

How to Self-Host Your Own Gameshow

Hello, folks! I know budgets can be tight, and I wanted to create this resource, totally free, to help you host your own game show at your own campus! Anyone can compile and ask fun questions – you don't always need a Joseph Tran to host your event. But... when you do, find me and I'm here to help!

This is a work in progress, so please keep in touch for updates!

- **Determine the length of your show** – for an hour long show, with rounds totaling 10-15 questions each, you'll be able to cover about 5-6 rounds.
- **Gather materials for your show** – is it going to be general trivia? Will you have a certain theme? Then you gotta write some questions! Here's a place to help get you started – there are thousands of topics and over a million tidbits waiting for you!

<https://www.funtrivia.com/en/A.html>

- **Find a show platform** – Using PowerPoint is a free and easy way to display your questions. If you want to take it to the next level, quiz platforms like Kahoot, Quizlet, and Slides with Friends are low cost, easy-to-learn options. You can also search Etsy for pre-made games and quizzes.
- **Rehearse!! Read through all the material you will say during the show.** I'm *always* practicing! Part of the preparation for hosting a game show is reading through all of the questions, answers, and other script elements before the show. This helps ensure that you know all of the words that you will be reading, and prevent any stumbling or sounding confused during the show.
 - Some aspects of the script may need to be memorized if reading from a card or screen is not possible.
 - Besides reading through the material, it's good to rehearse through the whole show to get a feel for how it flows. If you can run through the script with players, this is also a good idea.

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- **Pick a Date and Advertise!** This is the hardest part – getting folks to come to the event! Let them know HOW they're gonna have fun. Let them know what prizes you're gonna have (and yes, you'll want to assemble some prizes!)
- **Feel Free to Ask!** I've learned this job doesn't come easy, and I wouldn't be where I am today without the help of some amazing mentors! Feel free to contact me anytime – I'm always happy to help and talk shop.
- **Rehearse it Again!** Did I mention rehearse yet? Do it again. What I do did not happen overnight. Spend at least an hour or two getting familiar with your voice, the words, and the computer software you're gonna use!
- **Have Fun!** That sounds a little too easy, but it's even easier to forget this! As a host of your own event, you have to remember to have fun, because if the audience can see you having fun, then they'll be more inclined to have fun. Don't be a boring game show host. Let your personality shine through! That's what makes you unique – people can't recreate that!
- **Be You!** Here's my biggest secret – I have huge stage fright! But I love this job more than I fear it. The reason why this game show is the #1 game show at colleges & universities nationwide is not because of all the fancy graphics and animations and what not – it's because I learned to take all the stuff I feel most confident about, all the stuff that I feel are my biggest shortcomings, and I just let my own personality shine through. Be you – you're awesome.

Thanks for reading, and break a leg!

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