

Pear Deck
<https://www.peardeck.com>

What is it?

Pear Deck is a formative assessment tool with multiple choice, true/false, yes/no (use the multiple choice to create true/false or yes/no), open response text, and open response number questions. It is unique because what the teacher puts on the projector and what students see on their chromebooks can be set up to look different. For example, the teacher might project a picture and then ask the students to identify something about the picture. On the chromebooks students may only see answer options.

The paid version of Pear Deck offers advanced features which are more interactive. Pricing options are on the next page of this handout.

Pros	Cons
Another formative assessment tool to add to your toolbox along with Blendspace, Nearpod, Formative (aka GoFormative), Kahoot, Plickers, Socrative, Poll Everywhere, etc.	The videos & website boast a lot, but you have to pay to get the super fancy features. Pear Deck offers enough free resources that it's worth your time to mix up assessment tools.
If you have a PowerPoint or Google Presentation you LOVE, you can import it.	The free version only permits you to do this FIVE times. I found out the hard way if you have embedded links or videos, the links/videos die when you import. You may need to shift the way you view your presentation; it's no longer a presentation but instead the springboard for a formative assessment. This YouTube video shows a demonstration.
This site has a plethora of helpful resources like videos, help sections, resources showing how teachers in each content area use Pear Deck and how to connect what you are doing with Google Classroom and then use Flubaroo to grade.	Keep in mind to read the fine print. Several of the awesome features are not included in the free plan, and the paid plan is costly. Sometimes there is a work around. You will not be able to go back to a session and review student data. However, if you choose the correct option at the end of a session, you can get an excel export of the answers students selected.
Here's a helpful resource. Great Sites to Embed in Pear Deck	I found that to link websites, some did not work, so try to see if you can embed them. For example, I could not get a National Geographic article to link--it would have been a great resource. :(
The creators are advocates of adhering to copyright guidelines.	If you upload an image, song, video that they feel violates copyright, they will remove the item.

Here is one review I found comparing Pear Deck to Nearpod: Mr. Kamrowski's [analysis of Nearpod vs. Pear Deck](#)

Pricing

	FREE	PREMIUM	DOMAIN
Google Apps Integration	✓	✓	✓
File Storage	Google Drive	Google Drive	Google Drive
Number of Decks Presented	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Deck Editor	✓	✓	✓
Multiple Choice Slides	✓	✓	✓
Number Slides	✓	✓	✓
Text Slides	✓	✓	✓
Draggable Slides		✓	✓
Drawing Slides		✓	✓
Google Spreadsheet Export	✓	✓	✓
Google Classroom Integration		✓	✓
Session Dashboard		✓	✓
Session Review		✓	✓
Centralized Billing			✓
Number of Instructors	1	1	Unlimited
Number of Concurrent Session Participants	30	50	50
PDF & Google Slides Import	5 Free	Unlimited	Unlimited
Educator Pricing	Free	\$99.99/year or \$11.99/month	Contact Us