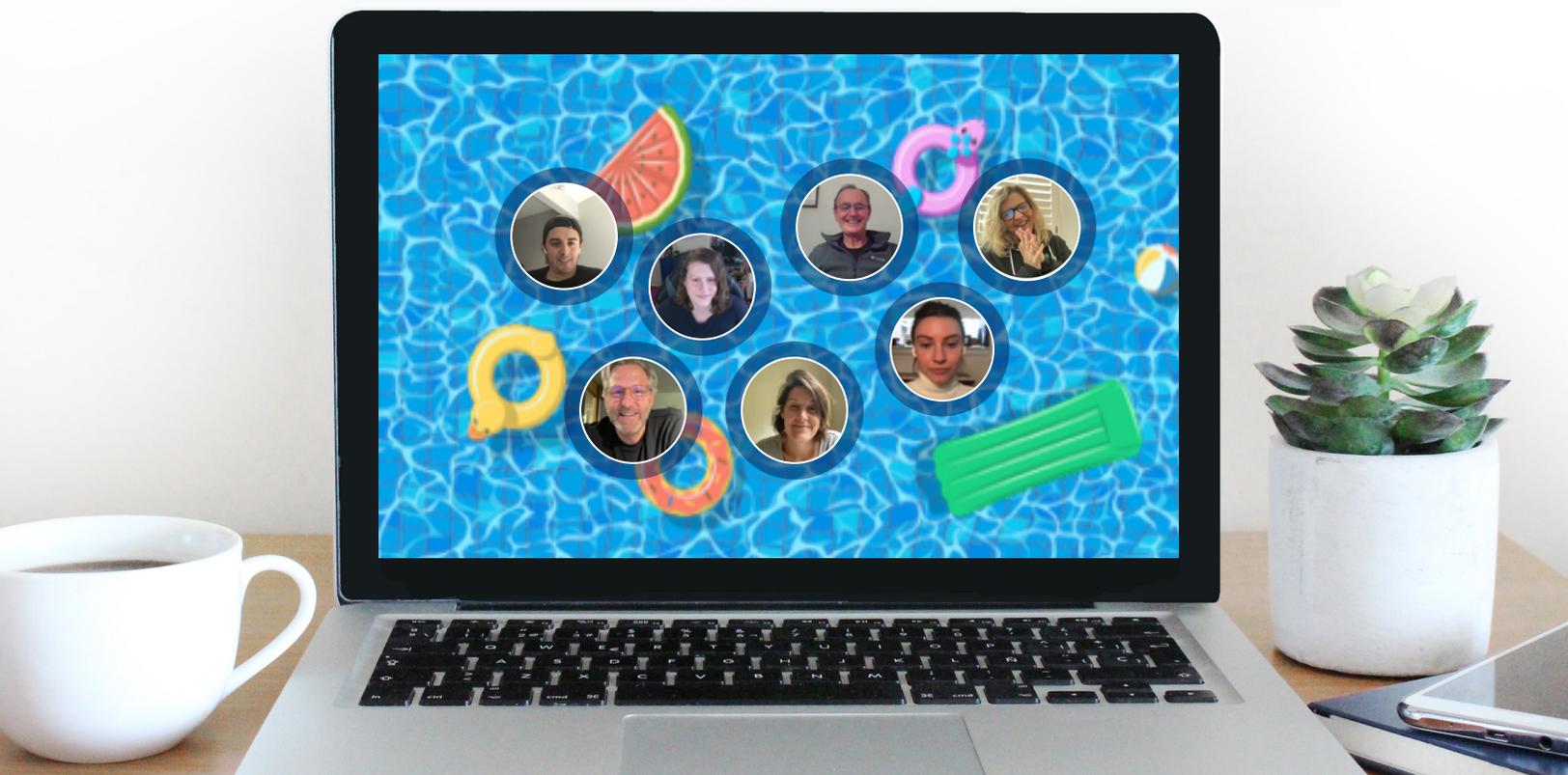


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30 Ways to Bring Back the Fun to Your Virtual Meeting

Virtual Ice Breakers & Activities





After a year or more of virtual meetings, many team leaders are looking for a few ways to spice things up and boost engagement. To help you achieve this goal, we've compiled some of the top icebreakers, activities, and virtual party ideas.

