

Helping learners practice their skills with online games

Encouraging learners to play games online is a great way for them to practice their new skills. It can also help people gain confidence and feel less overwhelmed if it is their first time using a computer.

The [Games Centre](#) and [Practice Area](#) on the Be Connected Learning Portal is a great place to start, but there are lots of other games out there to help people learn basic computer skills while having fun at the same time! Here are our top five games that we recommend building into your Be Connected sessions. (Click the title of each game to play.)

1. [Trivia Quiz by Seniors Online Victoria](#)

This Trivia Quiz is an excellent way to get learners used to moving a mouse and clicking. The questions in the quiz are updated daily, meaning it can be used more than once without becoming predictable. It is just one of five games on the [Seniors Online Victoria](#) website - there's also daily sudoku, code-cracker, a crossword and a wordsearch.

2. [Nimble Fish](#)

Simple but fun, Nimble Fish is ideal for anyone interested in learning the basics of moving a mouse. No clicks or typing required - just move the mouse to guide the fish up, down, left or right. Why not use the game at a group session and give a prize for the learner with the highest score, or recommend it as a way to practice at home?

3. [Kahoot](#)

Kahoot is an interactive quiz platform best used on touchscreen devices. Simply setup a quiz and ask learners to answer via their smartphones or tablets. More confident learners could even have a go at setting up their own quizzes and playing through them with other learners at the session.



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4. Geoguessr by Google

Supporting learners interested in travel or geography? Playing Geoguessr is a great way to practice how to click and drag with a mouse. Players are presented with a 360 degree photograph from Google which they must explore before guessing where in the world the picture was taken. Locations are picked at random so it's a different place each time you have a go.

5. Basic Solitaire

One way to encourage those unconvinced about the benefits of digital skills is to help them do something online that they enjoy offline, for example, playing cards. Most popular card games, including Solitaire, have their online equivalents. This basic version of Solitaire is easy to learn and fun to play using basic drag and drop mouse skills.

Other games to try:

- [How to Type](#) - Practice typing sentences and phrases from fiction and non-fiction books.
- [Draw a Stickman](#) - Help learners understand how to control a mouse in this simple sketching exercise.
- [Australian Cities Map Quiz](#) - Pinpoint places in Australia using the click of a mouse on a map.