



# Distance Teaching

## How students can volunteer to answer



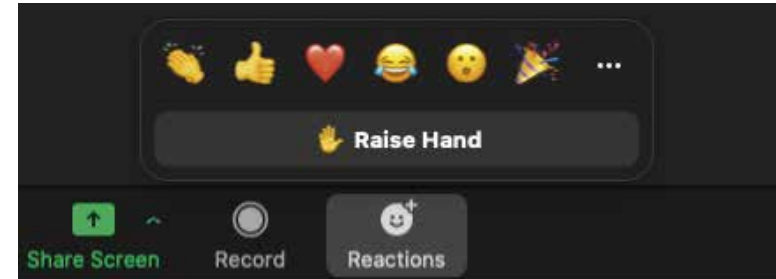
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Free language production

- organising speaking tasks by managing microphones
- nominating students to answer verbally
- giving learners the opportunity to volunteer to answer

When you use Zoom for synchronous video lessons, there are several ways your students can show they want to volunteer to answer.

- To make the most out of the video conference lesson, you must agree on some microphone management rules with your students. For example, ask students to mute their microphones as they join the conference and turn them on only when they are nominated to speak.
- In Zoom you can mute students before they join the lesson or use the “security” setting and forbid them to unmute themselves. This way only you will be able to manage their microphones.
- The best option for the students to signal that they want to speak is to use the “Raise Hand” icon in Zoom.
- Click on the icon labelled “Reactions” at the bottom of a computer or phone screen during the meeting.
- Click the “Raise Hand” icon when you volunteer to speak. Click “Lower Hand” if you want to put your hand down. You will see a virtual hand in the top left corner of your video tile.
- You can also use other reactions.



### Alternatively...

- Your students can raise their hands in the “old school” way—physically. You will notice that if the students’ cameras are on.
- It is necessary to keep in mind that, if the students are using the “Raise Hand” option, you will see the notification on the screen even while you are sharing your screen and the students’ video tiles are minimised. As for the other “reactions”, you will not get any notifications and will have to scroll up and down the students’ video tiles to spot those who are volunteering to answer.
- Establish the rule for the students to volunteer to answer first using one of the ways described above and to unmute their microphone only after being nominated to answer.