

Before you start, make sure everyone has a pen, dark felt pen, a

few pieces of paper, nightlight and matches Fetch a silly hat to wear when you arrive

- 1. **SCAVENGER HUNT:** call out the object and everyone has to run and find it & bring it back to the screen (those who don't want to join in can watch and help be the judges)
  - Toothbrush
  - Toilet roll
  - Used tea bag
  - Swimming costume
  - Something shiny
  - Something that starts with the same letter as your name
  - BONUS: smelly sock
- 2. **MIME-** ask people to take turns to mime something they've done or learned in lockdown. Everyone has to guess what it is.
- 3. SAY A VEGETABLE without moving lips- everyone has to guess what it is
- 4. **I SPY:** has to be something on someone else's screen

#### 5. DRAWING ROOKHOW CHALLENGE:

Each person has to put a piece of paper on the top of their head and draw Rookhow (dark felt pen). Show what you've drawn to the group.

6. **KIM'S GAME:** 18 objects stuck on the back of a grill pan (magnets or with blu tac). 2 or 3 groups in breakout rooms. 3 minutes to look at everything, then 3 minutes to write them down

**STORY:** 'The Quangle Wangle's Hat' by Edward Lear

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Beforehand: ask people to put something in their background which doesn't belong there (1 or 2 items) for people to guess

when they arrive. It must be something that people can see. A bit like 'Guess the odd-one -out object in the shop window' competition. (Our participants chose a dragon, slippers, cuddly pig, out of date calendar and a fully decorated Christmas tree!)

Remind people to have a nightlight and matches ready for the Epilogue.

- 1. SIMON SAYS: get different people (incl. children) to lead
- 2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX?: one family hides something in a box and everyone has to ask Yes/ No/ animal/ vegetable/ mineral questions to work out what it is (We chose a cuddly sheep and a banana)



- **3. MAKATON SIGNING SINGALONG** '5 little monkeys', everyone joins in and tries to learn the signs by the end of the song it's a repetitive counting-down song *Ask different family to do 3 little monkeys, 2 and 1 (very funny!)*
- **4. CROSS SECTIONS OF CHOCOLATE BAR PUZZLE** (see attached) 20 images. 2 mins to write down then all pool answers at end.



**5. KITCHEN BAND:** breakout rooms. Everyone in each group needs to fetch something from their kitchen to play as a musical instrument and a practice a song together to perform to the others (our songs were The Music Man and Jingle Bells...each group choses their own)

**STORY:** 'Bear Snores On' by Karma Wilson

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Beforehand: ask people to bring a packet of Maltesers and a metal tape measure. Remind people to have a nightlight and matches ready for the Epilogue.

1. TAPE MEASURE & MALTESTER CHALLENGE: stretch out the tape measure and balance the Malterser to roll down the tape measure into your own or someone else's mouth. Who can make the longest run? You can pretend to direct the tape measure into someone else's screen and they can pretend to eat the Malteser!



- **2. SQUEAK PIGGY SQUEAK.** 2 guessers cover eyes. Host sends chat message to pick a piggy. Piggy squeaks and 2 guessers guess who it is. Repeat a few times.
- **3. CLOSE UP:** slide of 8 close-up pictures on Powerpoint: you have to guess what the object is. Share screen. Big group. Write down answers. Feedback to big group and work out collectively.
- **4. RIDDLES:** someone reads out some riddles for the others to guess.
- **5. GUESS THE PERSON in 3 THINGS:** small breakout rooms (4 people or 2/3 families). Choose one person in group, 3 things:
- a food you'd refuse to eat something you're good at what time you'd like to go to bed Come back to the big group. Someone from each breakout room reads out the chosen person's 3 things. Everyone guesses who in the group is it.
- **6. PAPER TEAR BEHIND BACK:** tear your paper into the shape of a Christmas tree without turning round. Everyone shares what they've created in turn

**STORY:** ('Big' by Ed Vere)

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Beforehand: ask people to send the host a photo of themselves as a baby. All members of the family.

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1. STAND UP! SIT DOWN!: play Youtube music clip of 'Daddy's taking us to the Zoo tomorrow' on screen share. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7du 01f6GU



Every time you hear the word 'zoo', stand up and sit down. Do the actions for the animals.