Ice Breakers and Conversation Starters

Take a few minutes before your meeting to connect and get to know your teammates.

1. Give Recognition

Take time before any meeting to open the floor for colleague recognition. This doesn't have to be mandatory and there doesn't have to be a prescribed way to do it, but allowing time to give a shout out for those who have gone above and beyond is a good idea.

2. Team Reflection

We are often moving so quickly that we miss out on opportunities for reflection. Before jumping into your next virtual meeting, spend some time reflecting on the success of the company or the team. What has worked? What hasn't? Who has been going above and beyond?

3. Rose, Bud, Thorn

Along the same lines as reflection, this is an opportunity to check in with everyone on the team on a more individual level. Each person takes a minute to share a Rose (something they are happy about), a Bud (something they're looking forward to), and a Thorn (something they aren't so happy about). It's a quick way to check in and see how everyone is doing and what's on their mind.



4. Two Truths & A Lie

Divide the room into small groups of 4-7 people and have each team spread out. Each person takes a turn listing 3 facts about themselves, and the rest of the group has to guess which one is the lie. You will definitely learn something new about your colleagues.

5. Desktop Show & Tell

Each person in the group takes a turn sharing something on their desk or in their office with the group. This one is pretty simple but a great way to get to know each other and get a glimpse into their life beyond what you see behind them in virtual meetings.



6. Speed Dating

Take the dating element out of this activity and it's really great for getting to know your colleagues a little better. Split the team in half and have one half spread out around the Preciate room. This half will stay where they are, and the other half will rotate around the room. Spend 2, 5, or 10 minutes (however much time allows) with each colleague before moving on to the next person. You as the organizer can offer specific conversation starters or just let the conversation flow naturally.

7. Describe Yourself in 3 Words

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8. Name that Baby

This one takes a bit of extra planning. Ask each team member to share a baby picture of themselves with the organizer before the event. During this session, the host will share each picture and have your team guess who it is.

9. Personal Facts Guessing Game

Similar to the baby picture game above, ask each sales person to send in one or 2 personal facts about themselves to the leader in advance. The organizer chooses one fact for each person, and lists them on a document without the names. Now open up a networking session where people can move around the room freely (this is possible on Preciate's platform), with the goal to identify who belongs to each personal fact. The person who can figure out the most of them in the allotted time wins.

10. Bucket List Challenge

Everyone goes around the room and shares their bucket list, which is a great opportunity to build connections with other coworkers beyond your work lives. Maybe you'll meet someone else who wants to run a marathon or learn to brew beer at home. This is a great chance to increase team cohesion as you learn more about your team.



11. Meet the Pet or Person

Yes, you probably know your coworkers by now. But do you know who else they live with? Ask each person to introduce their pets or another person in their house to the group.



12. Fun Fact

Everyone can share a fun fact about themselves that the group may be surprised by

Games

13. Trivia

If you're looking for just plain fun, trivia is always a popular option. You can have seasonal questions or change themes for each round. There are unlimited options. Break teams into groups, have them spread out in the Preciate room so no one else can hear them, and have one person from each team submit the answers to the host at the end of each round.

14. Company Trivia

How much does your team know about your company? Trivia is fun at all times, but company trivia can also be helpful if you have a lot of new hires who may not know all the answers. Make sure the new hires are teamed up with more experienced colleagues and see who knows the most.

15. Product Trivia

This is an alternative to company trivia, and a great option for sales teams specifically. If you're looking for a way to test your team's knowledge, product specific trivia can be the way to go. Ask someone from the product team to host or ask the questions, and see who the smartest person is!



