Using the diverse question types in iClicker to engage students in the classroom



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Classes I teach

- General Chemistry
- Analytical & Physical Chemical Methods
- Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Fall 2022: CURE



With students 1st to 4th years, 50-400/class, transfer students...

Goal: increase student engagement with the material

Active problem solving and practice.

Reduce barriers to participation and engagement.

iClicker helps me achieve my goal



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 real-time participation and student, instructor feedback Reduce barriers to participation and engagement.

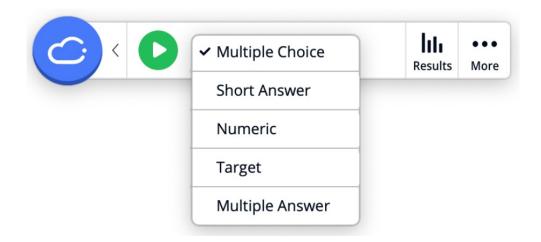
- barriers: anxiety, tech
- anonymous participation
- use own smartphones, tablets
- no credit assigned
- equity and inclusion

iClicker Cloud resources



- UC Davis Knowledge Base
 - https://kb.ucdavis.edu/?id=1314
 - "Note that as of Fall 2020, the UC Davis Bookstore acquired a campus-wide license for all students to use the iClicker Student App at no cost."
 - "Note: The cost of the iClicker Student App (formerly known as Reef) is now covered by the Equitable Access Program for all UC Davis students, whether they opt in or out of Equitable Access."
 - https://kb.ucdavis.edu/?id=1374
- iClicker
 - https://www.iclicker.com/
 - https://macmillan.force.com/iclicker/s/article/Polling-Question-Types