- 2. 'HONEY I LOVE YOU BUT I JUST CAN'T SMILE'. One person has to try to say 'Honey I love you but I just can't smile' without smiling, while everyone else tries to make them laugh by pulling funny faces.
- **3. SPOT THE DIFFERENCE.** Choose someone/or a family. Everyone looks carefully at the person's screen. They then put their video off, change something in their background or on them. Put their video back on and everyone has to spot the difference. Play a few times.
- **4. RIDDLES:** someone reads out some riddles for the others to guess.
- **5. GUESS THE BABY.** In advance people send the host a baby photo. Host makes a powerpoint presentation of all the photos with numbers and shares the screen. Everyone has to write down who they think is who. Discuss as a big group and reveal the baby!

**STORY: '**Not Now Bernard' by David McKee

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#### **ROOKHOW ALL AGE ZOOM SOCIAL 5**

Beforehand: ask people to bring an empty MUG, one per person.

Remind people to have a nightlight and matches ready for the Epilogue & some paper and a pen.

- **1. MUG SCAVENGER HUNT** Bring the following and put it in your mug:
  - 3 things beginning with the letter 'M-U and G'
  - Something which smells nice
  - Something which makes a noise



#### 2. MUG CHALLENGES

- The biggest thing you can stuff into the mug
   (prize for the biggest) Virtual prize 1 Get yourself into the mug challenge Virtual
   prize 2
- 3. FAMOUS DOGS' QUIZ Breakout rooms Virtual prize 3
- **4. MUG PROP** Breakout rooms: Use your mug as a prop to mime as many things as you can. Everyone has to guess what it is. *Virtual prize 4 for the group with the most props.*

#### Virtual prizes (to be screen shared)

- 1. Frozen mug
- 2. Mr. Funny mug
- 3. Star Wars mug
- 4. Toilet mug

STORY: 'Wonky Donkey' by Craig Smith

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#### **ROOKHOW ALL AGE ZOOM SOCIAL 6**

- WHAT'S IN THE SOCK? Put something in a sock for the other team to guess (eg toy car, a carrot, another sock) Virtual prizes 1 & 2
- 2. SONG: Black socks (see sheet)
- **3. SOCK JOKES** (from the internet. Google 'sock jokes')
- **4. HARRY POTTER QUIZ** Bonus prize for anyone who can link socks with Harry Potter. *Virtual prize 3*



- **5. SOCK PUPPET SHOW** 2 or 3 Breakout rooms: With your socks as different characters, act out a song, fairy tale or story. Our groups chose:
  - O Row, row, row the boat (song)
  - O The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Virtual prize 4 for the best play.

**6. RESERVE GAME- SOCK CHALLENGE:** 2 breakout rooms. One room has to decide a challenge for the other team involving a sock. Come back together and ask them to perform it to the group.

#### Virtual prizes (to be screen shared)

- 1. Reindeer socks
- 2. Rainbow toes socks
  - 3. Dobby socks
- 4. Donald Trump socks

**STORY:** 'The Paper-Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch

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Beforehand: ask people to bring a potato, spoon & a prize vegetable

## VIRTUAL SUMMER SHOW

As people arrive, chat about Summer Shows they've been to

1. WARM UP: POTATO THROWING IN PAIRS (or up and down if you're on your own). Stand further away each time or throw higher each time. Virtual prize 1 (strawberry cream tea)



**2. PRIZE VEGETABLE** Show your prize vegetable and tell the group why you think it should win. *Virtual prize 2 (fruit and veg box)* 



#### 3. POTATO & SPOON RACE

- a. Into your kitchen and back
- b. To your window and wave
- c. Musical sack statues

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKEpEdaPUCE

(Old Macdonald jazzy)

Virtual prize 3 (sack of potatoes)

- **4. GUESS HOW MANY BUTTONS IN THE JAR** *Virtual prize 4 (tea cosy)*
- 5. VEGETABLE QUIZ (from 'Freaky Facts' book) Quick fire round. Shout out.
- O World record for eating as many slugs as you can in 2 minutes. Guess how many? Answer: 12
- o True or False: Most cows produce more milk when listening to music. Answer: True
- o How many noses do slugs have? Answer: 4
- o True or false: Butterflies taste with their feet. Answer: True
- **6. SACK RACE** Find something you can use as a sack (eg pillow case/ bin bag/ shopping bag). Make up rounds depending on who's there. *Virtual prize 5 (wheelbarrow)* 
  - **a.** Into your kitchen and back
  - **b.** To your window and wave
  - c. Musical sack statues <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKEpEdaPUCE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKEpEdaPUCE</a> (Old Macdonald jazzy)

