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50+ Interactive Activities to Engage your Virtual Audience

References:

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- Webinars with WOW Factor 2nd Edition by Becky Pike Pluth, Liz Wheeler, et al.

Interactive Types:

CLOSER - Closers, Learning Activities, Openers, Soft-Openers, Energizers, Revisitors

	Idea	Reference	Type
1	Wordsearch	http://bit.ly/wordfind	C,O,S,E,R
2	Bingo	https://bingobaker.com	O,E
3	Google Slide Deck for Community Notes	https://www.google.com/slides/about/	C,L,R
4	Brain Teasers	https://icebreakerideas.com/brain-teasers/	O,S,E
5	Mazes	https://www.mathsisfun.com/games/mazes.html	O,S,E
6	How many can you name? What animals start with the letter "G"?	https://a-z-animals.com/animals/animals-that-start-with-g/	O,S,E
7	What's your band name? Color of your pants and the last thing you ate...	https://ifunny.co/picture/color-of-your-pants-last-thing-you-ate-your-band-XEhEaqh52	O,S,E
8	Movie Star Name - your middle name and the street you grew up on	https://offthewallsocial.com/blog/personal-social-media/its-all-fun-and-games-until-your-identity-is-stolen/	O,S,E
9	Super Hero Name - color of your shirt and object to your right	https://offthewallsocial.com/blog/personal-social-media/its-all-fun-and-games-until-your-identity-is-stolen/	O,S,E
10	Google Jam Board (Sticky Notes for Ah-ha)	https://support.google.com/jamboard/answer/7424836?hl=en	C,L,O,S,R
11	Google Jam Board (Sticky Notes for complete this sentence: An engaging virtual session will....)	https://support.google.com/jamboard/answer/7424836?hl=en	C,O,S,R
12	Poll Everywhere (live online polling, surveys, Q&As, quizzes, word clouds, and more.. Free version: 25 max audience size)	https://www.pollerywhere.com/plans	C,L,O,S,E,R

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13	Mentimeter (live online polling, word cloud, quiz, q&a, survey, presentations. Free version: 2 questions; 5 quiz slides)	https://www.mentimeter.com/plans C,L,O,S,E,R
14	Padlet (collaborate online by posting text, images, links, documents, videos and voice recordings)	https://padlet.com/ C,L,O,S,E,R
15	Technology that did not exist when you were 10 years old... Chat/Whiteboard	https://stacker.com/stories/3723/50-surprising-things-didnt-exist-10-years-ago O,S,E
16	What's in the box? Add random household items in a box. Share the box with the group for 10 seconds. They need to record as many items as they can. Person with the most items listed wins.	https://www.agirlandaglugun.com/whats-in-the-box-fun-group-game/ O,S,E
17	On day 1, during intros ask them for a favorite hobby. On day 2, have a match the hobby to the person slide.	Interact & Engage O,S,E,R
18	Two truths and a Lie - each participant submits two truths and a lie (ahead of session) facilitator creates a slideshow for each person. Participants can use annotation tools, or if a small enough group can use cameras to show which is the lie using their fingers.	Christy's Version O, S, E
19	Using virtual backgrounds have each participant show a picture of a favorite place to visit - have participants guess what/where that place is.	Provide instruction on how to do this for your virtual platform ahead of your session O,S,E
20	Combat Video Fatigue: Turn off camera and play a rocking tune so people can dance like no one is watching	Research how to share audio on virtual platform E

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21 Wheel of Names; For prizes or to select someone to speak or topic order	https://wheelofnames.com/	C,L,O,S,E,R
22 Double Trouble (Homonyms: a yummy ice cream dessert or a day of the week)	https://www.education.com/worksheet/article/double-trouble/	O,S,E
23 Vacation Ideas (create slide with 4 quadrants: Adventure, Relaxing, Family, Luxury. Participants use whiteboard tools)	Interact & Engage Book	O,S,E
24 Rebus Brain Teasers/puzzle boxes	https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/brainteasers/rebus-puzzles/index.htm	O,S,E
25 Would You Rather?	https://conversationstartersworld.com/would-you-rather-questions/would-you-rather-questions-for-kids/	O,S,E
26 Closing Keys (Shift Key: what have we covered that has shifted your way of thinking? Quotation Key: What quote or key idea did you find instructive or helpful? Enter Key: What is something you are going to enter into your day? Question Key: what are you going to look into further?)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C,R
27 Recipe for Success (What do you think are the key ingredients to be successful with [Training Topic]?)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C,R
28 Tweeting Thoughts (use twitter with a class hashtag to capture key takeaways)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C,L,R
29 A Peek Inside Your World (select an item that is meaningful to you and tell us about it in 30 seconds or less)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	O,S,E
30 GO-To Person (Use chat, have participants complete the	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C,L,O,S,E

