

## Fun games to play on Microsoft Teams

Play these games on Teams during a group catch-up or at the start or end of a meeting.

### Count to 20

The idea is for the group to count to 20, one person saying one number at a time. Somebody is chosen to start the count. Anybody can say the next number, but if two or more people speak at the same time, counting must start again from the beginning. It is possible to get to 20 if everybody really concentrates, but try and be relaxed as well.

### Story Orchestra

Somebody is chosen as the conductor. The conductor imagines that she/he is conducting an orchestra. The group tells a story, with the conductor calling out the names of different people in any order, one by one. The conductor decides how long each person continues to tell the story before moving on to somebody new. Of course, she/he may change at the end of a sentence, or at any time. The group should try to keep the narration going as smoothly as possible.

### You're telling me

Somebody is chosen as the leader. Partner **A** starts telling **B** what she/he did at the weekend, or about a past holiday or hobby they enjoy etc. On a command from the leader, **A** continues in a whisper, then in mime, then storytelling again, then in gibberish\*, shouting, singing, as a particular character etc.

*\*Speaking with silly sounds that don't mean anything, but still communicate an intention and meaning.*

### Throw your face

The first person puts their hands over their face and moves them about as though sculpting their own features. *Move your lips, tongue, eyes, eyebrows – anything that you can move – into a grotesque face. When you are ready take your hands away to show your face to the group!*

Choose somebody in the group by saying their name out loud. Lean backwards and then quickly forwards as though you are throwing your face to them. Now comes the really funny part – that person must quickly copy the face you made as though they have “caught” it. This is usually quite amusing for everybody else as well.

That person moulds a new expression with their hands and throws it across the circle to somebody new – and so the game goes on!

### Mirrors

Two people are chosen. One tries to reflect the other's movements as accurately as possible. Make sure movements are slow and smooth. On a given signal, the leading swaps over.

- Keep the flow of movement each time there is a changeover.
- If you get really tuned into each other, you may find that neither person is leading.

*Source: 101 Drama Games & Activities by David Farmer*

*Disclaimer: These games have not been tried and tested on Teams yet. Have fun testing them!*