

PLICKERS: A GUIDE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS



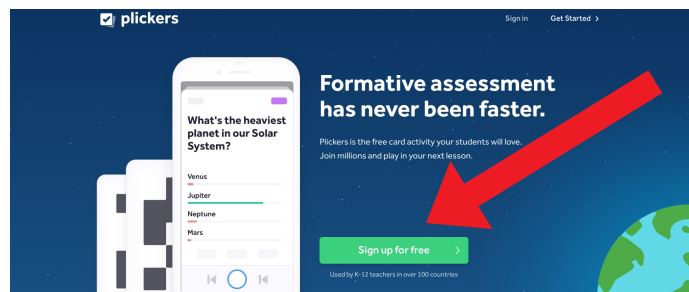
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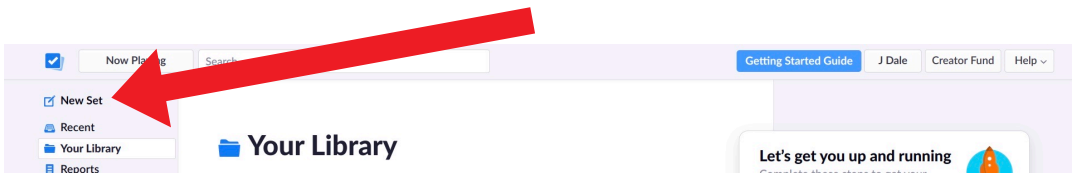
Introduction

[Plickers](https://get.plickers.com) is a free web tool which allows language teachers to set multiple choice questions for their students to answer using numbered QR codes displayed on cards. On the sides of the QR codes are the letters A, B, C or D. Students hold up their code with the letter they have chosen on the top. The teacher scans each code using the iOS or Android app and can immediately see all the students' responses. The results are recorded for each student's answer and the teacher can export the results as a spreadsheet.

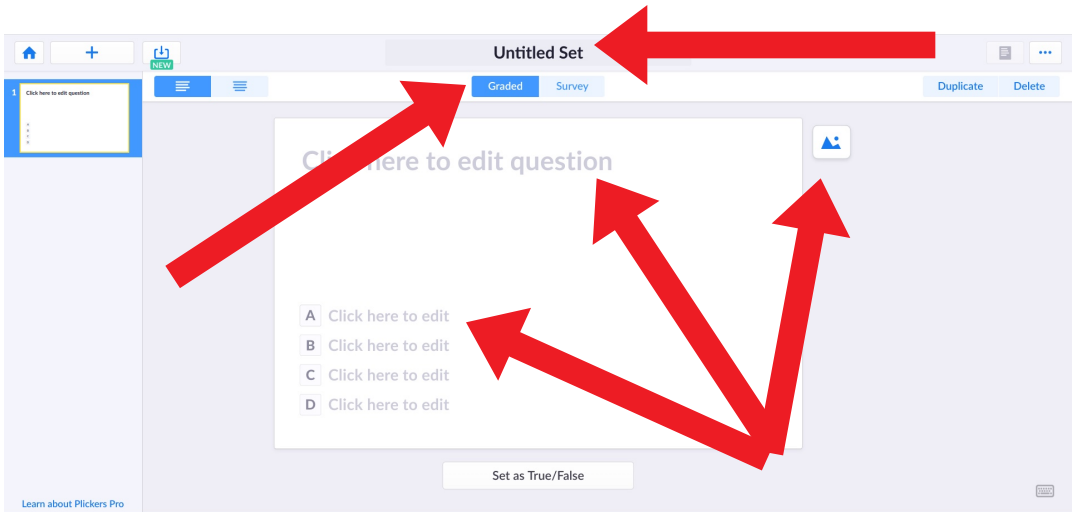
To get started

Go to get.plickers.com and create an account. Click Sign up for free and use your school email address. The free version allows 5 questions per set but unlimited sets.

