

Online polls—Elementary

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Then discuss as a class.

What is a poll? Extra information

Polls are a great way to find out information about class-related topics. The most obvious use for polls is in the collection of opinions, feedback and the gathering of information. Polls can also help you develop critical thinking skills with your students.

By analysing polls and the way in which questions are asked, students learn how information and statistics can be manipulated to attain certain desired outcomes. The way in which a question is asked can determine the results of a poll in many cases and so not all polls are completely accurate.

Most students have already participated in polls but few of them have probably had the opportunity to create their own. Giving them this opportunity will help them understand how polls work and give them the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

Let's analyse

A Look at the poll to ask students what their favourite sport is. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the example of a poll and its results and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class. For further practice, encourage students to ask each other the question from the poll and collect as many answers as possible. You could also explore the relationship between social networks and polls and ask the students for examples of social networks that could be used to create and promote polls.

Key

1 *Swimming is the most popular sport with the largest sector. The least popular, with the smallest sectors, are jogging and other.*

2–4 *Students' own answers.*

- Go online and type keywords to find websites for making polls. Show students how to find safe sites.
- Try making a group poll using question suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like the poll to investigate and ask them to suggest some questions for the poll. Make the poll on screen.

Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to make a poll about one of the topics on the worksheet.
- Once you have all the links to the poll results, use one lesson to view them all as a class. Students can vote on their favourites and choose the best three.