


Student Engagement Strategies for Adobe Connect Meeting

Begin with a Warm-up Activity.

Start the session off with a warm-up activity using the whiteboard or through chat. This will get them acquainted with the tools if it's their first time using Connect meeting.

 **Tip!:** Upload a PowerPoint slide with boxes or circles representing a student. Using the Whiteboard Overlay, have each student draw a self-portrait.



Call On Students by Name.

Set the expectation up front that you will call on individual participants to comment. Give them the option to either speak or chat their thoughts when possible.

Don't Ask Yes/No Questions.

Phrase questions starting with words like “how”, “why”, “what”, “describe”, etc.




Share Real-Life Experiences.

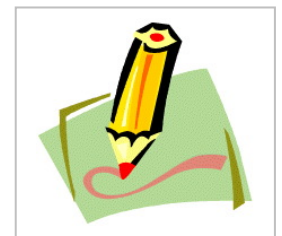
Incorporate a story-telling activity that relates to the content or a certain concept being discussed during the session. Allow students to draw from real-life experiences and share with the group whenever the opportunity arises.

Give Students Something to Do.

If you are doing most of the talking, try to incorporate some type of “activity” for your participants every 3-5 minutes. The more opportunity to use different tools, the better.


 **Tip!:** Here are some activity ideas:

- Question and Answer periods: Be specific on how you want students to answer and ask questions (e.g., “Place your question/answer in the chat.”).
- Quick Test of their knowledge: For smaller groups (less than 10) do a fill-in-the-blank activity, and for larger groups, use the polling feature.
- “Stretch period”: Get the group involved in an easy stretching activity that they can follow along at their desks. Provide a slide with simple instructions and graphic that depicts the type of stretch.



Set Up Student Group Rooms.

Incorporate group-based activities or ‘break out’ sessions where students can work together on a problem or small assignment and then return to the main room for discussion.

 **Tip!:** Use the Web Links Pod for easy access to each group meeting room

Use Visual Cues to Communicate.

Encourage students to use the “My Status” drop-down menu in the Attendee List Pod as a means to communicate if they have questions or if they don't understand something (Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down). These are simple visual cues for them to use without feeling like they may be interrupting.