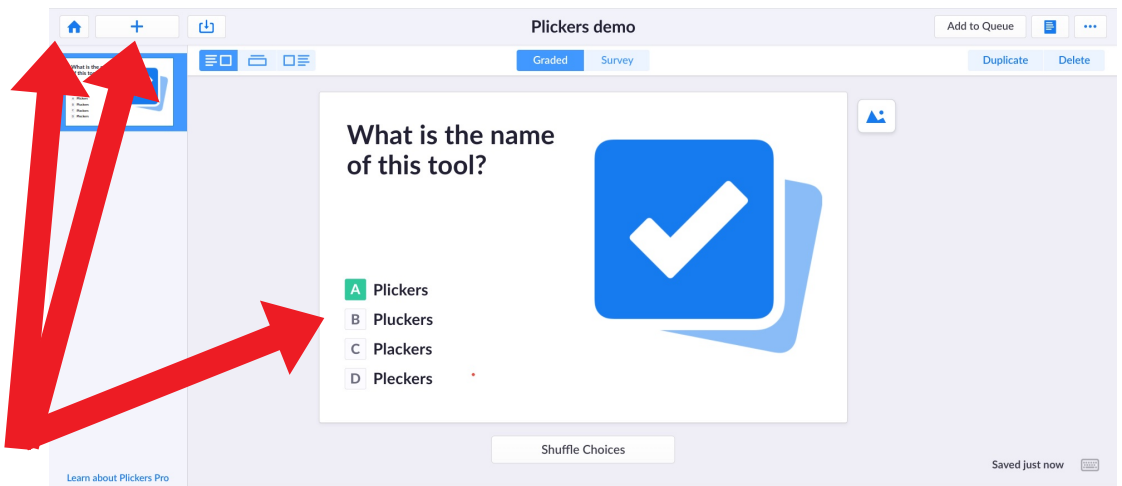




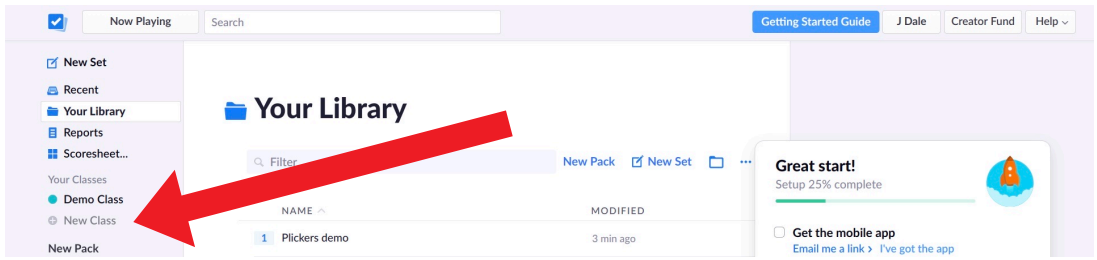
Having created an account, click on New Set.



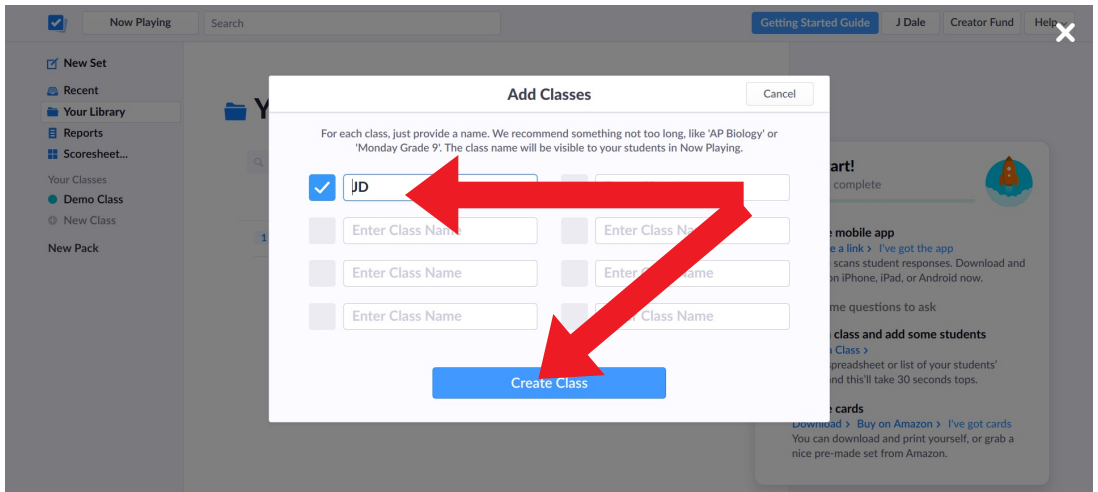
Click on Untitled Set to name it. Add a question, put in your answer choices and add an image.