16. Scavenger Hunt

This one is fun and doesn't involve a lot of planning or money. The organizer creates a list of random items, and reads them out one at a time. Once an item is read, everyone runs to find one of those things and brings it back to their screen. You can give points to the first person to bring back that item, and the person with the most points at the end wins!

17. Buzzwords

In this drinking game, assign a rule to various buzzwords and hold everyone accountable in following along. If your team or industry has a lot of jargon, that can be a good place to start. Everytime someone mentions a particular buzzword, they must take a sip of their cocktail.

18. "Most likely to...."

If your team knows each other pretty well, superlatives can be a fun way to recognize each other. Come up with a list of "most likely to's", and then have everyone vote on who that sounds most like. These can be serious or silly, depending on what type of party you are planning.

19. Virtual Bingo

Mail cards in advance, or provide a digital version for play.



Cocktails & Happy Hour Activities

20. Mixology

Follow along with a cocktail recipe together and have every person create the same drink. You could also make a contest out of it and have each person create their best looking cocktail to be judged by the rest of the team.

21. Virtual Wine, Beer or Whiskey Tasting

If you miss the open bars from your previous parties, this could be a nice alternative. Each employee receives a tasting kit in the mail, and you taste them together under the guidance of a sommelier or other expert.



22. Cookie Wars

Send everyone on your team a cookie decorating kit in advance, then bring them all together to decorate at the same time. This doesn't have to just be for gingerbread! Add in a cocktail and you've got a party!

23. Photo Booth

As with all great photo booths, props are a must. Send your employees each an individual prop to wear to the party. This can be anything from angel wings to an ugly sweater, a Hawaiian shirt, a sombrero, or a hot pink wig. The sky is the limit but it's always fun to surprise the team with a random gift for future virtual parties.

24. Virtual Food Tasting

Mail everyone in your group a box in advance, and during the party everyone follows along with a real chef to learn to make drinks, snacks or charcuterie boards together.

Virtual "Outings" and Event Ideas

25. Yoga, Pilates or Meditation Class

Looking for a healthier alternative to all the drinking? Yoga, pilates and meditation classes are a great way to break up the workday and help everyone get focused. If mental health is a priority at your company, this is an excellent option.



26. Virtual Escape Room

If your team loves solving puzzles, escape rooms are a good idea. This is a good option for more team building if that's what you're going for, although it definitely works best for smaller sized groups.

27. Sip & Paint

Send each member of your team a basic painting kit, or have them purchase one themselves. Watch each other paint while you all sip on the beverage of your choice. At the end, share your creations with the rest of your virtual room and vote on whose is the best.

28. Murder Mystery

This is also fun for smaller groups, and requires a bit of advanced planning. Each person is assigned a character, and everyone is expected to show up dressed the part and "in character." Usually best played with the help of a professional team to organize.

29. Virtual Cooking Class

This one works best if you have the budget to bring in a professional to lead the room in a virtual cooking class. This can be something small like a cocktail or appetizer, or even assembling a charcuterie board.



30. Home Deliveries

If you have the budget, sending something to each member of your team that they can enjoy with their families at home is a good alternative to providing a meal with your team in the office. And who doesn't love a special home delivery? This could be anything from pie to drinks to an actual meal.

Preciate: The Leading Zoom and WebEx Alternative

We've all been on Zoom events that feel much more like a meeting than a party. The good news is, Zoom is not the only virtual meeting & event platform available, and there are plenty that offer networking and movement, similar to being at an actual party!

Check out Preciate, a revolutionary virtual meeting & events platform that is designed to boost engagement. Unlike the tiles of Zoom, attendees can move around the room in Preciate, from conversation to conversation, just like at a real cocktail party.



Preciate Recognition

Preciate also has a built-in Recognition tool that is simple to use, effective and affordable. Drive real engagement and increase employee morale, even with remote or distributed teams.

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