

# Engaging Students in Zoom Using Polls

To create a sense of accountability and meaning for students, I use polls and Chats within the live Zoom classroom for students to answer questions and provide them brief check-in points, or formative assessments, for comprehension. Student engagement in a live classroom is much the same as student engagement in an online classroom. The **WIIFM** acronym is useful: **W**hat's **I**n **I**t **F**or **M**e? The polls can provide students a reason to stay engaged and give them a chance to practice what they just learned. Polls can give you a sense of comprehension and a easy way to track attendance.

This session shows how to build a poll to deploy during your live Zoom class.

## POLLS IN ZOOM

### 1. What is a Poll in Zoom?

Polls in Zoom are single-choice or multiple-choice questions you can deploy during your Zoom meeting or webinar. You may also use a poll to track attendance. If you choose, you may set the poll to be anonymous; however, this doesn't work if you are collecting responses for tracking, such as attendance.

### 2. How to create a Poll in Zoom?

Prior using a poll, ensure you have the Zoom prerequisites below:

- Host user type must be Licensed
- Windows Desktop Client Version 3.5.63382.0829 or higher
- Mac Desktop Client Version 3.5.63439.0829 or higher
- Linux Desktop Client version 2.0.70790.1031 or higher
- The meeting must be either a scheduled meeting, or an instant meeting using your Personal Meeting ID

Users can use a mobile app to participate in polling, but hosts must use the desktop to manage polls. The original meeting host can edit or add polls during a meeting. If the host or cohost role is transferred to another user, that user will only be able to launch existing polls.

Steps to adding a poll in your Zoom meeting:

- ✓ Sign into the Zoom web portal.
- ✓ Scroll to 'Poll' within your previously created meeting and click 'Add'.



## Steps to adding questions to your poll:

- ✓ Enter a title and your first question.
  - a. Set the poll to be anonymous by checking the box or leave it blank to remain public.
  - b. Add your responses. The single choice response is one response per person; the multiple-choice response allows each person to choose multiple options.
  - c. You may have multiple-question polls. All questions in one poll will deploy at the same time.
  - d. You can create a maximum of 25 polls for a single meeting.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Add a Poll" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. At the top, there is a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter a title for this poll." Below this is a checkbox labeled "Anonymous?" with a help icon. The main area contains a numbered list starting with "1." followed by a text input field with the placeholder "Type your question here." Below the question field are two radio buttons: "Single Choice" (which is selected) and "Multiple Choice". Underneath are ten text input fields for answers, labeled "Answer 1" through "Answer 10 (Optional)". A "Delete" button is located at the bottom right of the question and answer fields. Below the entire form is a blue button with a plus sign and the text "+ Add a Question". At the bottom of the window are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

### 3. How to Launch a Zoom poll

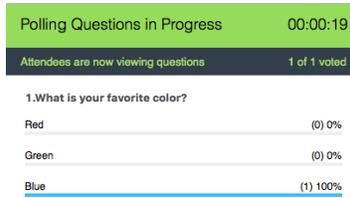
Start the scheduled Zoom meeting that has polling enabled.  
Select the Polling option in the menu bar.



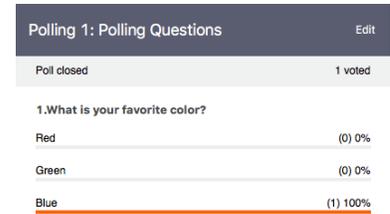
A. Select the poll you would like to launch.  
Click Launch Poll.



B. The participants in the meeting will now be prompted to answer the polling questions. The host will be able to see the results live.



C. Once you would like to stop the poll, click End Poll.  
If you would like to share the results to the participants in the meeting, click Share Results.



### 4. How to Track Poll Results

You can download a report of the poll results after the meeting. If registration was turned on and the poll was not anonymous, it will list the participants' names and email addresses. If registration was not on, it will show the results, but list the users as "Guest". If the poll was anonymous, it will show "anonymous" for the participants' names and email addresses.