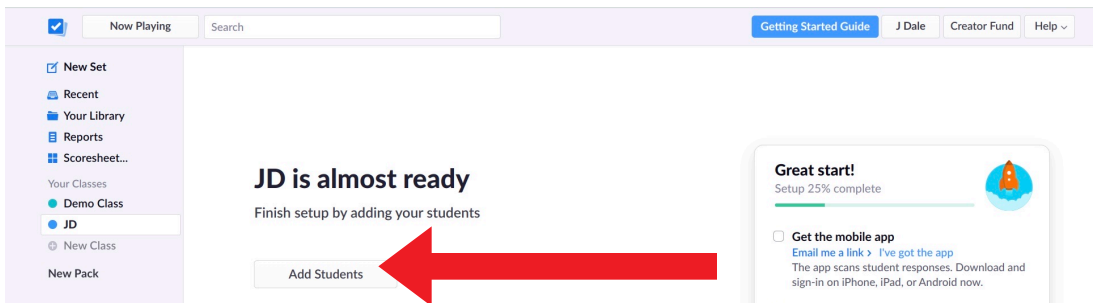
Select the correct answer. Click on the plus icon to create a new question. Click Home icon.



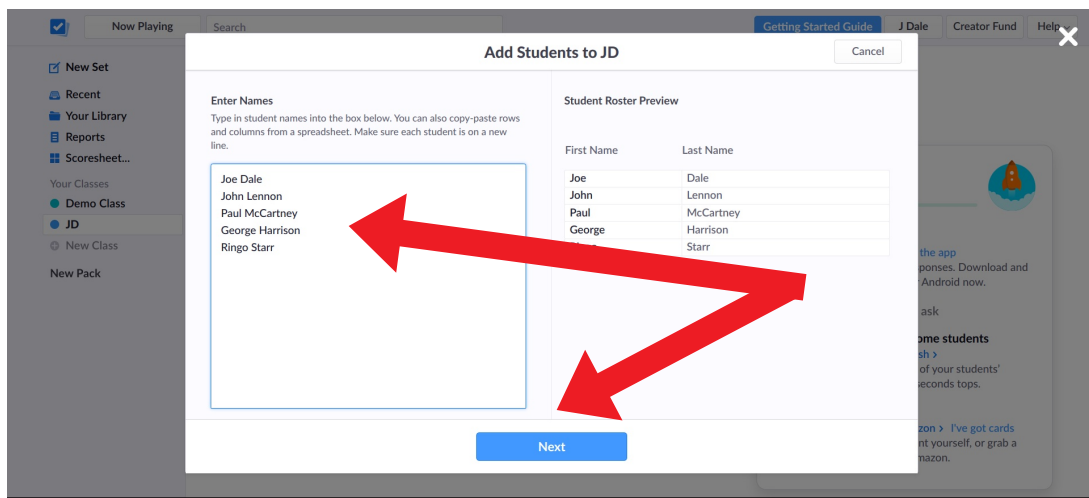
Click New Class.



