



# Event Games and Fun Activities

Games and activities will make your trivia event even more fun! Many of your trivia participants will be happy to provide extra support by joining in a raffle, game, or contributing to cover costs. Below are some of our favourite games that are suited to a trivia event.

## Easy ways to add fun to your trivia event

### Team names!

Start your trivia event by asking each table to come up with a name for their team. You can give them a theme for inspiration, such as countries, song titles or children's games, or give them free rein to get creative.

### Set some rules

You might not know how competitive your friends are when it comes to trivia, so set some ground rules to prevent cheating. We recommend:

- No mobile devices can be used during question time.
- Set a maximum team size and offer smaller teams the chance to join forces so they have equally as many brains in each team. They may be happy to be in smaller teams, which is also fine.
- Teams should assign a scribe with clear handwriting. If the judge cannot read the written answer it may be marked incorrect.  
Correct spelling is not important as long as the judge can make out the intended answer of the team.
- The judges have the final say.

Rules might seem unnecessary but they may prevent a heated argument and unhappy teams.

### Guess the image

If you'd like to get teams thinking as soon as they walk into your venue, print a sheet of images for them to guess what each picture is. You could use logo, superhero, cartoons, celebrity faces, flags or a mix of all of these.

*HOT TIP! Consider covering part of the image to make this game more challenging; show just the lips of a celebrity or corner of a logo.*



### Guess that song

If you have audio facilities at your venue, consider using them for a bit of extra fun. We recommend changing the final question in each round to a 'guess that song'. Select songs from different eras and genres and play only the first 10-20 seconds of the song. Ask teams to guess the song title, artist and the year it was released for a three point end to each round. You might need to play the audio a couple of times.

*HOT TIP! If you have TV screens at your venue, see if you can find the video clip and show the video clip with the audio. This is especially fun when you choose an old song.*

### Baby guessing competition (for workplace events)

Collect a few baby photos from staff members, we recommend 6 – 8 photos. Print them on a sheet and ask staff to guess who the babies are? The photos could be of staff as babies, toddlers or young children. This is a good team bonding competition – from our experience it will certainly get people chatting!

*HOT TIP! This game can be a bit challenging so you will need to set a time limit. Consider giving out the sheet at the start of the event and collect it from all teams at the end of round two.*

### Add your own questions

We'll provide you with a list of questions for your trivia event, but we encourage you to be creative and add a few of your own questions. Here are some ideas for different types of events:

Workplace events: When did your business start? What was the tag line of your last marketing campaign? In which month is your CEO's birthday? How many full time staff do you have?

Family events: What date is (names)'s birthday? Who is going overseas next? What is (name)'s middle name? What was grandpa (name)'s first job?

School events: How many students are in year 6? Which teachers went on the excursion to (place)? Which year is currently learning about (subject)? How many students are there at our school? When is the school sports carnival?

All events can consider adding questions about current affairs eg. What was the headline story in today's (paper)?



## Fun games to raise extra funds

You don't want people to get bored while you're off marking answer sheets between trivia rounds. Here are our favourite games to play in between (but feel free to play other games that you love!).

### Heads and tails

Continue with the trivia theme and get everyone moving.

To play, you should ask for a gold coin donation. Ask everyone to leave their coin on the table and you can collect it later. When they have put their gold coin on the table, ask all players to stand.

Explain the game. You'll be asking a series of questions and they need to guess if it is true or false. If they think the answer is true, players must put their hands on their head. If they think the answer is false, they need to put their hands on their tails (if they had one!).

Then start playing. Ask a True/False question and give everyone a bit of time to decide. Call final answers. Then reveal if the answer was True or False. Those who had the answer wrong must be seated. Continue playing with the players who are standing. When you get down to less than five players, ask them to come to the stage for the final questions. Continue until you have one player left.

What you'll need:

- A game host (if you are marking the answer sheets)
- 'True or False' trivia questions
- A prize for the winner
- A bag, box or jar to collect the gold coins from the tables

### Cookie face

Possibly our funniest and most challenging game on this list!

For a donation, anyone can enter this game. Players need to make a donation in exchange for a cookie before the game starts – this is a game of speed.

To start, all players place their cookie in the middle of their forehead and tilt their head back so they no longer need to use their hands to keep the cookie in place. When all players are ready, the host says "GO!" and the race is on! The aim of the game is to get the cookie from their forehead to their mouth as fast as they can. If the cookie falls off, they can start again.

*TOP TIP: The host should stand on a chair to get the best viewing position to see the winner, spot any cheaters and for a giggle at everyone pulling cookie faces!*



What you'll need:

- A game host
- Cookies – enough for all trivia players, we suspect they will all want to get involved in this game
- A prize for the fastest cookie face
- A stable chair for the host to stand on
- A bag, box or jar to collect the gold coins from players

### Coin toss

This is a game of skill that gets players' competitive side to come out.

In this game, you need a prize (or two) at one side of the room, then ask everyone to line up at the other side – or at least 5 metres away.

To play, you ask the players to throw their gold coins toward the prizes. The player whose coin lands the closest, after all coins have been thrown, gets to keep the prize. You'll need to set a time limit and continue to encourage new players to join the game. This game is great for kids and adults.

