

# Active Games

These games are played while standing/moving, so may not be suitable for members with limited mobility. Some can be used as an ice breaker at the start of an event.

## Famous Couples

A great ice breaker and way for ladies to get to know each other. Have the names of famous couples on separate pieces of paper. Put these into a hat and each person draws one piece of paper. They then have to find who their partner is and get to know them. Examples:

Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie

Kermit & Miss Piggy

Superman & Lois Lane

John Lennon & Yoko Ono

Romeo & Juliet

Cleopatra & Mark Antony

Fred Flintstone & Wilma Flintstone

Prince William & Kate Middleton

Barbie & Ken

Mickey Mouse & Minnie Mouse

David Beckham & Victoria Beckham

Michael Douglas & Catherine Zeta-Jones

Lancelot & Guinevere

## The Name Game

Have stickers with various famous people's names on them. As everyone arrives to the event, place a sticker on their back, and they need to ask questions (that can only be answered "yes" or "no") to guess which famous person they have on their sticker. Once they have guessed they can remove the sticker. You could give a prize to the first person to correctly guess who they are, or give a small prize to everyone when they correctly guess.

## Pantyhose Golf/Bowling

Place a tennis ball in one leg of the pantyhose. You can then have the pantyhose tied around the waist by the empty leg, or wear them on your head (cut off or tuck in the remaining leg). Arms must be held behind your back. For "golf" the ladies need to use the swinging pantyhose to tap a pingpong ball across to the other side of the room. For "Bowling" they need to knock over a series of small water-filled water bottles. The winner is the first one to achieve the goal. Can be run in teams of 2 at a time.

## Musical Bag O' Clothes

Take a large bag (that is not transparent enough to see what's inside) and fill it with an assortment of odd/unusual types of clothing articles. Items such as bras, swimsuits, girdles, baggy pants, men's trousers, wigs, hats, etc.... Have the ladies sit in a circle so it's easy for them to pass the bag around to each other. They pass the bag around in one direction, to music. When the music stops, whoever is holding the bag has to reach in without looking and pull out an item. Whatever they pull out, they have to put on and wear. Continue until you run out of items, then vote on who is wearing the wackiest outfit. You can give a prize.

### Feather Blowing Game

Give each Hatter a feather. When you say, "GO!" the ladies have to start blowing the feather in the air. Whoever can keep the feather in the air the longest (using only her breath) is the winner. This game can also be played in teams (the team to keep the feather in the air longest using only breath wins)

### Lucky Seat

A good idea for a lucky door prize (if you don't have allocated seating) – tape a red ribbon under one seat before anyone arrives. When you want to draw the winner, have everyone stand up and look under their seat.

### The Chocolate Game

Have everyone sit around in a circle. A, unwrapped block of chocolate with a knife and fork should be in the centre, along with a hat, scarf and gloves. Everyone takes turns to roll a dice, when someone rolls a 6 they can go into the centre and put on the clothing then use the knife and fork to cut squares of chocolate. They can only eat the chocolate if it has been cut while wearing all the clothing items. While they are dressing and cutting, everyone continues to keep rolling. When someone else rolls a 6, they go into the centre and the first person must take the hat/scarf/gloves off and go back to their place.

### Musical Hat

Everyone sits in a circle. A Red hat containing 3 small envelopes (each with a note inside) is passed around to music. When the music stops, the person holding the hat must stand up, choose an envelope and read out the activity shown on the paper and act it out. This may be something like doing the "I'm a little teapot" song etc. (You could play this with more than 3 envelopes).

### Unwrap the Parcel

A bit like the chocolate game mixed with pass the parcel. Wrap a small item in layers of wrapping paper, as you would for pass the parcel. Have this in the centre of a circle, along with a pair of oven mitts, a hat and a scarf. Players take turns to roll the dice. When a player rolls a 6 they can go into the centre, put on the clothing items and start unwrapping the layers until someone else rolls a 6 and replaces them. Whoever unwraps the last layer to reveal the prize gets to keep the item.

# Pen & Paper Games

These are games that require drawing or writing, so each player will need pen and paper.

## Red Hat Dice Game

You will need one dice, as well as a pen and paper for each lady. Each lady will roll the dice and draw the body part that corresponds with that number. You can either play it so that you need to draw the parts in order (feet to hat or hat to feet), or you can play it so that they can draw any part in any order (which could make a funny result!). If a part has already been drawn, they can't do anything that turn and must wait for their next turn.