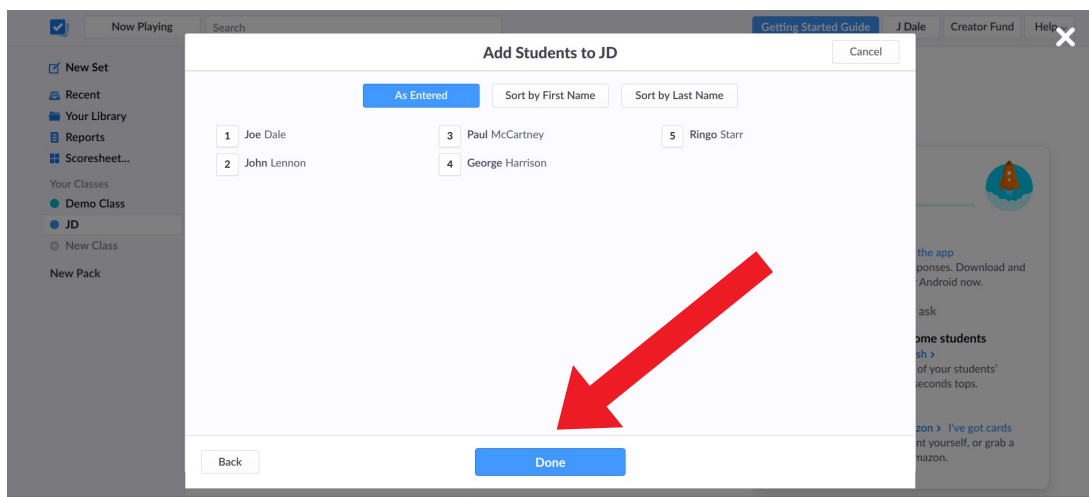
Enter a class name and click Create Class.



Click Add Students.



Enter the names of your class in the box provided or copy and paste names from a spreadsheet to save time. Click Next.



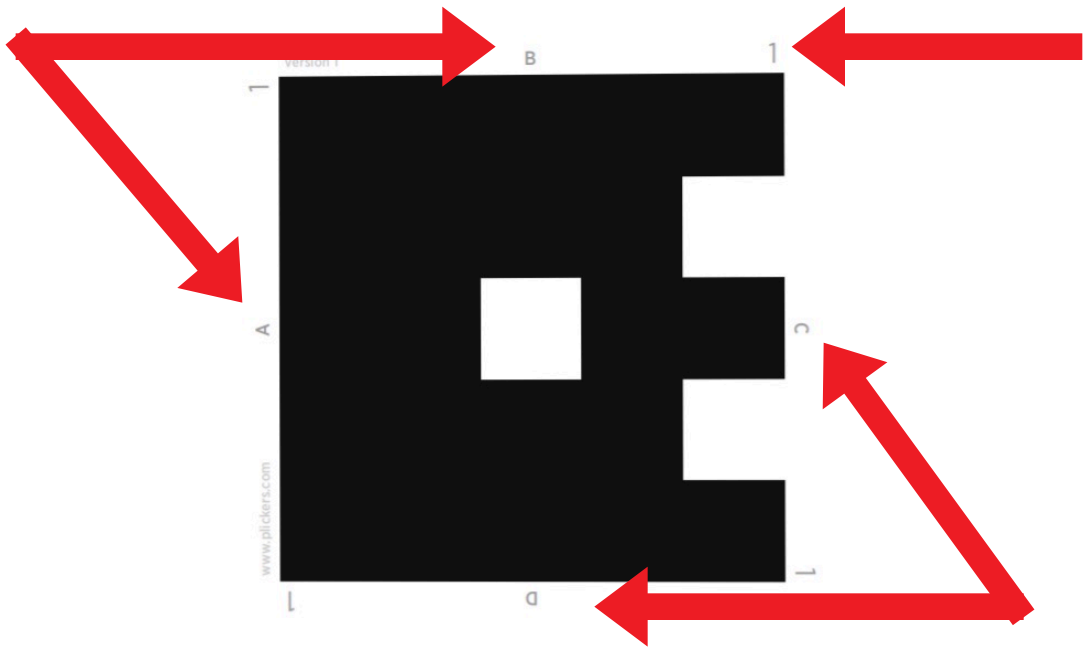
Choose to sort your students by first name or last name. Click Done.

