

Icebreaker Activity Ideas

Resources

Interact and Engage! 50+ Activities for Virtual Training, Meetings, and Webinars

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<https://www.td.org/books/interact-and-engage>

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www.teacherspayteachers.com

- Emoji Pictionary Games
- Riddles

LinkedIn Learning – courses, videos

<https://www.linkedin.com/learning>

Engagement Tools

- Kahoot <https://kahoot.com/>
- Mentimeter - <https://www.mentimeter.com/>
- Slido <https://www.sli.do/>

Activity examples

There are many resources online for these type of activities – search using these terms

Emoji Pictionary

Quick, fun Pictionary games

- Winter Theme https://0i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/Winter_Themed_Emoji_Pictionary.pptx
- Disney Movies https://0i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/Disney_Movie_Pictionary.pptx

Brain Teasers

Occupies participants with reading, thinking to answer

Participants answer in Chat or assign teams

- https://i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/Brain_Teasers.pptx
- Rebus puzzles https://0i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/5_rebuses.pptx
- Riddles - <https://www.riddles.com/riddles-for-adults>

Word Searches

Participants search for words, horizontally, vertically, diagonally; use theme from activity

Use annotate or call out columns and rows for answers

- <https://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/word-search>

Scavenger Hunt

Ask participants to find an item around them that fits the criteria, give them a few seconds to find an item, then have them show items

- Most interesting thing on your desk within reach
- Colors
- Beginning with letters of the alphabet

Which do you prefer?

Quick, simple, this or that questions

Annotate/White Boards can be good for this – write the options and individuals check their preference

- https://0i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/What_do_you_prefer.pdf
- <https://www.greetingcardpoet.com/this-or-that-questions/>

Facial Expressions

Identify or act out

- https://0i.b5z.net/i/u/1011916/f/Facial_Expressions.pptx

White Board

Using annotate/white board features

- Draw a picture
 - o of your favorite superhero
 - o of yourself using your favorite color
 - o Community vegetable garden – list and draw the vegetable(s) you would most like to grow in the community garden
 - o Zoo – draw your favorite zoo animals
 - o Let's create a symphony – list the sections of a symphony (strings, winds, percussion) on the white board. Ask individuals to identify any instruments that have or do play by writing their name and the name of the instrument in the appropriate section
- Respond to questions with name, words, phrases, stamps, drawings (use simple questions)
 - o how do you start your day? what energizes you?
 - o what is your favorite season? favorite TV show?
- Which do you prefer? – write the options on white board and individuals check their preference
- Map – using a map have individuals put a 'pin' on an identified city/state (where they live, birth city, high school where graduated city, etc)