Roll a 1 – draw a hat with decorations

Roll a 2 – draw the head

Roll a 3 – draw the face & hair

Roll a 4 – draw the upper torso & blouse

Roll a 5 – draw a skirt

Roll a 6 – draw legs/feet/shoes

## Replace Your Darling Husband

Hand everyone a piece of paper and ask them to write down an appliance they wish they could replace and 5 reasons why they want to replace that item. (Such as refrigerator, car, television, vacuum, etc.) When they've finished that, tell them to replace the name of the appliance with the name of their husband and read the whole thing aloud.

## Drawn Together

Everyone is given a piece of paper and either a small pack of pencils/crayons each, or have a container of them on the table for everyone to use. The ladies are all told to look at each other, to remember what they look like - what clothing they are wearing and what accessories etc. (so that they aren't caught looking at their person later). Each lady then picks a name at random from the hat - this is who they will draw on their piece of paper.

After everyone has finished their drawings, the drawings are held up for everyone to see, one by one. If a lady guesses correctly that the picture is of them, they get a prize. If they are also able to guess who drew the picture, that person also gets a prize. A prize can be awarded to the person who gets the most correct guesses.

## Name that cake

Everyone has a piece of paper, and writes their answer to which cake these cryptic clues could be referring to.

Found on the ocean floor ( <i>Sponge</i> )	It's a small boy's game ( <i>Marble</i> )
A heavenly body ( <i>Angel Food</i> )	What you might call a little imp ( <i>Devil's food</i> )
Make the bottom the top ( <i>Upside Down</i> )	A mouse would like this ( <i>Cheese</i> )
Think diamonds ( <i>Carrot</i> )	A breakfast drink cake ( <i>Coffee</i> )
A kitchen measure ( <i>Pound</i> )	This is not tall ( <i>Shortcake</i> )
This one is made of fabric ( <i>Chiffon</i> )	This is an annual event ( <i>Birthday</i> )
Little girls are made of this ( <i>Sugar/spice</i> )	Monkey would like this one ( <i>Banana</i> )
A calendar supplies this one ( <i>Date</i> )	

## Name that Pie

Everyone has a piece of paper, and writes their answer to which pie these could be.

Cinderella ( <i>Pumpkin</i> )	Greedy ( <i>Pork</i> )	Palm tree ( <i>Date</i> )
Little Bo Peep ( <i>Lamb</i> )	Flowing river ( <i>Currant</i> )	Sour face ( <i>Lemon/Lime</i> )
Monkey's ( <i>Banana</i> )	Uncle scrooge ( <i>Duck</i> )	Little Jack Horner ( <i>Plum</i> )
Up river ( <i>Salmon</i> )	Material ( <i>Chiffon</i> )	Adam & Eve ( <i>Apple</i> )
Children's ( <i>Mud</i> )	Irish ( <i>Potato</i> )	Hawaiian ( <i>Pineapple/Coconut</i> )
Tom sawyer's ( <i>Huckleberry</i> )	Complexion ( <i>Peach</i> )	Red nose ( <i>Deer</i> )
Pie in the sky ( <i>Pigeon</i> )	Coward ( <i>Custard</i> )	Shortcake's ( <i>Strawberry</i> )
Dried grape ( <i>Sultana</i> )	Underwater ( <i>Seafood</i> )	

## If The Hat Fits

Everyone has to list all the expressions/phrases they can think of that contain the word "HAT". Prize awarded to the person who can think of the most. Some examples:

HAT in hand	Toss your HAT into the ring	A tip of the HAT
HATS off to you	Watch me pull a rabbit out of my HAT	Mad as a HATTER
Wear many HATS	Ugly as a HAT full of a-holes	I'll eat my HAT
Keep it under your HAT	Does the Pope wear a funny HAT?	At the drop of a HAT
HAT in hand	Here's your HAT, what's your hurry?	Pass the HAT
Cat in the Hat	Home is where you hang your HAT	HAT trick
Talking through your HAT		
His head's too big for his HAT		

## Guessing Jars

Have about 10 small jars (baby food jars or other similar size) with different kitchen items in each (no duplicates). Things like sugar, poppy seeds, cocoa, cinnamon, salt, instant coffee, etc. Number each jar. Give each person playing a sheet of paper numbered to write their guesses of what each one is. You cannot open the jar to smell, feel or taste. After tallying correct names, a prize is awarded to the person who correctly guessed the most.