The screenshot shows the Plickers classroom interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Now Playing', a search bar, and a 'Getting Started Guide' button. On the left, a sidebar lists options like 'New Set', 'Recent', 'Your Library', 'Reports', 'Scoresheet...', 'Your Classes', 'Demo Class', 'JD', and 'New Class'. The main area displays 'JD' with 'No items queued for JD' and a list of students: George Harrison, John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Joe Dale, and Paul McCartney. A red arrow points from the top right towards the 'Help' button in the top right corner. A dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Class Homepage Help', 'Plickers Help Home', 'Getting Started Guide', 'Get Plickers Cards', 'Get iOS App', 'Get Android App', 'Hide Setup Wizard', 'Upgrade to Pro', and 'Contact Plickers'. A modal window titled 'Almost classroom ready' is also visible, showing progress for setup and options to get the mobile app or cards.

Click the Help option and click Get Plickers Cards.

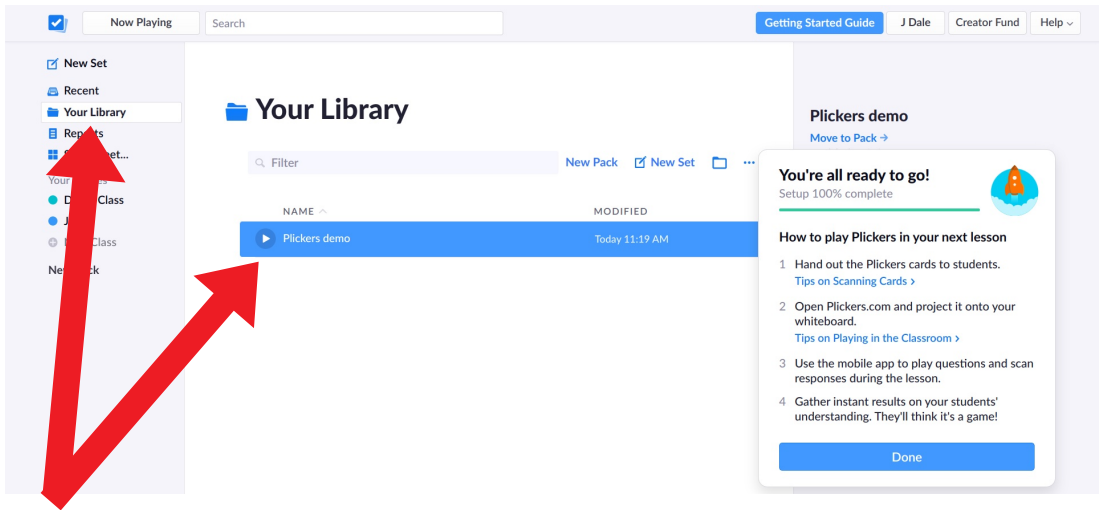
The screenshot shows the Plickers website. The header has the 'plickers' logo, a search bar, and links for 'Submit a request' and 'Sign in'. The left sidebar contains links for 'Home', 'FAQ', 'What is Plickers?', 'Is Plickers Free?', 'How Do I Play?', 'What is Plickers Pro?', 'GETTING STARTED', 'Getting Started Guide', 'PLICKERS CARDS', 'Cards Overview', 'Get Plickers Cards', 'YOUR CONTENT', 'Content Overview', 'Creating and Editing Content', 'Organizing and Finding Content', and 'Keyboard Shortcuts'. The main content area is titled 'Get Plickers Cards' and features a section 'Plickers will always offer FREE printable cards for teachers!' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below this, it says 'Our Standard Set of Cards #1-40 is ideal for most average-sized classrooms.' and lists a link to 'Visit the Cards Overview help page for tips on printing and using your cards in the classroom.' There's also a 'Buy Pre-Made Cards' section with a link to 'Amazon.com' and a list of features: 'Plastic Cards are available as a standard set of cards #1-30 for \$19.99.' and 'These 5.5" x 5.5" cards have a matte finish which allows them to be scanned from up to 25 feet away.' The bottom section is titled 'Other Options'.

