

Luma Connections #30: Tips for Polls

Teaching Tool: LumaLive®

This is Luma's synchronous or same time meeting tool. This online tool allows learners to interact with each other to explore a topic and to discuss key concepts, share experiences, interact with each other, and to ask questions in real time. Interactions are in real-time and can be mentor-learner, learner-to-content, learner-to-self, and learner-to-learner.



Tip: Make review polls a game by turning them into friendly competitions. Most answers correct wins!

How can I increase engagement in my live online class? Polls are a great tool to have in your tool box.

Here are some tips for using polls in synchronous discussions:

- **Create an ice breaker poll.** Ask a novel or funny poll question at the beginning of a session to decrease tension and build interest and trust.
- **Create a thought provoking poll.** Use this to introduce the lesson and peak interest. Pose novel thought provoking poll questions that get learners thinking about the topic.
- **Create an opinion poll.** Encourage friendly debate by posing statements and having learners agree or disagree in a poll. Then, conduct a friendly debate by having learners share reasons and evidence.
- **Create a rate your understanding poll.** Use this to have learners gauge their own understanding. Then, have learners identify remaining questions about the topic and facilitate a Q&A discussion. Have other learners act as instructors and answer the posed questions.
- **Create a review poll.** Ask closed and open ended questions to review key concepts. Pose each question one at a time and review questions based on how the majority of learners respond.

