

Poll Everywhere - Summary of Polling Concepts
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There are **basic, intermediate and advanced** types of polls and also **basic, intermediate and advanced** types of questions for each poll.

Types of Polls

Basic polls are usually 'vote for the correct answer' or 'choose one option'. They are normally represented as a bar graph. They require students to press a button/choose one answer.

Intermediate polls are usually one-word responses. They are commonly word clouds or 'fill in the blank' type questions. They require students to type a word or short phrase..

Advanced polls are usually longer phrases or paragraphs. These are commonly blocks of text which scroll. They require students to type a phrase, sentence or paragraph.

Types of Questions

Basic types of questions are those which require a yes/no response or the results of which are used for self-correction/assessment. They add minimal value to the learning. They do not require much (if any) assessment (self, peer or instructor). *Example: How many of you completed the homework? What topic should we cover next? What is the square root of 25?*

Intermediate questions are those in which the responses are used to further the learning in some minor way. They add some value to the learning. There is a minor element of self/peer/instructor assessment/reflection. The responses could be used to impact subsequent learning (either within the same learning time slot or beyond). *Example: How well have you understood what you have learned so far in this lecture? – with the response impacting the next phase of the lecture.*

Advanced questions are those in which critical thinking and creative problem solving are required. They take learners into more abstract learning processes such as giving and justifying opinions, evaluation and hypothesizing. *Example 1: Simple poll asking opinions on a current social issue. Results are used to further a discussion, challenge perceptions, etc. Example 2: Advanced poll asks for opinions on how to integrate specific knowledge into practical skills. Students read all responses and vote on the response which is more articulate/appropriate/etc. Top three responses are then discussed in class / in a subsequent class.*

Want to learn more? To arrange a consultation with Graeme re. Poll Everywhere or other polling tools/software options, please get in touch with him directly:

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