**STORY:** 'Mog and Bunny' by Judith Kerr

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Beforehand: ask people to bring an object which symbolises their Sumer holiday this year

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### **HOLIDAY THEME**

As people arrive, chat about how they've spent their holiday this Summer, with their object to help them

- 1. WARM UP GAME: Stand up/ sit down:
  - O Beach or mountains?
  - O UK or abroad?
  - O Ice cream or fruit?
  - O Swim in the sea or a lake?
  - O Fish & chips or go home and cook?



#### 2. 'HOLIDAY' scategory Breakout rooms

Think of a holiday-related word for each letter . If you have the same as someone else, it doesn't count. Virtual prize 1 (ice cream)

- 3. **HOLIDAY SCARS:** *Big group* TRUE or FALSE. Show a scar and tell everyone about it (can be made up or true. Group guesses if it's true or false. Best scar: *Virtual prize 2 (first aid kit)*
- 4. LANDMARKS QUIZ. Share screen. Big group shout out
  - O English landmarks https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=famous-english-landmarks
  - O European landmarks: <a href="https://quizonary.com/famous-european-landmarks-how-many-do-yourecognize/">https://quizonary.com/famous-european-landmarks-how-many-do-yourecognize/</a>

Virtual prize 3 (Monopoly Lake District Edition)

5. **GUESS THE HOLIDAY DESTINATION**: YES/ NO People choose a holiday destination and everyone has to guess by asking yes/no questions.

STORY 'Inside Mary Elizabeth's House' by Pamela Allen

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## **FUN & GAMES**

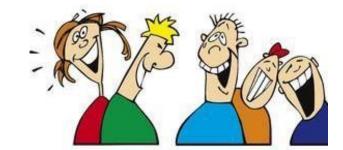
1. CUSTARD SONG (Keith Donnelly). Practice chorus: (instead of last line of song):

'Custard, custard, cover them in custard' x2

Shout out nursery rhyme. Facilitator singe verse, eg

- a. Hey diddle diddle
- b. Humpty Dumpty
- c. Jack and Jill
- d. The Grand old duke of York
- e. God save our Queen

VIRUTAL PRIZE 1 for everyone: bowl of custard (photo on shared screen)



- 2. MAGIC CARROT FORFEITS (yellow card)/ QUESTIONS (green card): the magic carrot chooses someone (!) to pick a card out of the hat (facilitator choses person theatrically, picks the card out of the hat for the person and reads it)
  - a. Don't blink for 30 seconds (everyone watch close-up)
  - b. Put your socks on your hands and your shoe on your head
  - c. Balance a spoon just below your nose for 10 seconds
    - a. Do you have a unique talent?
    - b. If you had 1 minute to get out of your house, what would you grab?
      - c. Would you rather have a sibling or a pet?

VIRUTAL PRIZE 2 for best challenge: carrot cake (photo on shared screen)

- 3. **WINK MURDER:** *check everyone knows how to use their chat.* Ask for 2 detectives to watch. Facilitator sends private chat to someone else to tell them they are the murderer. They have to send a private chat to someone else to say 'wink'. Detectives have to guess who it is.
- 4. **GUESS THE NICKNAME:** breakout rooms. Everyone shares their childhood nicknames. Feedback the sub-group list to the big group and people have to guess who's who.

  VIRTUAL PRIZE 3 (funniest nickname): crown self-feeding funny hat
- 5. **I'M GOING TO ROOKHOW AND I'M TAKING**......A...B...C...Take turns. 1<sup>st</sup> person A, then AB, then ABC etc like a shopping list to remember

STORY 'Little Big Mouth' by Jeanne Willis

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### **MORE FUN & GAMES**

1. VIRTUAL CEILIDH DANCE: MUSIC (on youtube) with a partner (or virtual/ object partner)

A1: charge for 8 across room & back

A2: RH turn for 8; LH turn for 8

B1: Dosey Do right shoulders; DD left shoulders

B2: swing

2. **GUESS WHO?** 3 mins to dress up. Find props. Practise putting videos off and on. Video back on to start. Leader chooses a person (but doesn't say it out loud). Appoint a 'guesser' who asks Y/N questions about the mystery person (eg Are they wearing glasses? Do they have books in their background?). Everyone to whom it doesn't apply, put video off.

