

Playing at a distance

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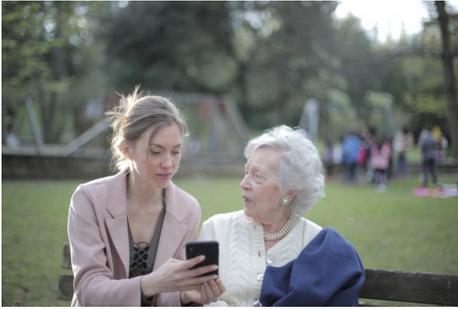


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Fun apps that connect your family

We've known for months that work can happen online. But what about play?

Here's a list of games you can enjoy with your friends and family, in the same room or a different state. Play them on your phone, your desktop or your gaming console—different games are on different platforms.

Note: mentions and links do not imply endorsement.

Multi-game services

Steam

The [Steam website](#) allows people to buy, play and discuss games. It's also available on gaming consoles, iOS and Android. Prices vary.

Jackbox

[Jackbox](#) offers individual games and "Party Pack" varieties. [Remote play is possible](#) through a videoconferencing app or Steam. Prices vary.

Games

Words with Friends Classic

In a contest similar to Scrabble, players can compete with each other or play on their own. Free. [iOS](#), [Android](#).

Draw Something

Pictionary players will find [this game](#) familiar; players draw a picture to illustrate a word, and their friends guess what it is. [iOS](#), [Android](#). Free.

Trivia Crack

Trivial Pursuit buffs will recognize [this concept](#). They choose quiz categories and pit their knowledge against their friends. Free. Facebook, [iOS](#), [Android](#).

Fibbage (Jackbox)

Balderdash bluffers may want to try [this one](#), as they lie, detect lies and discover truth that is stranger than fiction. Price varies. Xbox One, PS3, PS4, Amazon Fire TV.

Quiplash (Jackbox)

[Contestants answer random questions](#), then vote on their friends' responses with no rules, no right answers. Price varies. Steam, Playstation 3 and 4, Xbox, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Humble, Fanatical, Mac App Store, Nintendo Switch

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes

You and your friends work together to [defuse a "bomb."](#) You see the bomb, they see the instructions. [iOS](#), [Android](#), PC, console, VR and mobile VR. Prices vary.

Heads Up

[Charade game](#) featured on the Ellen show. Prices vary. [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Smule

[Karaoke app](#) lets you sing a solo, duet or group number with people around the world. Free with in-app purchases. [iOS](#) and [Android](#).