*HOT TIP! Place your prizes in bottles or photo frames. There can only be one winner, so if your prize is a dinner voucher at a local restaurant, you cannot put it in an envelope lying on the ground as many coins can land on it – you'll need it to stand up. We suggest rolling it up and have it sticking out of an empty wine or olive oil bottle!*

What you'll need:

- A game host (if you are marking the answer sheets)
- A prize (or two)
- Enough space with a line marked with masking tape
- A piece of string or ruler to measure whose coin is the closest
- A bag, box or jar to collect the gold coins from the tables

### Apple stacking

This game of skill allows for limited players. It's lot of fun for both players and spectators.

Players will need to make a donation to play and you will need one prize for the fastest player.

In this game, you'll call players to the front (3 players at a time). They will stand (with their hands behind their backs) in front of 6 apples. When the host says "go!", they then need to stack the apples into a pyramid as fast as they can. The fastest person's time is recorded by the host and the game is repeated until everyone who wants to play has had a turn.

The person with the fastest time wins. If there is a tie, ask those players to repeat the challenge until you have a winner.



*HOT TIP! This game can go on for a long time if you have a big group and everyone wants to play. For big trivia events, we recommend setting a time limit on the game and set a high donation amount.*

What you'll need:

- A game host to announce the game and record times of competitors
- 18 apples for three people playing at any one time, as you'll need six apples per competitor
- A table for stacking the apples
- Paper and pen for the host to record
- A stop watch to record the end time of the winning play per round
- A bag, box or jar to collect the gold coins from the players
- One prize for the winner

## Raffle

If you can secure 3 prizes or more from local businesses, you can host a successful raffle. It's great for local businesses as you'll be promoting their support on the night and your guests will have a chance to win something. When you draw the raffle, you must draw it in order, e.g. first prize, second prize, third prize, etc.

*HOT TIP! Sell tickets at the door and during a break. Set up a raffle table to showcase the prizes and promote the businesses who donated prizes.*

What you'll need:

- A raffle ticket seller (if you are busy at the start and during the breaks)
- Prizes from local businesses or through your connections
- Raffle tickets
- A box to place all sold tickets in
- An area to display the prizes. It might even be worth creating a flyer for each of the trivia tables so you can further promote the businesses who donated prizes



## Auction

If you can secure a few good prizes, you should consider holding an auction. Ask your friends if they have any connections at socially minded businesses who might be able to donate something to auction off at your event. You only need a few auction items to raise a lot of extra money.

*HOT TIP! Mention the auction throughout the event. Display the prizes on a table and encourage people to check out the auction items during each break. Host the auction at the end of the event so all bidders have had a chance to see what is on offer.*

What you'll need:

- An auctioneer (choose an entertaining and energetic friend for this role)
- Auction items – aim for 3-10 auction items
- An area to display all auction items
- A blurb about each of the auction items. Place the blurb with the prize in the display area and give it to the auctioneer so they can promote the items well during the auction
- Allow time during trivia breaks to remind people to check out the auction item area

## The great jelly bean engineering challenge

This challenge will keep fidgeting hands busy before, during and after question rounds!

Each team is challenged with building a structure that can hold jelly beans. The team that can build the best construction will win a bonus five points. Tell players the instructions at the beginning of the session.

Explain the game. Read these instructions:

- You should all have been given one piece of newspaper, a roll of sticky tape and a pair of scissors. This is all you get, you **WILL NOT RECEIVE MORE** or replacements! So use it all wisely.
- Your task is to create a structure that will hold the most jelly beans!
- Some important rules and requirements:
  - The scissors or actual sticky tape roll **cannot** be touching the structure.
  - It must be movable (cannot be stuck to the table)
  - You cannot use anything else that you have – paper and sticky tape only!
  - **Also and most importantly:** the **LOWEST JELLY BEAN** has to be at least two inches off the table! I will be measuring. There is a ruler here if you would like to borrow it, but please bring it back so other teams can use it too.
- The winning team will win 5 Bonus Points for their team.
- This is to be completed throughout tonight's trivia. Your deadline is at the end of the last round of questions.





*HOT TIP! Give the teams a few minutes to talk and plan before you start reading trivia questions. This game will create a buzz in the room! AND have your camera ready, we're sure you'll get some great photos with this game.*

What you'll need:

- Each team will need:
  - One piece of newspaper
  - A roll of sticky tape
  - A pair of scissors
- A ruler – for the judge
- A big bag of Jelly Beans

## Covering costs

Hopefully you have managed to get everything you need for your trivia event for free: a free venue, an MC friend to host the event and prizes donated. If you do need to cover any costs, the games above are a great way to do it, as long as it is made clear that the funds are helping to cover the costs involved.

Alternatively, here are a few other ideas that seem to work:

1. Ask for a contribution to cover costs at the door. Tell everyone if you exceed the costs, the funds will be donated to ChildFund to educate children around the world.
2. Place jars on each table with a message saying "ChildFund's Big Ask – help us cover costs from this event by donating a few coins here".
3. At some point during the event, take a jar around to each table and ask for a donation to help cover costs.