VIRTUAL PRIZE 1: detective hat

**3. CUSTARD SONG** (Keith Donnelly). Show <u>PHOTO</u> first. Practice chorus: (instead of last line of song):

'Custard, custard, cover them in custard' x2

Shout out nursery rhyme. Facilitator sings verse, eg

- > Hey diddle diddle
- > Humpty Dumpty
- > Jack and Jill
- > The Grand old duke of York
- God save our Queen



VIRUTAL PRIZE 2 for everyone: bowl of custard (photo on shared screen)

- 4. RIDDLES: one of the children reads out some riddles for people to guess
- **5. AFTER EIGHT CHALLENGE:** put an After Eight mint on your forehead. Try to wiggle it into your mouth without dropping it.

VIRTUAL PRIZE 3: box of After Eights

**6. WINK MURDER:** check everyone knows how to use their chat. Ask for 2 detectives to watch. Facilitator sends private chat to someone else to tell them they are the murderer. They have to send a private chat to someone else to say 'wink'. Detectives have to guess who it is.

**STORY** 'Winter'

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#### **ROOKHOW ALL AGE ZOOM SOCIAL 11**

## **ALL AGE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

**CHRISTMAS COLOUR DASH** Host shouts out a colour and everyone has to find something Christmassy in that colour and bring it back to the screen: *green, red, brown, yellow, silver, blue* 



**CHRISTMAS MOVES** Roll the dice. 1. Shake the present on the star 5. Ride the donkey 6. Freestyle

2. Decorate the tree 3. Stir the pudding 4. Put

**SECRET SANTA** Host sends a 'chat' to one person to tell them to be the Secret Santa. Everyone puts their video off/ shut eyes. Secret Santa says '**Ho, Ho, Ho!**' Everyone guesses who it is. Person who guesses sends the 'chat' to choose the next Secret Santa. VIRTUAL PRIZE FOR BEST SANTA: Christmas pudding

**CHRISTMAS JOKES** (read by one of the children)

GUESS THE CHRISTMAS SONG: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eaP p Gspk (1-12)

**BLIND CHRISTMAS TREE** Everyone takes a piece of paper, puts it behind their back and make a Christmas tree without looking. *VIRTUAL PRIZE FOR THE WINNER: Trip to Lapland* (screen share image)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (from a family) VIRTUAL PRIZE: snow on Christmas day

**BIG LONG SNAKE (drawing).** One person draws a head, one a tail and everyone else a body. Join them all up, across the screens to make a long snake.

**SPECIAL VISITOR**...sing 'Jingle Bells' and listen to see if it encourages Santa to arrive.....**What's in Santa's sack?** 3 questions, 3 presents in turn (teapot, snowman, satsuma).

STORY: 'Twas the Night before Christmas'

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## **ALL AGE JANUARY SOCIAL**

Bring a silly hat, paper & pen and a nightlight/candle

**HATS:** Throw your hat up and catch it on your:

- Head
- Foot
- Arm
- Nose



**HIDE & SEEK** – have a good look

at the screen and remember who's there. Everyone put their screens off. Host puts someone in the waiting room. Cameras back on, everyone has to guess who's missing.

**BINGO** Everyone draws a 4 by 4 square grid on a piece of paper. Write any numbers 1-30. Someone calls out the numbers (could use a number wheel online) and people mark them off. First line of 4 wins.

Virtual prize: candyfloss maker (share image)

**PINK BANANAS:** everyone's videos off and on mute. Host sends a chat to someone saying 'pink bananas', they unmute themselves and after the host says '1,2,3' the chosen person has to say "pink bananas" in a funny voice. Everyone has to guess the person.

**PICTIONARY.** Host sends a chat to one person asking them to draw something on the Zoom whiteboard, or people choose their own (*eg spoon, island, rabbit, bread, bowl, swing, tail, ant*)

**COUNTING CAMERAS:** co-operative game. All videos off. Host shouts out a number. That many screens have to show themselves. Take turns to call the number.

