If you feel comfortable doing so, in the chat tell us which picture best describes how you are feeling today

Agenda / Objectives

- Define active learning

- Explore a few simple active learning strategies

What is Active Learning?

- Students are engaging with content and the learning process beyond listening and taking notes

- Involves all students

- Does not need to be elaborate

- May involve cooperative learning (working with peers)

Why is Active Learning Important?

- Strengthens student understanding

- Can be used to activate prior knowledge or for retrieval practice

- Increases engagement

- Allows for higher level thinking

- Students can teach / learn from each other

- Even a small amount of active learning in a class session makes a big difference in student learning

What is Your Main Teaching Modality?

Strategies

Polling Tools

- Give you immediate feedback about student understanding

- Can involve movement (raise hand, stand, move to a place)

- Polling Tools:

  – Zoom has a built-in polling tool

  – [Slido](#)

  – [Poll Everywhere](#)

  – [Answer Garden](#)

  – [Kahoot](#) (competitive)

In the Chat…

Two Minutes:

- Think about how you might incorporate polling into your course

- Compose a chat message with your idea(s)

- Wait to hit enter until the timer rings

Think-Pair-Share / Think-Write-Share

- Ensures all students share

- Allows students to help from / learn from each other

- Works well for in-person, hybrid, and synchronous online courses

- Can be used to:

  – Review content from the previous class meeting

  – Help students prepare thoughts for a discussion

  – Check for understanding during / at the end of a lesson

Shared Documents

- Allow students to collaborate in small groups or whole class

- Can be used for anonymous, real-time feedback / responses

- Examples:

  - Google Docs, Slides, Sheets

  - Google Jamboard

  - Padlet

  - Social annotation (Hypothes.is, Perusall)

If you have more time…

- Jigsaw activities
  - Divide a longer text, small groups analyze then teach others

- Fishbowl
  - Small group presents in center, outer circle listens

- Role playing, Case Studies / Scenarios

- Peer review / Peer editing

- Service learning / Community-based projects

- Students teach content

Brainstorm Ideas

In your small group:

- Brainstorm active learning ideas tied to your content / subject area (or useful for your course)

- Add to the [group spreadsheet](#)

  - Cells will be outlined with color if someone is actively using them

  - All cells set to wrap text, so write as much as you need

Resources

- [Getting Started with Active Learning](#)

- [Active Learning While Physically Distancing](#)

- [Teaching Techniques Video Library](#)

- [Community Building Activities](#)

- [The Asynchronous Cookbook: Recipes for Engaged and Active Online Learning](#)

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