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	sentences; I am the go-to person for X. I need a go-to person for X.		
31	Grid Greetings (If it's true for you, type your name in the box. i.e. loves to read, has seen a movie this month, has already had a birthday this year etc..)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	O,S,E
32	Word Scrambles	https://www.puzzles-to-print.com/word-scrambles/	O,S,E,R
33	Quote Me (Have participants provide a favorite quote to introduce themselves)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	O,S
34	Expert Index (create a whiteboard for participants to share contact info and area of specialty)	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C
35	Finish My Sentence: The one thing I still want to know is.....	SCORE! for Webinar Training Book	C
36	A-Z Relay (create a slide with columns A-M and N-Z. Then using annotation tools, participants take turns (relay) providing top takeaways that start with each letter)	Webinars with WOW Factor	C,R
37	Pair-Share (break-out rooms of two people)	https://trainlikeachampion.blog/18-instructor-led-training-activities-to-engage-learners/	C,L,O,S,R
38	Penny for your Thoughts (introduce themselves then share the year on the penny and an important history item from that year)	https://blog.trainerswarehouse.com/virtual-icebreakers	O,S
39	Punchlines and Growners (help break up content by having mini brain breaks by sharing a pun, riddle, joke)	https://trainerswarehouse.com/home-office/stress-management/punchlines-and-groaners-slideshow-downloadable-file/	E
40	Double Trouble - come up with as many words as they can that have double letters, such as feel, mood, kiss, or give clues for two sets of double letters, such as: - Best part of waking up (6 letters)	Webinars with WOW Factor	O,S,E

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foolish person (7 letters) - Body graffiti (6 letters) 		
41	<p>Team Huddle (break into teams or breakout rooms and have them brainstorm their takeaways and then come up with their top three. Groups will report back and see if there are common takeaways.)</p>	Webinars with WOW Factor	C,L,R
42	<p>Identification Shuffle (used for putting things in the proper order, list the items on cards and have participants put them in the right order or use a software like Padlet or Jamboard and have them arrange them on the screen)</p>	Webinars with WOW Factor	C,L,O,R
43	<p>Fulfilling Fill-In-The Blanks (Create handouts that have blanks in several places, have a slide with the same phrase with the blank words bold and underline. Participants will fill in their blanks.)</p>	Webinars with WOW Factor	L,O,E,R
44	<p>Four Corners Game (Multiple choice, each corner of the screen is a different answer or preference, have people pick their corner by using the annotation stamp tool – for example “What is your favorite way to learn? Self-paced video or book, instructor-led, trial and error, or ask a friend?” - If in person, adds movement.</p>	https://swift.excitem.com/blog/7-interactive-games-for-your-presentation/	O,S,E
45	<p>Introduction Game (People in the audience each choose an alphabetic letter. Then, they are given 5 minutes to write down as many words as possible that describe themselves and start with the letter they chose.)</p>	https://swift.excitem.com/blog/7-interactive-games-for-your-presentation/	O

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46 Word Cloud Game (After finishing up your key points, bring up a word cloud (such as in Poll Everywhere) and have people submit one word that relates to the topic. If multiple people pick the same word, it will get bigger. You can also use the whiteboard feature or pull up a blank slide.)	https://swift.excitem.com/blog/7-interactive-games-for-your-presentation/	O,L,R
47 Pictionary (encourages creative thinking – pick a word and have a participant try to draw it on the interactive display)		O,E
48 Jeopardy (a customizable Jeopardy game using Google slides)	Link to Google Slide Template	L,R
49 Kahoot! (easy way to create quizzes and polls that test for comprehension in a fun and exciting way)	https://kahoot.com/	O,S,L,R
50 Make your presentation Non-Linear (if the topic allows, have the participants direct what to talk about next)	https://www.visme.co/videos/interactive-presentation-ideas/	L,R
51 Share a Hashtag for Social Interactions (Create a hashtag and have people post what they are doing on Social Media using that hashtag)	https://www.visme.co/videos/interactive-presentation-ideas/	E,R