**STORY:** 'Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson

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### **SINK OR SWIM**

Bring a swimming cap, goggles (optional), clothes peg and a nighlight/ candle

**GUESS WHO?** Practise putting videos off and on. Video back on to start. Leader chooses a person (but doesn't say it out loud). Appoint a 'guesser' who asks Y/N questions about the mystery person (eg Are they wearing glasses? Do they have books in their background?). Everyone to whom it doesn't apply, put video off.

**HIDE & SEEK** – have a good look at the screen and remember who's there. Everyone put their screens off. Host puts someone in the waiting room. Cameras back on, everyone has to guess who's missing.



**PINK BANANAS:** everyone's videos off and on mute. Host sends a chat to someone saying 'pink bananas', they unmute themselves and after the host says '1,2,3' the chosen person has to say "pink bananas" in a funny voice. Everyone has to guess the person.

**SECRET FRIENDS**: ask who would like to have something (virtual) given to them by a Secret Friend. That person closes their eyes while the host sends a private chat to someone saying, "You are...'s Secret Friend." This person then sends a direct message back to the host with their present. The receiver opens their eyes, host tells the present and they have to guess who it's from.

**SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CHALLENGE:** host has songs ready on Spotify/ Youtube, eg Swan Lake (*graceful*), Yellow Submarine (*upbeat*), Pirates of the Caribbean (*dramatic*). Swimmers get dressesd up (!). 3 breakout rooms. Give each group a mood (graceful/ upbeat/ dramatic without telling thme the music). Each group has 5minutes to make up a routine (or could choose to follow one person's moves). Come back to share to the large group. Host shared sound of backing track. *Virtual prize: trip to Grange Lido (future)* 

**STORY**: 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers

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### **OLD FAVOURITES**



Come with a funny virtual background or put something silly in your background.

- **1. SECRET WORDS** as people arrive, give them a word in the private chat which they will have to drop into the conversation unnoticed sometime in the session when everyone's arrived (eg. jubilant, meticulous, kangaroo, plethora, inept, feral, kite, mudbath)
- **2. WINK MURDER:** check everyone knows how to use their chat. Ask for 2 detectives to watch. Facilitator sends private chat to someone else to tell them they are the murderer. They have to send a private chat to someone else to say 'wink'. Detectives have to guess who it is.
- **3. KIM'S GAME:** 20 objects stuck on the back of a baking tray. Small groups break-out rooms (3 or 4 people/ families in each). 3 minutes to look at everything, into breakout rooms, then 3 minutes to write them down together and come back to big group.
- **4. SECRET WORDS....continued.** Check if anyone has managed to slip their word in unnoticed. If not, let everyone tell a short story about something which has happened to them, which includes their word. Everyone has to guess at the end what the word was
- **5. CHARADES** in breakout rooms. Film/ book. Come back and mime to the large group

STORY: 'Zagazoo' by Quentin Blake

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## **ROOKHOW ALL AGE ZOOM SOCIAL 15**



## **PIRATES**

Come in pirate costume and/or with a pirate background. Make sure you have 2 pieces of paper, a pen and a nightlight.

- 1. SONG....sing along and do actions. 'When I was one...' The Pirate Song (When I was one) YouTube
- **2.** 'MAN OVERBOARD'...like hide & seek. Videos off. Put someone in the waiting room. Big splash. Everyone has to guess who has gone overboard.
- **3.** 'PIECES OF EIGHT'... Leader sends chat message 'piece of eight' to someone. Everyone then shuts their eyes. After '1-2-3' the person has to say 'Pieces of Eight' in a funny voice. Open eyes. Everyone guesses who they think it was.
- **4. TREASURE**....Videos off. 2 minutes to find a piece of treasure and put it int your background. Videos on. Everyone has to guess what the treasure is.
- **5. QUIZ ON PIRATES** Make 3 pieces of paper with 'A B and C'. Go through the questions in turn and hold up what you think the answer is: <a href="Mailto:CBBC Newsround">CBBC Newsround</a> | <a href="Quiz">Quiz</a> | <a href="Quiz">Quiz</a>: <a href="Pirates">Pirates</a></a>
- **6. MAKE A BOAT OUT OF PAPER**...challenge in 2 minutes. Show your boats. Share screen and sound <u>Pirates Of The Caribbean Theme Song - YouTube</u> & sail your boats along to the Pirates of Caribbean music.

**STORY**: 'The Pirate Twins'

**EPILOGUE:** all light own nightlights, 5 mins silence during which if anyone wants to say anything they're grateful for, they can.

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