

# Vivi Teacher Tip:

## Emoji Entry with Polls



### What is an Emoji Entry with Polls?

Take a temperature read on students by administering a quick, private, whole-class check-in using the Polls feature with emoji responses. This provides students with a private alternative to completing analog temperature charts or mood meters as they enter the classroom or sharing thumbs up/thumbs down or “fist to five” self-assessments of content mastery over the course of the lesson.



### Research Connections:

Emoji Entry with Polls supports research-based instruction because it gives students the opportunity to...

- Discretely communicate their emotional state, a practice that both facilitates student reflection and deepens **relationships and trust-building** between students and educators.
- Privately share their take on the lesson-valuable data educators can use to build **differentiated pathways and material**.



Targeted and  
Relevant



Socially  
Connected

### Educator Tips & Tricks:

“Relationships and connection with our students are critical to learning. Emoji Entry with Polls is a simple-to-add routine that gives the teacher quick insight into their students’ emotional state entering the classroom.”

**Jon Gregori**

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#### First, build trust

- Want students’ honest responses to Emoji Entry? **Prioritize building trust. Modeling openness, honesty and vulnerability** with students in both the social-emotional and academic spheres is a great first step.

#### Try this strategy...

- To support students in **building skills around self-awareness such as** identifying their emotions and/or understanding whether they have mastered a concept.
- As an **alternative to [more public forms](#)** of checking in on students’ needs (e.g. thumbs up/thumbs down, mood meters, etc.).

Research sourced from [The Learning Accelerator](#)

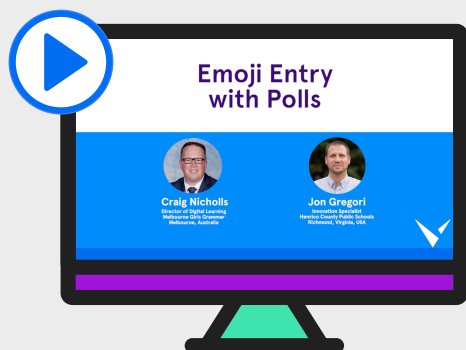
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# Try it in your own classroom!



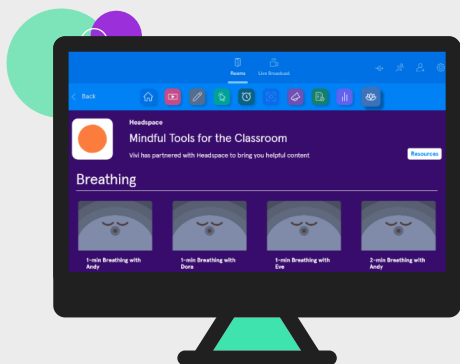
### ✓ Hear from other Vivi Users

Vivi's Educator Council members share how they use [Emoji Entry with Polls](#) to get a temperature read on students.

"The advantage of Emoji Entry with Polls is that it's a quick, anonymous temperature check on how things are going in my class ... how on-track my lessons are going. I've found that kids are more open to being honest and saying, 'No, I don't really understand that.'"

**Craig Nicholls**

Director of Digital Learning



### ✓ Pair Emoji Entry with a Mindful Moment to ensure immediate support

Students love this strategy because their responses are not public to their peers, yet it enables them to get help and support from their teachers quickly. One way educators have given students immediate support, based on their responses, is by offering students an opportunity to engage with Headspace during a [Mindful Moment with Wellness](#) - either individually or as a whole class.

"[Emoji Entry with Polls] is a great way of getting a social-emotional read on the class before you start firing up the lesson!"

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