## Name That Baby

Each lady brings a photo of themselves as a baby. Each photo then gets numbered and placed somewhere where everyone can see them. Keep a list of the numbers and corresponding names hidden away. Everyone then guesses who the photos are. Give a prize to the one who can identify the most pictures.

## Telegram

Give each player paper and a pen. Each player in turn, calls out a letter of the alphabet at random, and all players write down the letters as they are called out. A list of about 15 letters should be formed in this way. The players then have five minutes in which to compose a telegram, the words of which must begin with the letters in the order they were given. When the 5 minutes are up each player reads his telegram, and the winner is the player whose telegram is judged to be the most sensible, the cleverest, the wittiest, the silliest, etc

For Example: If the letters called out were H, A, I, I, B, B, A, U, T, L, D, H, S, A, O, C – one player might write: Have Arrived In Boston But Am Unable To Locate Deckchairs Hence Send All Over .....Cynthia

Whereas another player might write: Hurry And Immediately Bring Back All Unused Tea Leaves ..stop.. Daddy Hates Sipping Ale Or Cola

## Guess the contents

Fill up a number of small cloth bags with a 4 different small items in each. The bags are sealed so nobody can peek inside. Pass bags around and everyone has to write down what they guess the contents to be. You can either use multiple bags with the same contents (so the ladies don't have to wait as long for their turn), or have multiple bags with different contents and write a number on each bag (so the ladies write what they think is in each bag)

## Word Scrabble

Have a number of letters from a scrabble set (or make up large cardboard squares with different letters that the ladies can easily read). Each participant then has to write down as many words as they form, out of the letters within a certain time. Winner is the one with the most words. A short version can be “winner with most words starting with....”

## Pass the paper / continue the story

Someone (perhaps the Queen) starts writing a story, by writing one word or one line of the story on a piece of paper. The paper is folded so that people cannot read the previous lines that have been written, so nobody will know what the story is about until it is read out. The paper is then passed to the next person, who adds their word/line and so on until everyone has had a turn. It can continue around again or the story be read out then when the last question has been answered, the story is read out. The lines they write could be:

- An adjective describing a person's appearance or character
- The name of a woman
- The word "met" and an adjective describing another person's appearance and character
- The name of a man
- The word "at" and the place the woman met the man
- The circumstance under which they met
- The word "in" and when they met
- The words, "He said to her...", together with whatever he said
- The words "And she replied...", together with whatever she said
- What he did then
- What she did then
- The words, "And the consequence was...." With detail of the consequence
- The words, "And the moral of the story is....."

## Quiz

Have a collection of questions, such as tv shows, music and fashion from the 60s. Read out the questions and have each lady write her answers. When the questions are finished, the ladies swap their papers and the scores are tallied up (swapping the papers for scoring ensures no cheating!)

## What If

Pass out two pieces of paper to each lady present. On one piece of paper, they each write a question that starts with the words "What if ....?" (eg: "What if ....a Red Hatter lost her hat?")

The ladies pass this paper to the person on their LEFT. On the second piece of paper, they answer the question they just received. Then they pass that answer back to the person they received it from. Have the lady on your RIGHT read her question. The lady sitting to her RIGHT reads her answer. She then reads her question and the person sitting to her RIGHT reads her answer. This continues around the room until everyone has read both a question and an answer.

## Sitting Scavenger Hunt

Everyone needs to tally up how many points they have, by adding or removing points according to the following lists (use one or the other):

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| Mobile phone? If on -9 points if OFF +9    | 2 points for a cloth handkerchief         |
| 4 points for each piece of jewellery       | 6 points for a pair of gloves             |
| 5 points for your red hat                  | 5 points for toe nail polish              |
| 4 Bonus points if your wore it from home   | 4 points for lipstick                     |
| 3 points for each article of Purple attire | 3 points for each red accessory           |
| 3 points for a Hat Pin                     | 3 points if you've given yourself a title |
| 9 points for a nametag                     | 2 points if your attire was scavenged     |

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| Any Jewellery Item (5 points each) | Emery Board (5 points)                  |
| Anything CHOCOLATE (20 points)     | Hand Lotion (5 points)                  |
| Anything purple (25 points)        | Measuring Tape (5 points)               |
| Anything red (25 points)           | Pen or Pencil (5 points each)           |
| Band-aid (5 points)                | Perfume (5 points)                      |
| Breath Mints (5 points per pack)   | PICS of Children/Grandchildren (5 each) |
| Calculator (10 points)             | RED Lipstick (10 points)                |
| Calendar (10 points)               | Safety Pin (5 points each)              |
| Mobile Phone (10 points)           | Salt, Pepper or Ketchup (5 points each) |
| Chap stick or Lip Balm (5 points)  | Scissors (5 points)                     |
| Chewing Gum (5 points per pack)    | Shopping List (5 points)                |
| Comb or Brush (5 points)           | Tissues (5 points per pack)             |

## Red Hat Regalia Game

Count all the regalia you have on today! The largest number wins!!!

