

Game Options For Option C: Do It, Don't Just Talk About It! (The Play Packet)

Note: All of these games can be played online.

1. Two Truths and a Lie

To play, you simply ask each person to brainstorm three "facts" about themselves -- two of the facts will be true, and one will be a lie. For instance, you might say, "I once auditioned for the TV show Zoom. I have three brothers. I ziplined in Switzerland once." Other players take turns guessing which is the lie. Here's more about the game:

<https://hobbylark.com/party-games/Two-Truths-and-a-Lie-Party-Games-for-Teens>

2. Press Conference

The core of the game is one player guessing which famous person they have been assigned to be. One guest is sent from the room (or steps away from the Zoom screen for a second). The rest of the group decides who the absent guest will be when he/she returns. This needs to be a person famous enough that all the guests know a little something about. It could even be a mutual friend of everyone at the party. After the name is chosen, invite the player back into the room or Zoom room and hold a "press conference." The other players will ask the "famous person" questions that would be appropriate to the person he or she is supposed to be. Guests should try to be creative and pointed in their questions to help the player figure out their character.

3. Ten Things in Common

This is a great way for groups to find connections with each other. The goal is for the group to find 10 things that all of them share in common (besides the obvious, e.g., that they are human).

You're bound to discover a number of unique connections: You've all been to the same art museum in Chicago or that you are all country music fans! There are not specific rules. You just need to creatively discuss possible connections and figure out a way to find the things you all share.

4. Most Unique

This game works the same way as Two Truths and a Lie, but it takes less time. Go around the room, and ask each participant to share something about themselves that they believe makes them different from everyone else in the room. You can provide an example to help get everyone started, such as "I have 9 siblings" or "I have never left my home state." This allows everyone to discover unique things about each other; and maybe even discover that your unique characteristic is also shared by someone else!!

5. Guess Who

Instead of sharing unique things, this favorite game requires others to guess unique things about you. Have everyone write a unique, strange, or unexpected fact about them on a piece of paper. Then, put the pieces of paper into a hat and mix them around. For Zoom, just have everyone email one member the group their unique facts. The one with all the facts acts as leader and reads each fact one by one. Each time one fact is read, have everyone else in the group guess who the fact belongs to. After everyone in the group guesses, ask the person who wrote the fact to identify themselves and share more details. (This makes the game extra fun).

If group members are uncertain what unique and unexpected facts to write about, share some of these ideas:

“What is your greatest childhood accomplishment?”

“What is the craziest hair color or style you’ve ever had?”

“What career did you want when you were a child?”

“What’s the best vacation you’ve had?”

“If you had a pet flamingo, what would you name it?”

“If you could visit anywhere, where would you go?”

“What’s the last song you listened to?”

“What was your first job?”

“What was the last movie you saw?”

“What was the last Google search you did?”

6. “18 & Under”

18 & Under is a simple, engaging and unique way to encourage group members to share fun or interesting stories with one another. Before a meeting, simply go around the room, and ask each person to share one accomplishment they had before they turned 18. Undoubtedly you'll get some expected answers, like "I bought a skateboard," but you never know what hidden skills you might discover in your friends.