Click on the link for Standard Set of Cards #1 to 40 to download the PDF of the numbered Plicker cards and print them off. Alternatively you can order a set of cards from [Amazon](#).

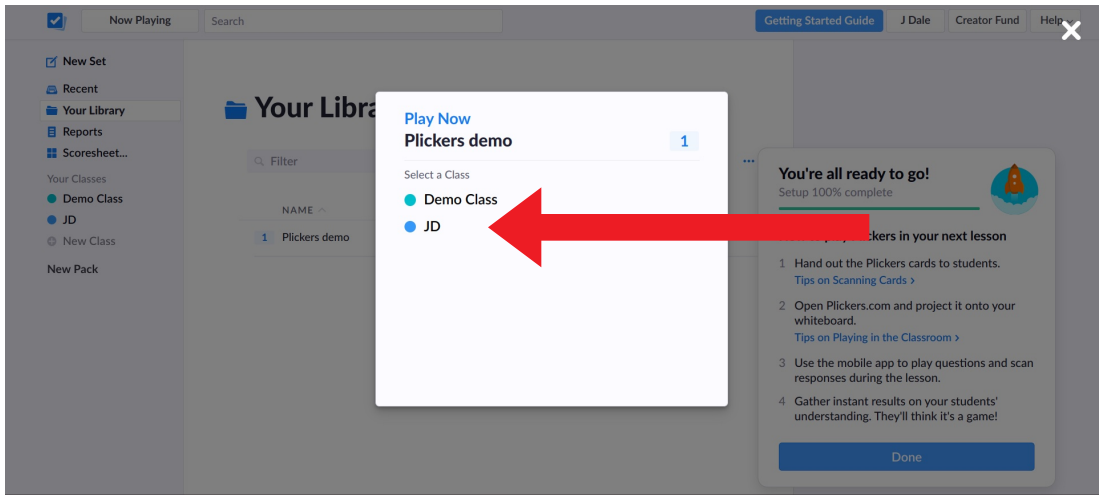


Each card has a unique number which can be assigned to an individual student in your class. Each side of the QR code is labelled with A, B, C or D. Students hold up the card with the letter on top indicating their choice. The teacher scans all the cards with the Plickers app ([iOS](#) and [Android](#)) to register their responses on to the web tool

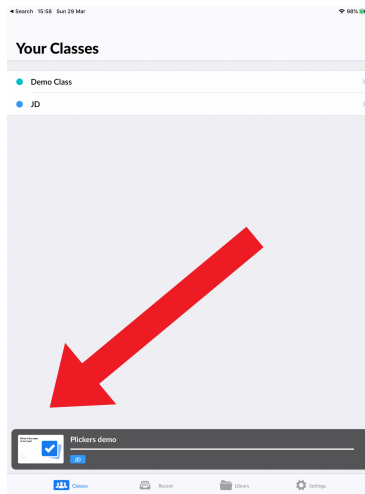
Each student should always use the same card which could be stuck in their exercise book or journal for easy access.