- If you wore a red, purple, lavender or pink hat today, give yourself 50 points.
- Give yourself 5 points for each red, purple, pink or lavender hat you own.
- 10 points for each article of clothing you have on that is red, purple, pink or lavender.
- A properly dressed woman would not step out of the house without purple, red, pink or lavender shoes – so give yourself 5 points for each foot that is covered in our colors (that's a maximum of 10 points in case you are wondering!)
- Often, you have a purse, handbag or totebag to match in purple, red, pink or lavender – give yourself 10 points for small, 20 points for medium, and 30 points for large!
- Was it raining outside? Did you bring a red, purple, lavender or pink umbrella to keep your hat dry? Take 10 points for that.
- 1 point for each hat emblem/design on anything you have – if it is a scarf, hair tie, ribbon, material that has hats allllll over it, make it easy on your brain, just give yourself 50 points. Otherwise, you just get 1 point for each hat emblem/design.
- 1 point for each feather – again, if you have a boa or hat with feathers all over, let's not tax ourselves, just take 50 points. Otherwise, you just get 1 point for each feather.
- Ladies with gloves, add another 10 points.
- Is your lipstick red or pink? You get another 5 points.
- Did you paint your fingernails, add 1 point for each nail. If they are painted red, pink, lavender or purple, add another 1 point for each nail. And finally, if they are your OWN and not fake, double that figure.
- If your spectacles are red, purple, lavender or pink add another 5 points.
- Did you remember to carry a hanky? 10 points if you did. If it is red, purple, lavender or pink, add 15 points.
- Give yourself 15 points for any item you have brought that is sequined.
- We can't forget our jewelry either, so give yourself 5 points for each piece of jewellery that you have on.
- Red Hatters are always happy and make happy sounds wherever we go...especially when we play our Kazoo's. Did you remember to bring yours? Add 10 points.
- Now, let's get personal. Add the amount of the most money you have spent on any one Red Hat item that you've bought. Use whole dollars and be honest.
- Now, let's get a little more personal. If you have on purple, pink, lavender or red underwear or bra, You go Girl! And give yourself 20 points for each!
- Now let's get really personal. Add your age and finally, add your weight!!!

## The Ladies Game

Each lady has a pen and paper to keep track of her score. As the rhyme is read out, the ladies will add or subtract points from their total according to the answers. The player with the most points wins.

*This is a rather peculiar game,  
It really does not have a name  
It's simple to play as a game should be  
You just do as you're told, you see  
So now if you'll please give me your attention  
We'll put an end to this suspension  
In the end, whoever scores the most  
Will receive a prize of which to boast*

*Now since you're all fashionable girls  
Give yourself 5 if you have any pearls  
You may add 3 if your toes peek out  
And earrings will give you 2 more to shout  
Score yourself 5 if you show any red  
Add 6 more for a curl on your head*

*Now before you think you are going to win  
Take away 2 for each safety pin  
Give yourself 6 if your pants are tight  
Add 1 for a scarf which is just about right  
Add 5 more if your shoes are black  
And take away 3 for a zipper in back  
Now count all your buttons, for each you get 2  
And take away 1 for each button that's blue  
Give yourself 5 if your heels are high  
And why not take 10 for the green in your eye  
10 more points for a rose on your clothes  
Take away 5 if you forgot to wear hose  
This is the end...there isn't any more  
Who is the lucky lady with the highest score?*

## Have you ever

Score 1 point for each answer you answer "yes" to. Person with either the most or least points wins depending on how you want to score it..

