

## Online polls

### Let's discuss

#### 1 Read the text and answer the questions.

#### What is a poll? Extra information

A **poll** is a survey that gives a public opinion about a specific topic. It is a group of questions related to that topic. Many polls are created online and sent to others using a link. Information on people's responses can be received instantly.

The results of online polls are automatically collected and represented with charts. This allows you to easily interpret the results. You can create polls to use on your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

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 will 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 to understand how polls work and to develop critical thinking skills.

### Key

- 1 *Students' own answers.*
- 2 *You can receive instant information or feedback from people, and the results are automatically collected.*

### Let's analyse

#### 2 Look at the poll and the results. Answer the questions in groups.

- Students look at the poll and its results and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit answers and discuss as a class.

### Key

- 1 *'Ask to meet up and talk about it' is the most popular response with the largest wedge. The least popular, with the smallest wedge, are 'Never speak to him / her again' and 'Other'.*

#### 2-4 Students' own answers.

- Go online and show students a few of poll creation websites.
- Try making a group poll using suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like the poll to investigate and ask them to suggest some questions for it. Make the poll on screen while taking students through the steps and ask students to individually complete the poll. Discuss the results as a class.

### Let's do it!

- This task can be completed in class or as homework.
- Students make a poll about one of the topics on recommended (or using their own ideas). Remind them to use the vocabulary and structures they have learnt so far.
- Once you have all the links to the poll results, use one lesson to allow students to show their results to the class.
- Students can vote on their favourites and choose the best three.