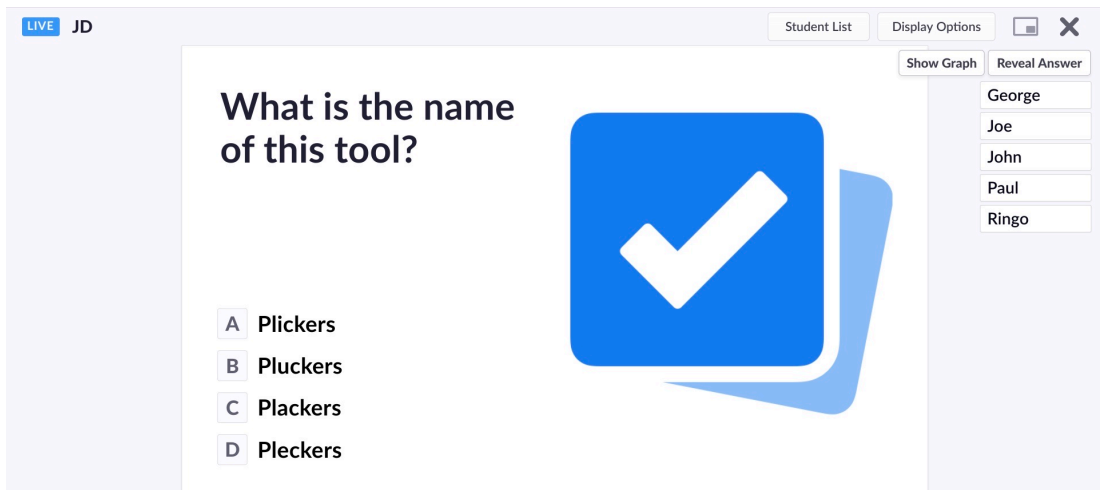
Click on Your Library and the set you want to launch. Click the play button.



Select your class.



Login to the Plickers app with the same account you used for logging into the web version. Click on the notifications banner for your set which appears at the bottom of the screen.



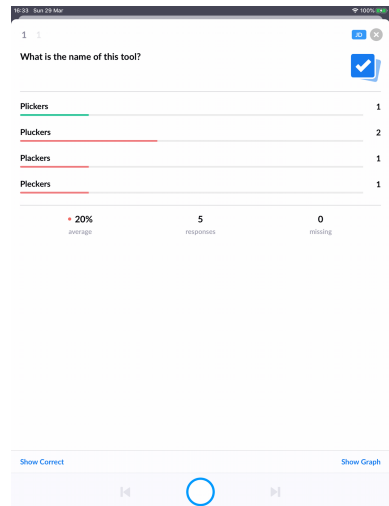
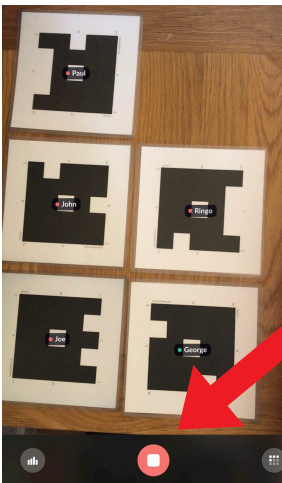
The web version displays the first question as the set is live and you project your screen so the class can see it. Students hold up their cards with the letter indicating their response.