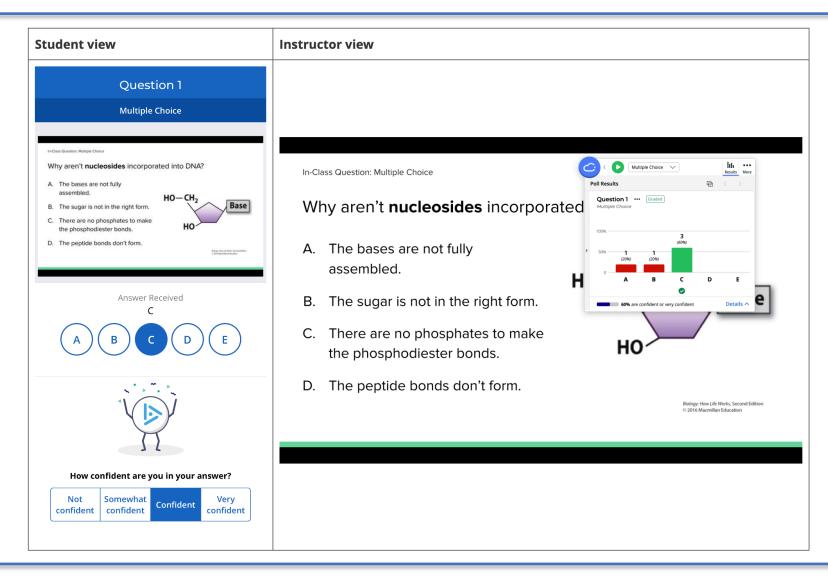
Types of questions



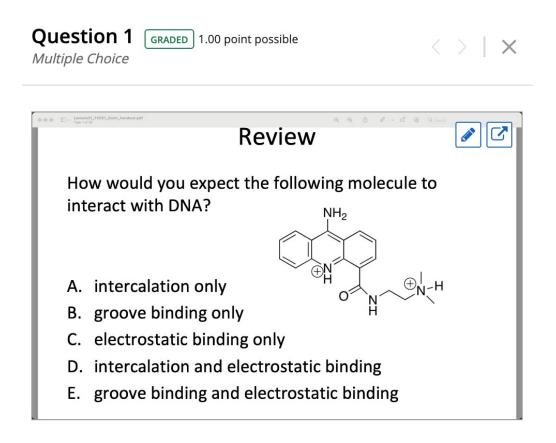
review questions at the start of class

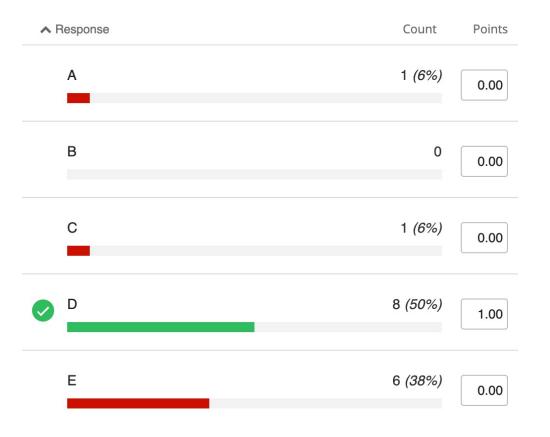
practice problems during class

Multiple choice

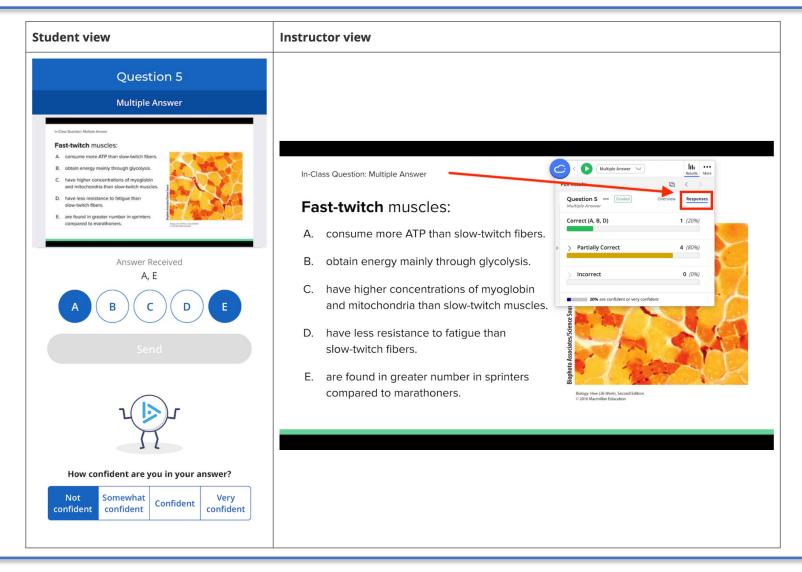


Multiple choice: review question

