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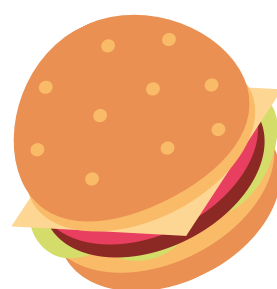
# CONNECTING IN ONLINE MEETINGS

Even when we aren't meeting face-to-face, connecting and belonging are important for groups. Here is a list of activity options especially for virtual meetings.



## 1 WAYNE GAME

It's a virtual scavenger hunt! Everyone starts with cameras off. Say an item. Participants run around their house, find the item, and bring it back. First person to turn on their camera with the item in their hand, "wins." They choose the next item. Here is a list of [virtual Wayne Game ideas](#) to share.



## 2 VIRTUAL POTLUCK

Invite participants to cook something they can eat during your meeting. Ask them to share what they made and why. Themes could be food from around the world, special holiday foods or foods that your family likes that others don't. Later, share the recipes.

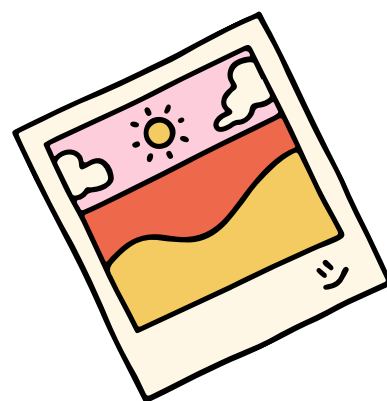


## 3 MAP TRAVELERS

Tell participants to think of a place they would like to go. Then, they can share their screens and use Google maps or online images to talk about why they would like to visit that place.

## 4 CAN YOU PICTURE IT?

Have participants share one picture on their wall. It can be art or a photo. They can tell a story about how they got the picture or about what is happening in it.



## 5 ROLL THE DICE

Choose [six questions](#). Then, share your screen and play a [video of a rolling die](#). Let participants tell you when to stop the video and answer the question that goes with that number.



## 6 MEET MY PET

Ask participants to introduce a pet to the group. They can tell the story of how the pet came into the family or share a special memory of their pet. No pets? They could talk about 1) wildlife they like to watch and why or 2) what they would want in a pet if they could have one.



## 7 HAVE YOU EVER?

Make a list of activities people may or may not have done. Read each activity on the list. Encourage participants to stand up (or turn on their camera) if they have done an activity. Online search "have you ever list for kids" for help making a list.

## 8 CELEBRATE!

Don't forget to celebrate good things! Try group clapping--in gallery view, have participants high five the people on the screen next to them. Hold a "30-second dance party" (search YouTube for lots of videos).



Compiled from <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/icebreakers-for-online-meetings> and <https://medium.com/future-of-design-in-higher-education/zoom-friendly-warmups-and-icebreakers-3400c8b7263>

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