

Conduct a Class Poll

Conducting a class poll provides the class with an opportunity to boost inclusiveness of the class atmosphere. The project also provides students with yet another opportunity to learn a little more about coding. When students become more aware of their own habitual working style it is possible to recognize a personal comfort zone and step out beyond it! Once students recognise and understand personal preferred ways of working, it is possible to see beyond this approach and to look around at other ways of working. Knowing your own working style can be seen as strength, but it will keep you within your own comfort zone. **But as well!** By talking over ways of working with the class (or the Jigzone Buddy Community) students can use their new found knowledge to consciously move out of your own comfort zone.

Learning About How You Learn

If you are very good at completing puzzles alone, have try to master working and collaborating in groups. What a great environment to learn about ways of working and coping with challenge. Think of it in this way. When Howard Gardner uncovered and explained the theory of Multiple Intelligences he helped teachers and students see that people have preferred ways of working. People see, experience and feel the world in different ways. This information is helpful as a source of insight when you are trying to get started and want to feel confident about learning.

You will know you can cope and feel really good about yourself when you can see all the ways of working, try them out and settle for the one that works best for you. (You can always swap later if the situation changes)

Insight allows students to strategize in an attempt to think, feel and see in a variety of ways. To find out more about how others work conduct a class poll. It will look something like the one I have added below.

How Do You Like To Do Jigsaws?

Method	Count	Percentage	Country
I start at the edges and work my way in from there	31	70.45%	?
I start by sorting out piles of similar colours	6	13.64%	?

I look for one main subject matter and make that object first	1	2.27%	?
I am a random attack agent	3	6.82%	?
I don't do Jigsaws	1	2.27%	?
	Added by	Participant	
I diagonally search from both sides first. Then, I do like the cross approach.	2	4.55%	?

Students can conduct all kinds of polls. They might ask questions such as

- + Which is the most popular jigsaw creation method?
- + Which is the quickest method?
- + Which is the easiest method?
- + Who has tried both methods?

We will then have a qualitative writing assignment describing what you now know about learning. This could be in the form of an essay or a journal entry. The paragraph might talk about learning subjects such as

- + I have learned to try more ways
- + Habits can be good because we can get started quickly but sometimes they keep us where we are when we need to move on
- + I like the way I do things but I have learned to respect the way others do things too
- + Getting to know how others work makes it easier to work with them

Setting Up a Class Poll

1. Go to Poll Daddy and Register
2. Design the Poll
3. Paste the code of the Poll on to an article on your Blog like this one.
4. Advertise the Poll by sending out Jigsaw email invitations. Wait for a prescribed amount of time such as a week/ fortnight or month.
5. Prepare a table and compile the results/
6. Write you essay and think about your own preferred way of working and make a list of the things you have learned.

Resources:

- + [Home School Math.net](http://HomeSchoolMath.net)

 [Poll Daddy](#)

 [Learning Through Peer Teaching](#) (Example of Poll)