

Techniques to Improve Student Engagement in the Online Environment

1. Assign groups to research a topic and design interactive presentations to deliver to classmates
2. Use a creative icebreaker on the first day of the term to build community (for example, students introduce themselves using an adjective for each letter of their name)
M-otivated
A-dventurous
R-esponsible
I-ntelligent
A-rtistic
3. Use multimedia resources instead of relying on lecture (video, podcast, art, etc.)
4. Invite a guest speaker who has expertise in the content area
5. Keep lectures short (15 minutes) with activities in between
6. Give opportunities for students to produce creative projects rather than memorize information ([Bloom's Taxonomy](#))
7. Design activities that appeal to all kinds of learners (audio, visual, kinesthetic, social, individual)
8. Use apps like [Kahoot](#) (quiz/game), [Socrative](#) (formative assessment), or [Quizlet](#) (good for vocabulary)
9. Use breakout rooms (Zoom) or other platforms like Google Meet, [Slack](#), or [Big Blue Button](#)
10. Compose a Google Doc or Google Slides presentation as a class- everyone can contribute simultaneously
11. Consider observing a peer instructor's class for additional ideas