

# Gameplay

## Fun!!!!



# Create New Rules to Old Games

One way to keep kids entertained is to have them develop and create new playing rules to the board games you already own. This is a great way for kids to be imaginative, inventive, think outside of the box, work together as a team, communicate and problem solve.

## Tips:

- Everyone must help come up with the new playing rules and be in agreement.
- Document (write down) the new rules.
- Must set the rules before gameplay begins.
- Do not add additional rules, while the game is being played (unless testing out the new rules and making revisions).
- They can create an entirely new game using the pieces from several old games.
- Create or add new playing cards.
- Make a new game spinner.

## Some examples:

- **Monopoly**

1) Bid for Start Order -- Going first is a definite advantage because you can buy properties before anyone else gets there. So why shouldn't you have to pay for this advantage? At the start of the game, bid for the first position, then second, etc. In cases where no one wishes to bid, a die roll is used to determine the order.

2) Once Around the Board -- As an alternative to bidding for player order, don't let anyone purchase property until they pass Go once. This will somewhat even out the advantage of going first.



3) Movement Cards -- Give each player a set of cards numbered from 1 to 6. On each roll, a player uses one card and rolls one die. That player then moves the total of both. Each card must be used once before any can be used a second time.

4) End After Two Bankruptcies -- Most (perhaps all) official Monopoly rulebooks offer this as a "short game" variant. After two players go bankrupt, the winner is the person with the most cash, property, and buildings.

- **Uno**



1) Speed Uno, follows the regular rules of Uno, with one major difference...

During play, if you have the same card as the one lying at the top of the pile (same color and same number/word) you can play it before the next person plays his card, and then the play continues from you.

Examples of other UNO variations: [https://www.pagat.com/invented/uno\\_vars.html](https://www.pagat.com/invented/uno_vars.html)

- **Sorry**

1) Create new playing cards...

"What should the new cards say?"  
Here are some examples:



#### BIG JUMP CARD

A player who draws this card, jumps one token all the way across the board to the corresponding square on the opposite side. This card is a double-edged sword because if a player's only token is more than halfway around the board its jump could land them back in front of its Start square.

#### HELP A FRIEND CARD

If they draw this card, they have to give it to a player of their choice, who can then use it to get a token out of Start or move one token 15 squares forward. The player that picked this card, does not get to make a move.

#### SECRET AGENT CARD

The lucky recipient of this card gets to draw two cards, plays one and hides the second away to be used anytime they want.

## Create new game spinners...

Be creative! Kids can use items around the house.

Here is a YouTube tutorial on how they can make a new spinner using a fidget spinner and cardboard. Write your new rules on your wheel.



Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLwN3xPgimg>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96FZQYT\\_t4Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96FZQYT_t4Y)

# Play popular games with friends and family over ZOOM!

As we try and find new ways to stay connected with family and friends, zoom has been a great tool to use not just for work and school. It has helped us have virtual get togethers, have laughs with friends, entertain us and uplift us, as we are stuck at home. Here are some fun games to try while holding a family/friend game night.

## 1) Scattergories



Scattergories is a fun game to play with Zoomers of all ages. To play, head to this free game generator (<https://scattergoriesonline.net/>) and send each person a link to the game. The rules are simple: there is one letter and five categories (things like "school supplies," "book title," and "girl's name"). You have 60 seconds to come up with a word that fits in each category and starts with the chosen letter. The more unique your answer is compared to your friends' answers, the more points you get.

## 2) Pictionary



Pictionary is a classic game-night game, in part because the rules are so simple. To play, divide your group into teams. Open this Pictionary word generator (<https://randomwordgenerator.com/pictionary.php>) and choose a team to play first, as well as a designated drawer on that team. The drawer generates a word and has one minute to draw that word for their team to guess. If the team guesses the card correctly, they get a point. You can also activate Pictionary With Zoom's Whiteboard Feature.

## 3) Heads Up



Heads Up (app) always gets the party started. It's a classic word game where players have to describe the word on the screen to the person holding the screen to their head. You can choose from a range of categories and play with as many people as you want.

## 4) Psych



This party game comes from the makers of Heads Up — and it's just as fun. To play, participants make up fake answers to real trivia questions, and one player must choose the real answer among the fakes. There's even an "And the Truth Comes Out" deck that allows you to do the same thing with personal questions about each other.

### **5) Name, Place, Animal, Thing**

This popular kids' game works well on Zoom. To play, pick a letter. Each player has to list a famous person's name, a place, an animal, and a thing that begins with that letter. The first person to type them into the Zoom chat wins.

### **6) Wink Assassin**



Wink assassin is a game of guessing and acting. You do not need anything to play this game. The players must convince all the others that they are NOT the assassin in the group. One student is the assassin and must finish off as many students as they can, before getting caught. The assassin private messages the victim 'wink'. When a user gets this message, they must tragically play-act die, and turn off their video feed. The remaining players then vote on who they believe the assassin to be. The player with the most votes gets kicked out. The game continues until the assassin is caught.

### **7) Scavenger Hunt**

Who said you can't hold scavenger hunts while social distancing? Simply pick a judge, make a list of common household items, and get started. Scavenger hunt works by calling out the name of a common household item and watching your friends scramble to find and get back the item to you in time.

The first one to get the item wins the round and gets to be the judge for the next one. This is a fun way to keep yourself active as well as entertained. You can spice things up by dividing the players into different teams and setting up time limits which shall increase the stakes to keep you all entertained.

### **8) Charades**

Charades is a basic game that translates easily to Zoom. Split your group into two teams and use a charades idea generator (<http://www.getcharadesideas.com/>) to choose your words and phrases. The person who's acting out the charade uses the Zoom "spotlight" feature, and their team has one minute to figure out the phrase.

## 9) Just Dance



Download Just Dance (<https://justdancenow.com/>) to your laptop or desktop and also add the app to your phone. The phone then acts as the controller. Play over Zoom to enter 'party rooms' and dance together. There is a huge range of music from disco to Disney. Now obviously there has to be an element of competition! Points are gathered and the winner takes home the glory.

## 10) Trivia

You don't have to manually create virtual games to play over Zoom. Let software do most of the work with Trivia Maker (<https://triviamaker.com/>)

- Launch the game
- Start the call
- Share a screen
- Get your game face on



Games can be work-related, child friendly, themed or general knowledge.

You can try it for free, but it's a premium game.

## 11) More games can be found at Jackbox

<https://www.jackboxgames.com/>

The *Jackbox* collections feature some of the best party games ever made. From *Drawful* to *Fibbage*, great for your next party night regardless of what games you're typically into.

*Jackbox* collections also happen to have some of the best Zoom games available today. Because only one person needs to own *Jackbox* games in order to host them (and because you only need a phone to play the game), you can just broadcast your favorite *Jackbox* titles over your Zoom feed. The *Jackbox* team even made a video explaining how to play over Google Hangouts and most of those instructions translate to Zoom

# Board Games You Can Play with Friends and Family Online

As digital offerings reach new heights, virtual versions of beloved board games are—thanks to a pre-pandemic boom in board game hobbyists—more accessible than one might think. Offerings range from classics such as Monopoly and Clue to newer games like Wingspan, Ticket to Ride and Codenames.

Here are some great recommendations for *Smithsonian* and *Good Housekeeping* Magazines.

## *Twelve Board Games You Can Play with Friends from Afar*

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/twelve-board-games-you-can-play-friends-afar-180974686/>

## *15 Super Fun Game Apps to Play with Your Friends This Weekend*

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/g32073897/best-apps-to-play-with-friends/>

