

Intro to Nearpod

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What is Nearpod?

- Interactive tool: create presentations and assessments
 - Download pre-made lessons (some free, some not)
- For use in classroom or as homework
- Control presentation from anywhere in the room and from any device! (“mobile presentations”)
- Realtime feedback on student’s comprehension
- Share student work anonymously
- Generate reports



Image from www.nearpod.com

How can I use it?

- Teachers: Go to www.nearpod.com and sign up for a free or premium account
 - Free accounts come with at 30 day trial of all premium features.
- Students: Go to www.app.nearpod.com
 - Alternatively: Nearpod app for smartphones
 - Note: Teachers can also use the Nearpod app, but it only allows for a student view. This is a great way to test your presentation - use your computer to be “the teacher” and control the presentation and use your smartphone to be “the student” to test the interactive components

Basic steps

1. Create or download a presentation.
2. Edit as desired, adding slides and activities.
3. Publish the presentation (button in the bottom right corner)
4. Once published, hover over the thumbnail of your presentation in your library and click Live Session to share with students.
 - a. Remember: Each time a session is begun, a unique 5-letter key is generated.
5. Once students are on, run the presentation
 - a. Remember: You can use a tablet to be “mobile” and move around the room.
6. Use the controls at the top of the presentation to see who is logged in to the presentation and to hide/show students names.
7. Once students submit answers to questions, click “Share” to allow them to see anonymous results.
8. Navigate back or close the window to exit the presentation.

Reports

- Click the ellipsis “...” on the top right of the presentation thumbnail or the presentation edit page.
- Click “Reports” to see summaries of student participation and performance.
- Remember, reports are organized by presentation. Each session of a presentation results in a unique report.

Importing PowerPoint to Nearpod

Sample presentation

Importing a PowerPoint Presentation

- ❖ Create your PowerPoint
- ❖ Save it
- ❖ Go to your Nearpod library
- ❖ Drag and drop

NearPod Support

- ❖ www.nearpod.zendesk.com
- ❖ www.youtube.com/Nearpod
- ❖ Overview presentation (present by default in all new Nearpod libraries)

