the fun begin!

5. Ghost

The host will choose a theme and write it on a piece of paper. On another piece of paper, they will write ‘Ghost’. Everyone shuts their eyes and in turn, the host will call out each person’s name. Most people they will show the theme, but to two or three (depending on the group size) they will show ghost. Everyone takes it in turn to say one word that relates to the theme (without saying any word in the theme). Repeated words are not allowed. The ghosts don’t know what the theme is but need to try and work it out and say something convincing when it’s their turn. When everyone has said a word, the group discuss who they think the ghosts are. They vote on one person, and they reveal whether they were a ghost or not. If they are, they get a chance to guess what they think the theme is. If they get it right, the ghosts win. If they get it wrong, the real theme is not revealed and they are out for the next round. Play as many rounds as there are ghosts at the start.

6. True Facts

Everyone privately messages the host a secret fact about themselves, and then the host shares them one by one. Everyone then has to vote who they think it belongs to.

7. Partners in pen

Have everyone grab a piece of paper, and also some random object from their house (nothing too familiar, but something that is mildly obscure). Then, each person takes a turn describing their hidden item while everyone else tries to draw it from their description they give. The person who is closest wins and gets to describe their hidden item next.

8. Pictionary/charades

Everyone shuts their eyes except one nominee from each team. Everyone then goes into breakout groups in their teams and have to guess what it is the person is acting/drawing. The first group to call the host into their room and answer correctly wins the round.

9. Reverse Charades

One person shuts their eyes and everyone else is shown a word. They act out the word and the person has to guess what it is. Then, once they have guessed, you move to the next person. The way to make this competitive would be to time how long it takes each person individually to guess OR, put people onto teams. If team A’s representative doesn’t guess within a minute, then the turn switches to team B. If team A does guess before a minute is up, then their team gets to go again.

10. Pictionary

Share the whiteboard and “disable attendee annotation” so that no one else can draw. Start drawing an object and everyone has to guess what it is.

11. Heads up

Split into two teams and take turns in describing the thing on the person’s phone on their head. Or if you don’t have the app, just put one person into a breakout room on their own, tell everyone else who that person is (a character or famous person). The one person comes back and has to either ask questions to guess who they are, or everyone else describes the person and they have to guess.

12. Sherlock

Nominate one person to study the group. Then send them into a breakout group on their own while ten things are changed across the rest of the group. Bring the person back and they have two mins to guess all ten things that have changed.

13. Psychiatrist

Send one person into a breakout group on their own (psychiatrist). Everyone else has to come up with a rule that dictates how they answer or behave to qs from the Psychiatrist e.g. answer must begin with first letter of your last name. The Psychiatrist then comes back in and has to ask individuals qs to guess the rule. Three guesses.

14. Quiz

Ask q then send into breakout groups for 30secs to discuss and answer. Alternatively, you can send the questions to the breakout groups by broadcasting a message to all groups, rather than bringing everyone back together repeatedly.

15. Caption contest

Share a picture on your screen. Indiv or teams, need to come up with the funniest caption/meme. Funniest/cleverest wins a point for their team.

16. Finish the headline

Like on ‘Have I got news for you’, give them part of a headline and they have to fill in the blanks/complete it. Funniest/cleverist one wins.

17. Articulate/Balderdash

Give a definition of a word and they have to make up a word that fits the definition. Or vice versa. Everyone votes on which is the most believable.

18. Catchphrase

Play a clip of a catch phrase (share screen), and first person to get the catchphrase right wins a point.

19. Scattergories

Everyone given six categories. One person picks a letter. Everyone has one minute to write a word beginning with that letter for every category. People get a point if no-one else has chosen their word (and it’s valid!).

20. Who tweeted that?

Have a list of tweets from two different famous people and they have to guess who tweeted each one

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21. Would you rather

List of would you rathers. Nominate one person for each round. Every has to guess what they think the person will say by putting their hands on their head or behind their back. Point for the team if they guess right.

22. 5 second rule

Each team takes a turn in having five seconds to give three answers to a topic e.g. name three citrus fruits or three things worn on the head. If they do it, they get a point, and it moves onto the next team with a new category. If they can’t, the next team has a go on the same category, but they can’t use any of the words already said by the previous team. If none of the teams complete the category, no points are scored and the first team goes again with a new category.

23. Storycubes

Everyone is given nine images and as a team, they have to come up with a story incorporating all nine images (can be as abstract as they like to the discretion of the judge).

24. 20 questions

One person thinks of an object and everyone has to ask up to 20qs to try guess what the object is.

25. One word/sentence stories

Each person takes turns in saying one word/sentence to tell a story. You might to put in some ground rules first so they don’t get inappropriate. But they can get pretty funny.

26. Jackbox

There’s some good games on here that can be played remotely via screen sharing, but requires good internet connection from all parties, one person to purchase each game, and can only be played up to max 8 players I think (lower on other games). So only really useful for small groups (or leaders’ socials ). You need to check appropriateness on them as well.

27. Battleships

Split everyone into two breakout groups. Each has a host who has a board on their screen they can share with their team. Each time they split, they decide where they want to hit. Coming back together, they each announce where they want to hit, and the team will announce if it was a miss, hit, or sink.

28. Silent Karaoke

A nominated person will start singing a song while on mute. Everyone then has to guess what they are singing in the chat window. The first person to answer will receive a point. Play to 5. The singer can rotate to everyone in the group, or just stay with one person.

29. Rock Paper Scissors

If you are leading the group, students are playing against you. Give every student in the call three lives and do it Rock-paper-scissor-shoot. Everyone in the group will be playing against just you. If your play beats theirs, they lose a life, have them keep track of this in the chat. Play until the last person is standing.

30. Where am I?

Save 10 different landscape photos of well-known places around the world. Then, go into your zoom and add them into your virtual backgrounds. You can do this by clicking on your video drop down menu in the bottom left of your screen. Click on choose virtual background. When you get here, make sure to go to the bottom of the menu and check ‘I have a green screen’. Once you do this, click the small + sign above the photos and you can add whatever you want. Once these are all loaded, all you have to do is switch the landscapes back and forth and let your students guess where you are. First one to respond via the chat gets a point!

31. The 25

As a group, tell everyone to turn their mics on. You will count to 25 together, but only one at a time. If two people speak at the same time, you have to start over. If you want to make this expert level, have everyone do it with their video off! If 25 is too easy, see if you can do any higher!

32. Man in the mirror

Send one person to a breakout room and tell everyone else one person they need to mirror. On the count of five everyone will start doing very simple movements, the dab, whip, clapping, nodding, etc. whilst you bring the person back into the main room. The person who everyone is mirroring will need to change actions every now and then. The person who was sent out needs to try guess who everyone else is following.

33. Deaf Jam

You will dance to a different song. Before you start dancing, in the chat give a list of three possible songs that you are dancing to. When you are dancing you can make sure to have a song on full blast, but your mic must be on mute. Let the students guess, when someone guesses correctly you can turn your mic on full volume.

34. 1-2-3-4-5

A simple game of having everyone hold up a number between one and five. Everyone in the group on the count of three with hole up a number between one and five. If you do not match anyone, you are still alone. If you match someone, you have to play rock paper scissors with that person to decided who is the Captain of the team. The ultimate goal is to be the captain of everyone. If it goes fast, you can play as many rounds as you would like.

35. Dingbats

Make either a slideshow of individual dingbats or one slide with multiple dingbats on. Everyone can either try guess them individually but win points for their teams or send teams into breakout rooms for each one to chat together. Team with most correct wins.