

Choose for the Session

I'd start with the audience task: answering live, working through a lesson or reading independently. Then check the tools already included in your slide or meeting software.

Audience size, devices and accessibility needs

Live session, classroom lesson or self-paced reading

Existing deck format and the interaction I need

Need	Options to Compare
Live polls and questions	Mentimeter, Slido, AhaSlides, Poll Everywhere or Wooclap
Game-style quizzes	Kahoot! or AhaSlides
Classroom activities	Nearpod or Pear Deck
Clickable or self-paced content	Genially, Canva or a web-published deck
Non-linear presentation	Prezi or Genially
Collaborative or AI-assisted decks	Pitch, Gamma or Canva

Several apps serve more than one of these jobs. Genially supports live presenting and responses, and Canva includes polls and quizzes; test the exact interaction instead of ruling a tool out by category.

Check the Free Plan

A limit may apply per session, per month, per question or per account type. Confirm the relevant plan before inviting the audience.

Tool	Free-Plan Condition
Mentimeter	50 participants per month.
AhaSlides	50 participants per session, with question-type limits.
Slido	100 participants; 3 polls and 1 quiz per slido under Basic.
Poll Everywhere	Intro lists 40 audience members; check the event workflow.
Kahoot!	Player limits vary by account type and use case.
Wooclap	The education free offer lists 5 questions per month.
Nearpod	Silver supports up to 40 student joins per lesson.
Pear Deck	Check which activities and teacher controls require Premium.
Gamma	400 introductory AI credits; free outputs carry Gamma branding.
Pitch	Free team size is 5; advanced analytics require a suitable paid plan.
Canva and Genially	Check the interaction, privacy, branding, publishing and export options you need.

My chosen plan, audience limit and required paid feature

Plan limits can change. Confirm the current offer and any school, business or regional conditions before the session.

Run a Short Rehearsal

Test with a few colleagues using the devices and network your audience will use. I would include the join step, every interaction and the fallback.

Join and Display

- [] Participants can open the link or scan the QR code without an unexpected account requirement.
- [] The session admits the planned audience size with some spare capacity.
- [] Questions and results remain readable on a small phone and the presentation screen.
- [] Keyboard navigation, contrast and any required assistive technology work for the chosen activity.
- [] The presenter view keeps notes and private responses off the shared screen.

Run and Recover

- [] Each poll, quiz or activity accepts a response and shows the intended result.
- [] Moderation and anonymity settings match the session.
- [] The slide add-in or integration is signed in on the presenting machine.
- [] You can export or retain the results you actually need.
- [] A fallback question, show of hands or included meeting poll is ready if the service fails.

What I will do with the audience responses

Fallback if joining or submission fails
