Host guide: twelve games, one evening

GAME	PLAYERS	TIME	YOU NEED
Who in the Room: 2026	4–20	10 min	12 cards
New Year's Charades	4–16	20 min	24 cards, timer
Would You Rather	3–20	15 min	24 cards
Party Bingo	2–4 per card	all night	4 cards, pens
Countdown Scavenger Hunt	2 teams	20 min	1 sheet per team
Minute Challenges	2–12	25 min	8 cards, cups, balloons, coins, timer
Predictions for 2027	everyone	10 min	1 sheet each, envelope
Hum That Tune	4–16	15 min	20 cards
Two Truths and a Resolution	4–12	15 min	1 slip each
Year-End Awards	everyone	15 min	ballot + 6 awards
Winter Draw & Guess	4–16	20 min	30 cards, paper, marker
Midnight Wish Jar	everyone	5 min + midnight	slips, a jar

A running order that works

1. **8 p.m. · Arrivals.** Hand out bingo cards and hunt sheets as people come in; both run in the background all night.
2. **8:30 · Who in the Room.** Fast, no setup, gets everyone talking about the year.
3. **9:00 · Minute Challenges** or Charades, whichever the room has energy for.
4. **10:00 · Predictions and Two Truths.** Seated games while the food goes round.
5. **11:00 · Awards ballot,** then Draw & Guess or Hum That Tune while votes are counted.
6. **11:45 · Awards,** wish slips into the jar, bingo winners called.
7. **Midnight.** Countdown, read the wishes, seal the predictions with the date 31 Dec 2027.

Printing

- Card pages: one copy, plain paper or light cardstock, cut on the dashed lines.
- Bingo, hunt, predictions and Two Truths: one copy per guest or team.
- Awards: one copy; write names on the night.
- Print at 100%, not "fit to page".

House rules

- Anyone can pass on any card, no questions asked.
- Teams: mix ages so the ten-year-old and the grandparent sit together.
- Keep a small prize bowl: stickers, chocolate coins, a silly hat. Winners pick one.

Game 1 • Who in the Room: 2026

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4–20 players · 10 min

You need: the 12 cards

The host reads a card aloud. On "three", everyone points at the person they think it describes. Whoever gets the most fingers wins the point and has twenty seconds to tell the story behind it. Pointing at yourself is allowed and encouraged.

Winner: Most points after twelve cards. Ties are settled by a round of applause.

WHO · 01

Who traveled the farthest from home in 2026?

WHO · 02

Who finished the most books this year?

WHO · 03

Who tried the most new foods?

WHO · 04

Who went the longest without a phone?

WHO · 05

Who picked up a brand-new skill in 2026?

WHO · 06

Who had the boldest haircut of the year?

WHO · 07

Who cooked the most dinners for other people?

WHO · 08

Who had the earliest bedtime, on average?

WHO · 09

Who took the most photos in 2026?

WHO · 10

Who watched a sunrise on purpose?

WHO · 11

Who made the biggest life change this year?

WHO · 12

Who has laughed the most tonight?