Quick meeting icebreakers

Host rules / Keep this page

3-8 players / 3-5 min / 32 original prompts

Pick one activity, not a whole deck. For up to eight people, a 20-second introduction plus one optional 15-second turn each leaves time for a brief close within three minutes. Larger groups can use pairs or a few volunteers. These are planned timings, not measured playtest results.

1. Read: "One short turn each. You can always pass. We'll finish in three minutes."
2. Read the activity. Start the optional timer, offer your own short example, then invite turns.
3. Stop the activity when the timer ends, even if some people passed. Thank everyone and start the meeting.

Always room for a pass

Passing, typing, or simply listening is fine. Do not call on someone who has declined a turn.

Preparation: none for spoken prompts; optional paper for sketch prompts. For remote groups, keep cameras optional and do not ask people to show their home or share private links.

Printing & privacy

Use Letter paper. Print single-sided at 100% / Actual size, one PDF page per sheet. Test one page first. Cut only the card pages; keep worksheets and bingo boards whole. Keep answers with their writers.

Original AI-assisted draft questions. Human English review, group playtesting, physical print quality, and duplex alignment are not yet verified. Planned durations are not measured outcomes.

Print check: measure these bars after printing at 100% / Actual size.

1 inch 25 mm

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Card sheet / Cut along the thin outlines

F08-001 / REV 2

One-word weather

If your pace today were a kind of weather, what would it be? One word is enough; no explanation is needed.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-002 / REV 2

Tiny win

Name one small task you completed recently. An ordinary task counts.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-003 / REV 2

Useful object

Pick an everyday object and say one way it makes a task easier. Nothing needs to be shown on camera.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-004 / REV 2

Next break

Say one simple thing you might do during your next break.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-005 / REV 2

Name the room

Give an imaginary meeting room a short, friendly name.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-006 / REV 2

Three-word welcome

Offer a three-word welcome for someone joining a fictional team.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F08-007 / REV 2

Mini recommendation

Name a type of book, game, or activity you enjoy. A specific title is optional.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-008 / REV 2

Choose a season

Name a season and one thing you enjoy doing at that time of year.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-009 / REV 2

Quiet observation

Think of a color you noticed today and say what it reminds you of. You do not need to describe your room.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-010 / REV 2

One useful shortcut

Share a small shortcut for an everyday task, without opening any work files.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-011 / REV 2

Imaginary noticeboard

Name one useful thing to put on a community noticeboard.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-012 / REV 2

One weekend essential

Name one thing you would include in a relaxed weekend: a place to go, something to do, or a snack.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F08-013 / REV 2

Give it a title

Invent a short title for a documentary about an ordinary object.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-014 / REV 2

A lesson you would take

Name a simple skill you would enjoy learning in a short lesson.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-015 / REV 2

Small improvement

Suggest one way to make an imaginary waiting area more pleasant.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-016 / REV 2

Name the cafe

Suggest one word for the name of an imaginary neighborhood cafe.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-017 / REV 2

Good instructions

Name one feature that makes a set of instructions easier to follow.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-018 / REV 2

Pocket museum

Pick one ordinary item for a tiny imaginary museum and give its exhibit a name.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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Plan a picnic spot

Suggest one thing an imaginary team picnic spot should have. A place to sit, some shade, or a good view would all count.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-020 / REV 2

Start a story

Add a short ending to this sentence: The envelope contained a map to...

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-021 / REV 2

Everyday invention

Name a minor inconvenience that a tiny imaginary robot could help with.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-022 / REV 2

Closing ritual

Suggest a brief way to mark the end of a group project.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-023 / REV 2

Borrow a skill

If you could borrow a practical skill for an afternoon, which would you choose?

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-024 / REV 2

One good question

Offer a question that would help someone plan a welcoming group activity.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F08-025 / REV 2

Paper symbol

Sketch a simple symbol for a good break on paper. Describe it aloud if you want; drawing is optional.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-026 / REV 2

Tabletop landmark

Imagine this table is a small town. Name one landmark it needs. No pointing or moving around is required.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-027 / REV 2

Room mascot

Invent a friendly mascot for this meeting room. Give only its name or one feature.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-028 / REV 2

A postcard from a park

Imagine you are writing a postcard from a nearby park. Share one sentence you would put on it.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-029 / REV 2

Chat word cloud

Type one word that describes a good break, or say it aloud. The host can read out a few themes without naming people.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-030 / REV 2

A five-word description

Think of a useful object and describe it in five words. There is no need to show it or switch on your camera.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

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F08-031 / REV 2

Remote postcard

Imagine your video call could take place anywhere. Describe one thing in that imaginary setting. Keep your real location private.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.

F08-032 / REV 2

Link-free tip

Share a short tip for making a remote handoff clearer. Do not paste private links or client details.

Answer, listen, or pass. No explanation needed.