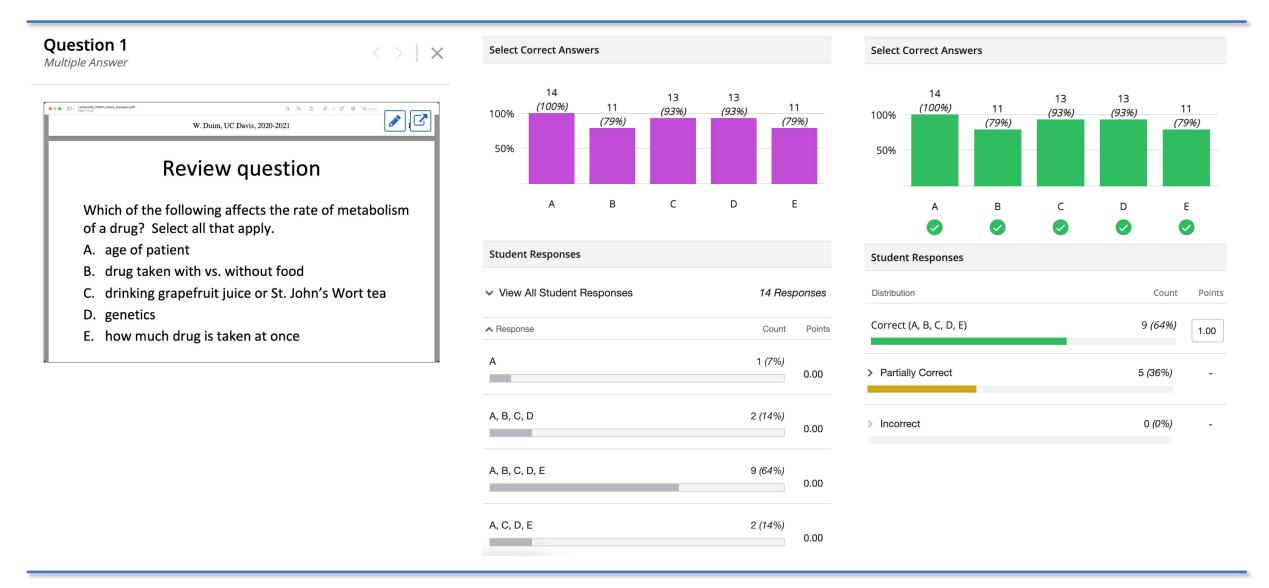




Multiple answer

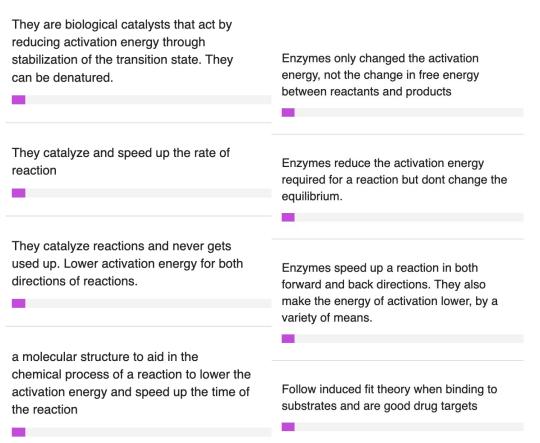


Multiple answer: review question



Short answer: single words or sentences

Quick write: Write down anything you remember about enzymes, from other classes or this class.



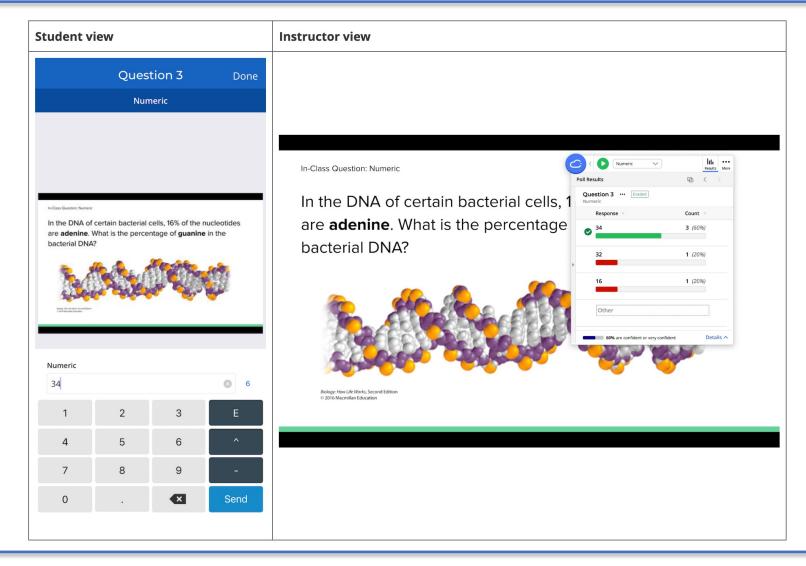
make a word cloud!



