What is Mentimeter? Quick Tutorial (Year 3 Lecturing Faculty)

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Quick Tutorial

Mentimeter polls are quick to set up and effective for increasing participation and real-time feedback.

Mentimeter polling is a web-based interactive presentation tool that lets instructors collect real-time responses from students using their phones, tablets, or laptops. Students join anonymously with a simple code, and their answers appear instantly as live visuals (charts, word clouds, scales, etc.), making participation easy and low-pressure.

How to use Mentimeter to engage students

- **Check understanding:** Use multiple-choice or true/false questions to quickly see what students understand (or don't) during a lesson.
- **Spark discussion:** Open-ended questions or word clouds let all students share ideas, not just the most vocal ones.
- **Increase participation:** Anonymous voting encourages quieter or hesitant students to contribute.
- **Gauge opinions or feelings:** Polls, rankings, and scales help you take the "temperature" of the room on a topic.
- **Make lessons interactive:** Embed polls throughout a lecture to break it up and keep attention focused.

Ready to setup a Mentimeter poll? Click here.