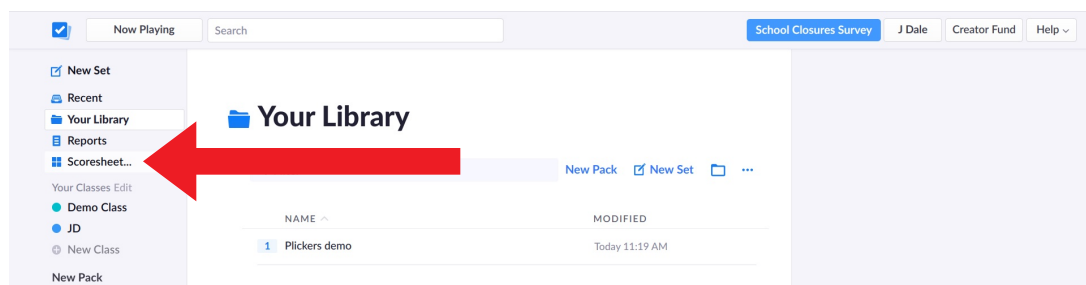
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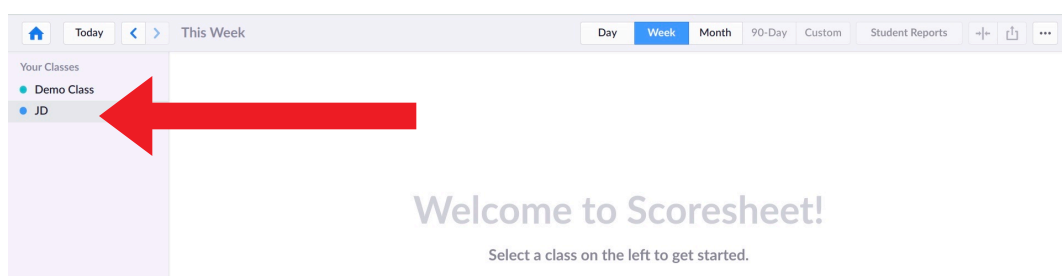
In the app, tap on the white camera button at the bottom of the screen and scan the students' cards.



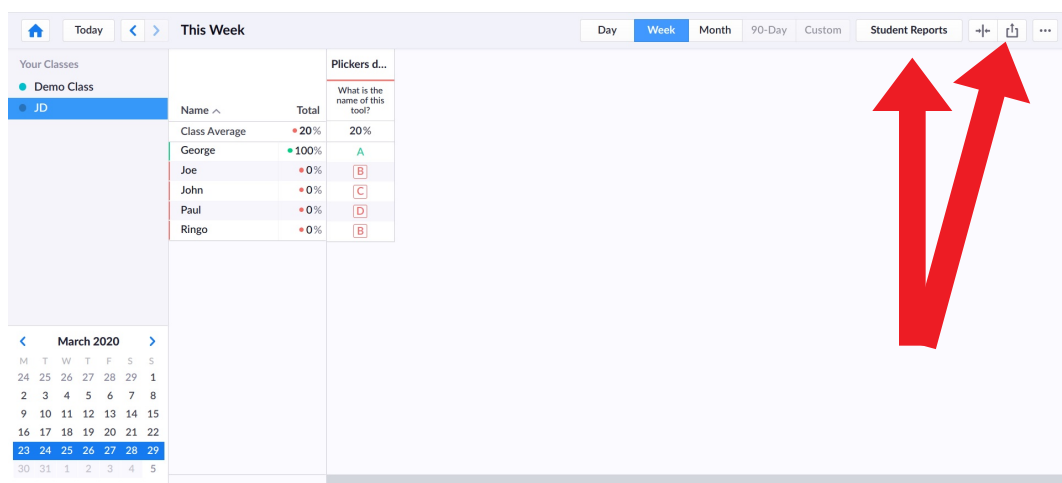
Scanning the students' cards, will make their names appear over the top of each card. A green dot indicates a correct answer. A red dot indicates an incorrect answer. Tap on the red button to show results.



In the web version, close the live view and click on Scoresheet.



Select your class



Click on Student Reports to print of results or click Export data to CSV to create a spreadsheet of the results.

George Harrison

23 March - 29 March 2020

100%

1 correct - 0 incorrect - 0 missed

1 Picklers demo

100%

CORRECT

1.1 What is the name of this tool?

☒ Picklers

☐ Pluckers

☐ Plackers

☐ Pleckers

Here is what the print out looks like. Scroll down to see all the results.

JD 23_03_2020-29_03_2020 .csv

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Sheets home

Sheet1

Here is what the spreadsheet looks like.

I hope you've found this guide useful and it's given you some ideas on how you can use Plickers for formative assessment opportunities or exit tickets in your language lessons!

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