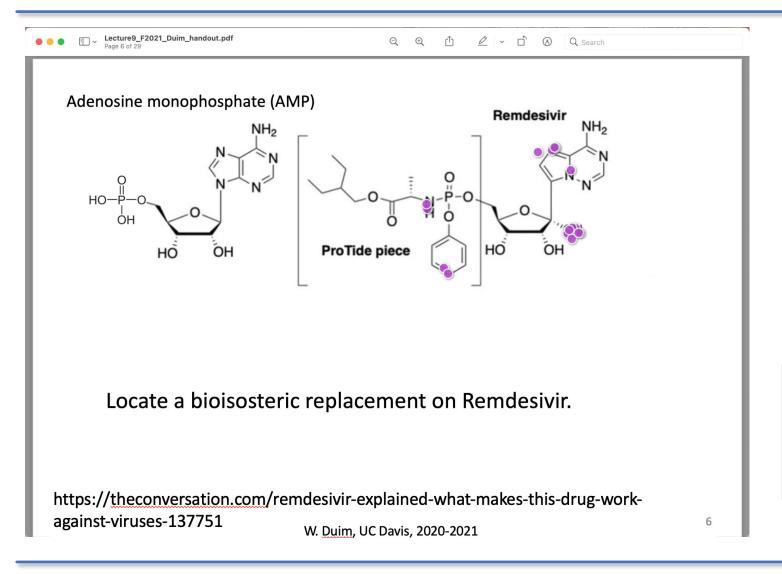
Numeric

Supports

- ✓ scientific notation
- ✓ decimals
- ✓ exponents

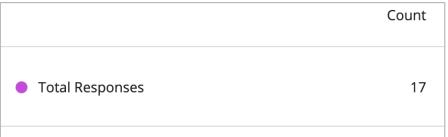


Target: practice problem



Send image to student devices

➤ Students tap on their screens



Feedback from students: Equity, Engagement, and Inclusion Mid-Quarter Inquiry Center for Educational Effectiveness

Spring 2022 Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences

"The professor utilizes online iClicker questions to quiz everyone at the beginning of class; it is used to help Prof. Duim understand what the class knows. I enjoy the anonymity of it as I can be involved with the class without being embarrassed about answering incorrectly."

"I really appreciate the clicker questions she includes in the lecture. Personally, it encourages me to actually pay attention in class and try to understand the concepts because it's nice to see when I get those clicker questions right. Makes me feel like I actually understand something! This class is one of the top classes I struggle with."

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"I like the clicker questions that are included to help make sure I'm on the right track!"

iClicker page in Canvas (feel free to copy/adapt for your use!)

iClicker personal response system

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Join Link: https://join.iclicker.com/PRR2N

iClicker App: Download the IOS or Android Student App (formerly known as REEF) to your device, and/or go to https://student.iclicker.com/#/login and create your student account.

iClicker questions are not worth any points: they are for you to test your knowledge, and for me to assess student learning. Therefore you do not need to sync your account to Canvas, etc.

Note: If you already have an iClicker remote, you may use it or the Student App. Some question types may require the Student App to answer. To connect with the base, press and hold the On/Off button on the remote until the Power indicator light begins flashing or the LCD screen shows a flashing frequency code. Enter the 2-character frequency **AA** code using the buttons (A B C D) on the clicker.

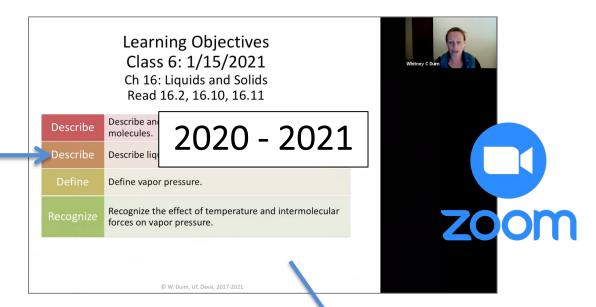
For additional information, please see:

https://servicehub.ucdavis.edu/servicehub?id=ucd_kb_article&sysparm_article=KB0001374

A final thought...



How do we persuade students to attend class in person?





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