

Games to play online

Clearly, the Government's announcement at the weekend has turned many people's plans on its head.

We have put together some game suggestions which you can play online. Some require you to use a video chat function, such as Zoom, Google Meets, Skype or Facebook Hangouts (there are many more which could be added to this list). Whilst it is not the same as being together, it does give you a chance to interact and we have found that it is fun to play whilst talking. It does mean that you may need an additional device to 'meet up on'.

On Zoom there is usually a 40 minute limit on a free account for meetings with more than two devices. However, as a Christmas gift Zoom are making it free on the following times.

- 3pm on Dec. 23 to 11 am on Dec. 26,
- 3pm on Dec. 30 to 10 am on Jan. 2.

(times shown are GMT)

The game options below are free. This means it is likely to have a paid version which they encourage you to sign up to and ads so be sure of what you click on! This has been put together with the best intentions and with every care. However, these are external websites and, as always, please be vigilant when online.

For some you may need to share a link to a private game. We use WhatsApp Web to copy and paste links. That way the link is clickable and available on phones and computers alike.

If you have suggestions, we would love to hear them!

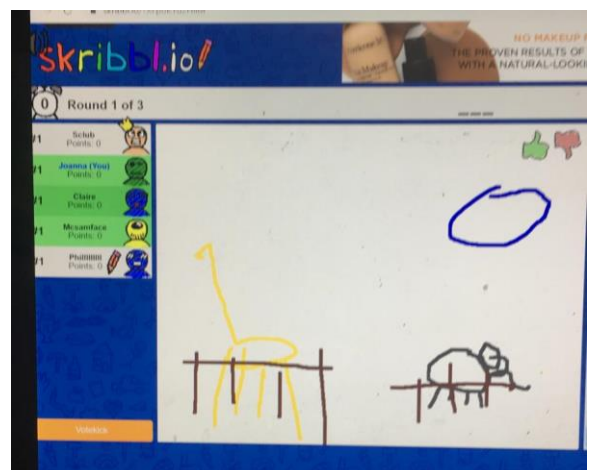
Enjoy!

Skribbl

<https://skribbl.io/>

It is Pictionary but online.

When it's your turn to draw, you will have to choose a word from three options and visualize that word in 80 seconds, alternatively when somebody else is drawing you have to type your guess into the chat to gain points, be quick, the earlier you guess a word the more points you get! Choose a Private game, send out a link. I play on my phone and I lose some of the colours but touch screen is much easier than using a mouse. You can add custom words and even change the time limits to make it tougher!



Codenames

<https://www.horsepaste.com/>

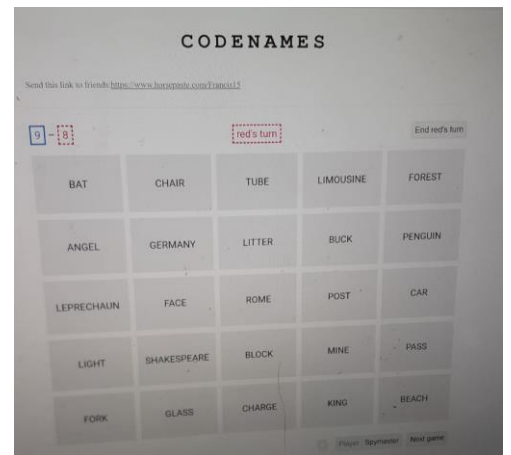
Codenames is a:

- 2 -8 players party word game – standard game is made up of 2 teams of at least 2 players
- Recommended for ages 10 and up
- Game time is approximately 15 minutes

Instructions on how to play:

https://daroolz.com/howtoplay/codenames/#ch_1

Tip – have a game or two all together before getting competitive!



Scattergories

<https://swellgarfo.com/scattergories/>

You have a letter, a list of categories and 120 seconds to name something beginning with that letter in that category. If you can name something which no one else names – 1 point! Who can score the most? You will need a pen and some paper. It is harder than it looks.

Tip – you can always ask each player to choose a category

Letter	H	Categories Add A Category	- 12 +
Time	106	1 Animals in Books or Movies	Restart
Change	Pause	2 Things You Replace	
		3 Things That Can Kill You	
		4 Musical Groups	
		5 Things That Have Buttons	
		6 Junk Food	
		7 Seafood	
		8 Things You See at the Zoo	
		9 Things That Can Get You Fired	
		10 Names Used in Songs	
		11 Things Found at a Bar	
		12 Capitals	

Scattergories List Generator About Old Version Play Online (BETA) Change Colors

Quizzes

A staple of online chats throughout lockdowns! There are many pre-made quizzes out there so pick one that suits you!

Bingo

<https://myfreebingocards.com/mfbc>

Bingo can be as simple as writing a few numbers on a piece of paper and selecting someone to call out numbers. It is free for up to 30 players and it isn't too costly for more than that. Our virtual bingo system is packed with features and includes everything you need to run a virtual bingo game:

- Randomized bingo cards
- Bingo caller
- Automated winner verification
- Tools to send out virtual bingo links to players
- Virtual bingo cards that can be played on-screen or printed

There are even options for Christmas Bingo!

We really love that you can just click on a number or word to cross it out. As you can check if someone has won, it is harder to cheat.

Guess Who

<https://www.crazygames.com/game/guess-who-multiplayer>

I have just discovered this when searching for details for these games but I look forward to giving it a go. I am sure Guess Who needs no introduction but full details are on the website.

Rento

<https://playrento.com/>

Rento is online multiplayer monopoly board game. The game is for 2 to 6 players and you can play it online versus friends, offline versus robots, on same phone with friends or on bluetooth. You can also invite your Facebook friends to play. You can play online or download.

Warning: it can take as long as normal monopoly but it is harder to cheat!

Playing cards

<https://playingcards.io/>

Backgammon, checkers, chess, crazy eights, Go Fish among other games