- Called your significant other by the wrong name?
- Lost a member of the family in the shopping centre?
- Had your zipper break in public?
- Fallen up the stairs?
- Forgotten your home phone number?
- Got into the car to go somewhere and forgot where you were going?
- Put something in the oven to bake and forgot about it?
- Forgot to pick up your kids after school?
- Run out of petrol?
- Gone shopping in your Pjs (as an adult)?
- Lied about your age?
- Worn black lacy knickers?
- Played a guitar (to any degree)?
- Worn braces on your teeth?
- Pawned anything?
- Come home to find out you've worn your top inside out all day?
- Stayed awake for 24 hours straight?
- Met a celebrity?
- Broken a bone?
- Performed on stage?
- Ridden a camel or elephant?
- Forgotten where you parked the car?
- Locked yourself out of the house?
- Put something unusual in the freezer?
- Made a prank phone call?
- Driven a car before you had your license?
- Hitchhiked?
- Gone skinnydipping?

# Seated Games

These games can be played while seated, without needing any pens and paper.

## Handbag Scavenger Hunt

Place some scrabble tiles (or pieces of paper with each letter of the alphabet written on them) in a bowl or bag (1 of each letter). The ladies gathered around have their handbag with them. When you call out a letter chosen from the bowl, the ladies search their handbags to find something starting with that letter. Eg "L" might be lipstick, "P" might be a pen... The winner is the person with the most found items.

## My Life in a Bag

Everyone brings a bag that contains little mementos or trinkets from their life. Everyone takes turns to show these items around and explain their significance in that person's life. For example they could be photos, trophies, awards, ticket stubs.... anything!

## This and That Game

Players sit in a circle. First player asks something that is "This" or "That", The next player answers and asks the next player "This" or "That". Continue playing until everyone has a turn, or keep going just to see how silly it can get. Example:

Player 1 "Meat or Vegetables"                      Player 2 "Meat" – "Cotton or Flannel"  
Player 3 "Flannel" – "Soft or Hard Cheese"      Player 4 "Soft" – "Popcorn or Crackers"  
Player 5 "Popcorn" .... and so on and so on.....

## Sales Pitch

Blindfold one lady and tell her that she must try to sell a mystery object. If she is convincing enough, she wins a prize. The object is placed in front of her, but she cannot touch it or see it. Everyone else can see what it is – and it's a roll of toilet paper! She has to answer questions about the product she is selling.

## The M&M game

Pass a bag of M&Ms (or other lollies) and tell the ladies they may take some, but not to eat them yet. Have plenty available. Once everyone has taken their share, announce that they must tell everyone one fact about themselves for each M&M they have taken!

## Name a Song

Someone starts by choosing any word they want, and the other players have to pick a song that has that word in it. Whoever gets it first, then it's their turn to choose a word. If the group never heard the song before, they will ask you "I challenge you", and that person has to sing a piece of the song. (Just so that everyone knows the person isn't making it up!)

## Kiss The Teddy

A Teddy bear is passed around and everyone takes turns to kiss it somewhere. Once it has been passed around to everyone, they are told they must now kiss the person next to them in the same place they kissed the teddy!

## Pass The Parcel

(Works well seated and without a need for music) – start with a small prize and wrap it in multiple layers of wrapping paper (alternate red and purple wrappings!). On each layer attach a small note that says who the parcel needs to be passed next. To make sure the prize goes to someone randomly, always have the last one being a pass to the right. Eg:

*Now let's get this party started girls, pass this to the one with the cutest curls*

*Search for all the buttons you can find. Look for the most, of any kind.*

*Now don't get mad, and please don't fight. Pass this to the lady, on the Right*

*Some of us may live far away, pass this to the person who came the furthest today*

*Alas this gift is not for you. Pass it to the one with the largest shoe*

*Pass this to the lady that, came today wearing the largest hat*

*Is she here or is she there, pass this to the one with the shortest hair*

*A little discussion and we'll be able to tell, who has the longest name to spell*

*Never believe everything you're hearing, pass this to the lady with the longest earring*

*I'm sorry, you're luck's run dry, pass this to the left, and please don't cry.*

*Aren't you glad you got out of bed, pass this to the lady wearing the most red.*

*Give this to the person with the Shortest name. Learning to spell was no silly game!*

*Search this room, not all through the land. Find the one with the longest nails on her hand*

*Your nails are so long! That totally rocks! Now hand this to the one with the longest locks*

*To whom is this place the dearest? Pass this on to the person born nearest.*

*Look around with eyes discreet. Pass to the one with the smallest feet.*

*Your feet are tiny and very smallest. Now hand this to the very tallest.*

*Of this parcel you are bereft. Give it to the one on your left.*