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You know why ppl show up at the very second a class/mtg starts? It can feel awkward to sit in a room quietly or walk in on a random convo. Structure your pre #zoom time. Begin w/intentionality. It doesn't have to be content focused, community building is good too! Some ideas...

Polls! Polls are an awesome way to start. I like using text and upvoting ones. Here are examples of the same question 2 ways. First upvote. Love this format b/c participants can see each other's responses on their devices & choose ones that resonate for them. #prezoom



Here's the same #prezoom question in a different poll format. Students don't see other's responses until they appear on the screen. I like to chat about what I see and invite others to do so too. Key: the question & instructions on how to engage are visible at entry.

When poll is active, respond at **PollEv.com/ilovestats**

Text **ILOVESTATS** to **37607** once to join

What are you grateful for today?

"having food"

"Good health"

"mac n cheese"

"Waking up"

There’s so much you can do to build community in the moments before class and meetings #prezoom. Here’s another example: On a scale of cat, how are you feeling today?



Here’s a Where’s Waldo like task #prezoom that I shared recently. Note: instructions should be visible on the screen as they enter so no one is left to figure out what people are doing and how to engage. https://t.co/a9PxlcTZ49

> What are your pre #zoom activities? I tried this one today and enjoyed it.
> Task: Where\u2019s Bernie?
> Instructions: Drop a note in the chat when you find him.
> (We also asked for hints & just before time was up his location was revealed). pic.twitter.com/bK5ZkGNcQl
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> — DR. \uff36\uff29\uff2a\uff29\u3000\uff33\uff21\uff34\uff28\uff39 (@vijisathy) January 29, 2021

@ParkerHolman offered coloring. Use those annotation skills #prezoom! https://t.co/PU7BI62iB8

> We colored the other day (h/t: @lilymayubc) and it was soooo relaxing and fun! Love all these ideas - planning to borrow! pic.twitter.com/xFIqQ7pznR
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> — Parker Holman (@ParkerHolman) January 29, 2021

@jodiemartinphd offered a word search activity #prezoom. There are lots of sites for inputting a list of words & generating a word search. Give it a spin! You could have students annotate on the screen or type the words they spot in the chat window for others to find. https://t.co/i28ATncO1H

> I did a word search with technical vocabulary from last term for the first lesson!
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> — Jodie Martin (@jodiemartinphd) January 29, 2021

Would ■ to hear from you! What are you doing #prezoom? Pls offer ideas that you don't mind others "stealing." But this is an idea that applies to online mtgs in other spaces too.)
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Lastly, wanted to acknowledge that we're all doing SO much to go above&beyond & stay afloat w/instruction these days. It's OK if you don't have bandwidth for thinking of #prezoom. Hope this list makes lighter work of it. Consider assigning Ss or teams in class to be in charge!