



# Hosting a Breakout EDU Digital Game Virtually

Breakout EDU games are designed to be played collaboratively. While the content of the game provides an academic challenge, the ability to share the experience with classmates and build SEL skills while harnessing the 4Cs is where the magic is.

With most students being at home, we wanted to provide a guide that would allow you as a teacher to facilitate Breakout EDU Digital Games in a fun and collaborative digital space.

This guide will show you how to use Zoom or Google Meet in order to share your screen with a Breakout EDU Digital Game.

Most screen sharing platforms offer a “Share My Screen” option and that would work as well.



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**Step 1)** Find a Breakout EDU Digital Game you want to play. [Learn how to find a game here.](#)

**Step 2)** Click on



PLAY GAME

**Step 3)** Launch [Zoom](#) and you can choose to either start with your screen shared by clicking the icon  launch into the meeting, greet your students, introduce the game, and then click on the icon  on the bottom row of the main Zoom screen.

**Step 4)** Select the open browser window with the Breakout EDU Digital Game running and share it. If the game has a timer on it, simply refresh the browser window to start the timer over.

**Step 5)** As students wish to try combinations, they will direct you to enter the combination and try to open the lock; alternatively, you may grant a student access to the mouse and allow him to type or click in the combination. You can clear the combination and try again if needed.

*If you are familiar with the concept of Zoom breakout (aka “small group”) rooms, you could choose to break the class up into smaller groups and then share the URL to one designated student to share their screen and enter the combinations on behalf of the group. You can learn about setting up and managing breakout rooms in Zoom [here](#).*

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**Step 3)** Launch a [Google Meet](#) video chat.

**Step 4)** Click on the  button and select your browser with the Breakout EDU Digital game running.

**Step 5)** If the game has a timer on it, simply refresh the browser window to start the timer over.

**Step 6)** As students wish to try combinations, they will direct you to enter the combination and try to open the locks. You can clear the combination and try again as many times as needed.

You can find Google Meet's official support document on how to share a screen [here](#).

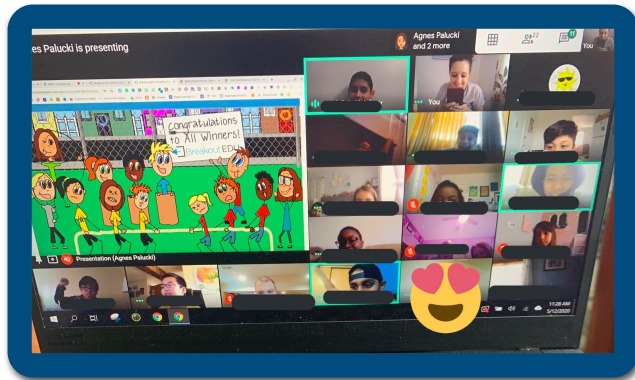
# Tips for Success

Having structure for gameplay will allow each student to participate and let his/her ideas be heard. Let your students know how they should get your attention when they have something to say (thumbs up, raised hand, pages held up, etc.).

Consider running the game with two screens: one to share the game, and one with yourself as a participant so that you can see and interact with your players.

Students may want to write their ideas down using paper and pencil. They can hold their pages up to the screen to share when directed.

It may be helpful to have a roster nearby to see your students' names and ask for them to participate or ensure the entire class has the opportunity to be heard.



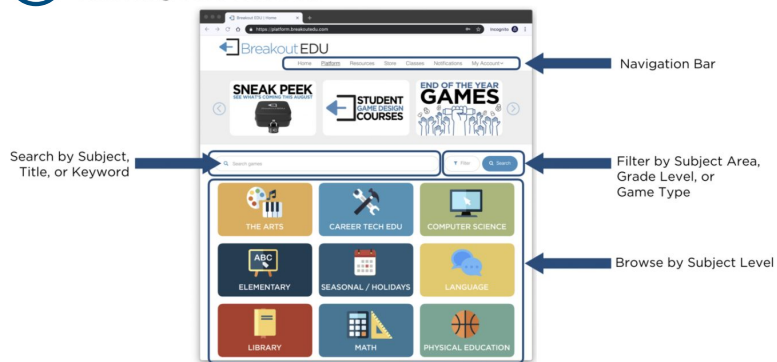
The post-game reflection activity is a great way to cap off the experience. It will allow you to engage in a discussion of content as well as the team dynamic and students' SEL skills. Click [here](#) to access the Breakout EDU 4C Cards and post-game activity pages.

***Pictured at left: Agnes Palucki's 4th Graders***

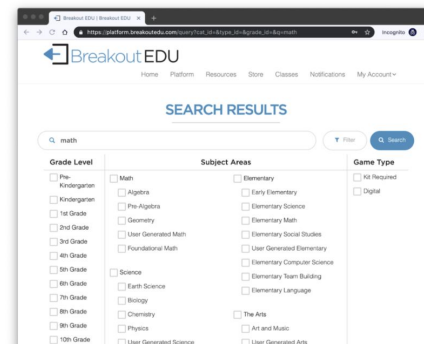
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# How to Find a Breakout EDU Digital Game

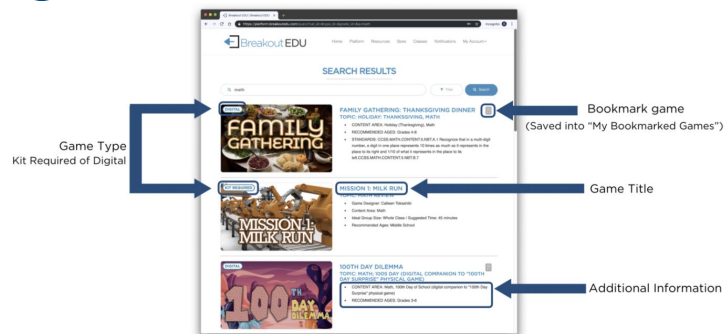
- 1 When you log into platform.breakoutedu.com, you will see the following core features.



- 2 Clicking "Filter" will allow you narrow down the games by grade levels, subject areas, and the game type.



- 3 The search results screen lets you learn about each of the games to help you pick the right one for your class.



You will want to only select a Digital Game.

- 4 When you have found a game to play, simply click on the "PLAY GAME" button to open in your browser.

