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Five ways to connect digitally at Christmas

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Digital technology can help put the sparkle into Christmas, particularly when you're not able to come together with friends and family in person.

From playing games online to joining virtual festive events, here are some nifty ideas for using the internet to get you and others in the Christmas spirit.

1. Play Scattergories over Zoom or Skype

Scattergories is a fun, fast thinking game for two players or more. It's perfect to play with others on a video or even a phone call. The rules of the game are simple; each player has a set amount of time to name something in a list of categories all beginning with the same letter. To make it even easier, the host can use an online Scattergories List Generator to choose a list for each player.

If you've never organised a video call before, our guide on Hosting a Zoom Meeting can help.

2. Cook together

Why not use Facetime, Skype or another video app to cook with a friend or relative from the comfort of your own kitchens? Have a look at our guide to Best Recipe Websites for some cooking inspiration.

3. Enjoy a virtual Carol Concert

You can't beat the delightful sounds of a carol concert to make you feel all Christmassy and many churches, charities and organisations now offer their carol services in person and online. This list from Country Living lists some online carol services, guaranteed to get you singing along.

4. Watch a Christmas classic film online

Christmas is the perfect time to snuggle down with a mince pie and a cup of something and catch-up on films you've been meaning to watch for ages. The Find Any Film website helps you watch, buy, download or rent great films online.

5. Get connected through online events

For some, Christmas can be a lonely time of the year. Online events can help bring them together with other people to learn or be entertained. Why not help someone find an online event using sites such as Eventbrite or Ticket Source. You could even be their Plus One!



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