Using "Plickers" in the EFL Classroom
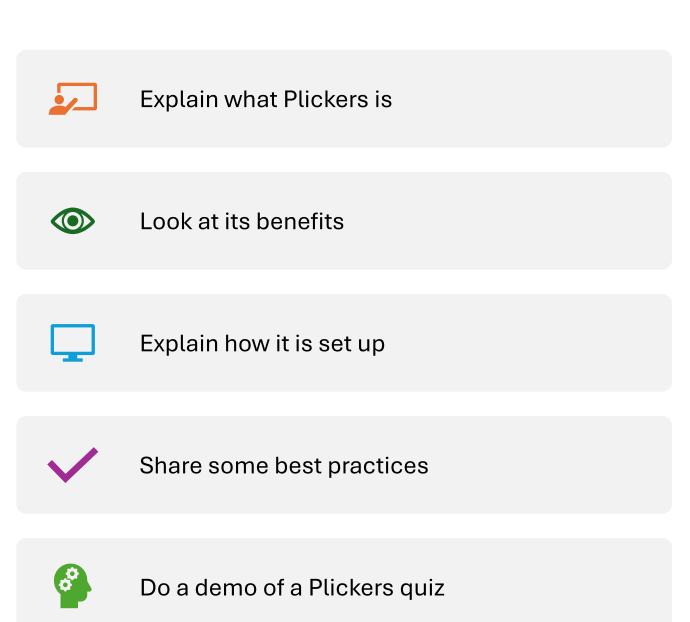

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This presentation will

Explain what Plickers is

Look at its benefits

Explain how it is set up

Share some best practices

Do a demo of a Plickers quiz

Plickers

What is Plickers?

Plickers is an interactive tool that allows teachers to conduct live assessments without student devices.

How does it work?

Each student holds a unique Plickers card, which he/she rotates to indicate an answer.

The teacher scans the cards with a mobile device, and responses are recorded in real-time.

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Why use Plickers in the EFL Classroom?

Engagement: Keeps students actively participating, especially in larger classes or with younger students.

Immediate Feedback: Students and teachers see the results instantly, making it easy to determine comprehension.

Non-Threatening Assessment: Since students don't need to speak out, it's great for building confidence.

Versatility: Can be used in various activities, from quizzes to opinion polls, without relying on extensive resources.

Using Plickers in an EFL Classroom

Vocabulary Review:
- Display vocabulary-related questions where students select the correct definition or synonym.

Grammar Checks:
- Create questions that focus on grammar structures, like identifying correct verb forms or sentence structure.

Reading Comprehension:
- Pose questions based on a reading passage to check for comprehension.

Pronunciation Practice:
- Use Plickers for matching phonetic transcriptions with words or identifying word stress patterns.

What You Need to Use Plickers in an EFL Classroom

1.   Teacher's Device (Smartphone/Tablet)

•For scanning responses and viewing results.

•Plickers app required (Free download on iOS/Android).

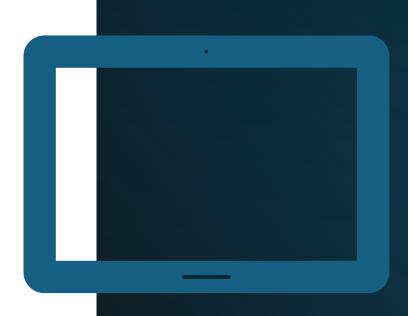**2. Classroom desktop** to access Plickers website.

3. Projector or Smartboard

•Useful for displaying questions and showing live results to the class.

4. Plickers Cards

•Printable, unique cards for each student.

5. Classroom Setup

•Arrange space for students to hold cards without crowding.

•Ensure good lighting for accurate scanning.

Setting up Plickers

1

Sign Up and Set Up Classes:

- Create a Plickers account on www.plickers.com and add your class rosters for easy tracking.

2

Print and Assign Cards:

- Download free Plickers cards and assign each student a unique card.
- Each card has 4 orientations (A, B, C, D), which represent multiple-choice options.

3

Prepare Questions:

- Design questions on the Plickers app or website; they can be saved for easy reuse.

Sample Quiz Ideas

Example 1: Vocabulary Quiz

Example 2: Grammar Check

Example 3: Reading Comprehension

Answer options based on passage details.

"Which of these words is a synonym for 'happy'?"

- A. Joyful
- B. Sad
- C. Angry
- D. Tired

"Which sentence is correct?"

- A. She don't like apples.
- B. She doesn't likes apples.
- C. She doesn't like apples.
- D. She don't likes apples.

After reading a short passage, ask:

- "Why did the character go to the market?"

Implementing Plickers in Assessment

Formative Assessment: Use Plickers as a quick check for understanding after lessons.

Identify students who may need additional help on specific topics.

Summative Assessment: Conduct end-of-unit quizzes to evaluate overall comprehension and mastery.

Track student performance over time to understand progress and growth.

Self-Assessment & Reflection:

Allow students to self-assess their confidence level in a topic; use Plickers as a quick survey tool to gauge overall class comfort.

Tips for successful use of Plickers

Card Management:

- Laminate cards to prevent wear and tear.
- Ensure each student understands how to orient the card correctly.

Classroom Setup:

- Make sure you can scan cards easily without students crowding each other.
- Test the scanning angle and lighting beforehand.

Student Feedback:

- Review results in real-time with students to reinforce learning.

Let's sum up!

- **Key Points Recap**:

  - Plickers enhances engagement, is easy to set up, and provides quick feedback.

  - Useful in EFL vocabulary, grammar and comprehension checks.

  - Encourages active learning and supports formative assessment. Ideal for vocabulary, grammar, and and summative assessments, too.

Q & A

Additional Resources

- **Links to Resources**:
  - [Plickers website](#)
  - Online tutorials and video guides for Plickers setup and classroom use:

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV7Fhn5dFuo

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WaJzgNCCJo

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KE3Sgw4fiQ4