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Thanks for attending the first Kahoot! for schools Unconference!

We hope you enjoyed the sessions and got some inspiration for ways to use Kahoot! this new school year. In this document, you'll find a short summary of the key takeaways that you can print out or share with other teachers from your school:

- ▶ **Top tips and tricks** for creating and playing Kahoot!
- ▶ **All about the Kahoot! app:** challenge mode for homework, smart practice, and more
- ▶ **Best practices of using Kahoot! for formative assessment**
- ▶ **Walkthrough of the new kahoot creator** with new media and question types
- ▶ **Overview of all the benefits you can get with a Pro subscription**
- ▶ **Introduction of Kahoot! Certified,** our free professional development program

You can also find the recording of our Unconference in our [YouTube channel](#), if you'd like to revisit some of these sessions in the future.



Top tips and tricks for creating and playing

In this session, we looked into top tips for creating and hosting epic kahoots. We showed how to add multimedia, import questions, understand game options, access reports and more.

Create epic kahoots

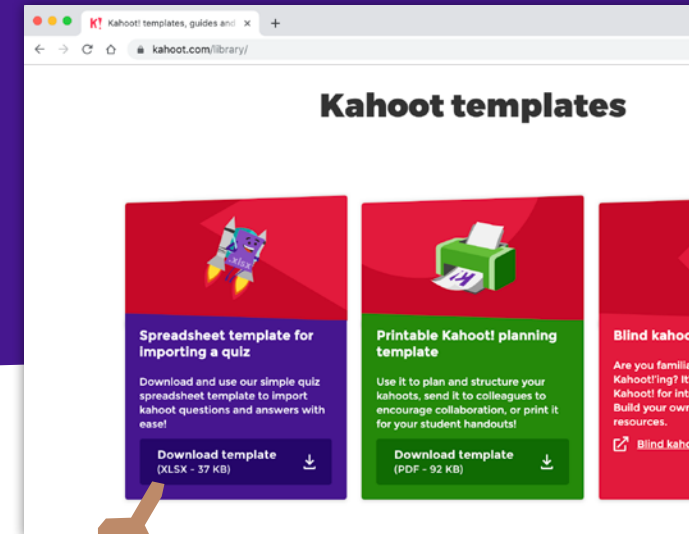
With our newly launched creator, it's never been easier to make awesome kahoots! Choose if you'd like to create a **Quiz** or a **Jumble**.

Choosing **Jumble** will allow you to create kahoots in which students have to place answer options in the right order. Great for history classes to add events in chronological order, language classes to arrange words into a correct sentence, or even math class, to order numbers or equations!

A **Quiz** allows you to create your own quiz questions, true/false questions, polls or slides. Add multimedia to your questions to engage

your audience by clicking **Upload image**, or, if you have a Kahoot! Pro subscription, choose an image from our premium image library. You can also add the YouTube link for any videos you want to use.

We've just increased our character limits for questions and answers so you can write longer explanations - **120 characters for questions, and 75 for answers**. If you're creating advanced kahoots, be sure to look into the new timer option of **4 minutes** we added. Especially useful for math! This also works well for playing kahoots with younger students who need a bit more time to read the question and answers.



Top tip for student creation

You can collaborate with your students on kahoots by creating an online spreadsheet that you share with your classroom. Ask every student to come up with one question about a specific topic that they can add to the spreadsheet.

Combine all the questions in the kahoot spreadsheet template, upload it into the creator and play the kahoot with your class. Your learners will love seeing their own questions show up on the screen!

Find the perfect kahoot

There are over 50 million public kahoots created by our community on our platform, that you can play right away in your classroom. Go to the **Discover** page in the top navigation bar and search for a topic relevant to your class.

When searching for the topic you'd like to play a kahoot on, toggle the right filters. You'll be able to narrow down your search to a specific subject, level and language. If you're looking for a kahoot that's been played a lot of times, change the sorting to **Most played** to see the most popular kahoots.

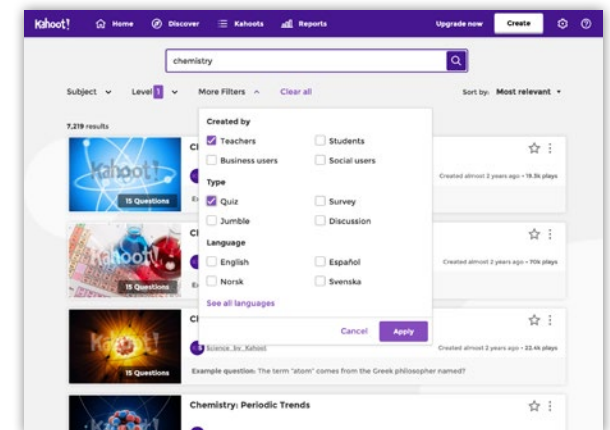
Once you start typing a search query, you'll get some suggestions - including a few popular kahoots that might fit your needs. Pick the kahoot you want and play it live or challenge your students to play it at home.

If you've found a kahoot you'd like to keep for future reference, click the **star** ☆ icon on the kahoot to **Favorite** it. It'll show up in your **Kahoots** under **Favorites**. If you'd like to edit anything to the kahoot, simply **Duplicate** the kahoot to your profile and you can edit anything you'd like.

We've also created our own **Kahoot! Studio** collections. These kahoots are ready-to-play in class and are created in collaboration with teachers. There are almost 1,000 covering math, history, science and ELA topics and over 1,000 trivia kahoots that you can play in class as an icebreaker activity or as a reward.

These collections can all be found on the **Discover** page, listed by subject.

We also run campaigns from time to time with partners, such as National Geographic, Britannica, Infiniscope with NASA, Lucasfilm and more. These kahoots can also be found on the **Discover** page and are great to play with your students! Every campaign covers a different subject and can be used in different classes and age groups.



Top tip

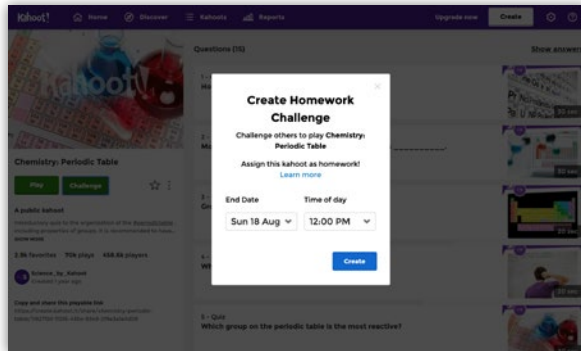
Do you have Spanish speakers in your class? We now have a [full trivia collection in Spanish](#), as requested by our users!

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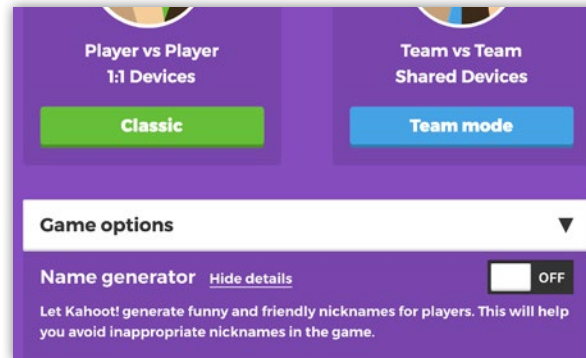
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New ways to play



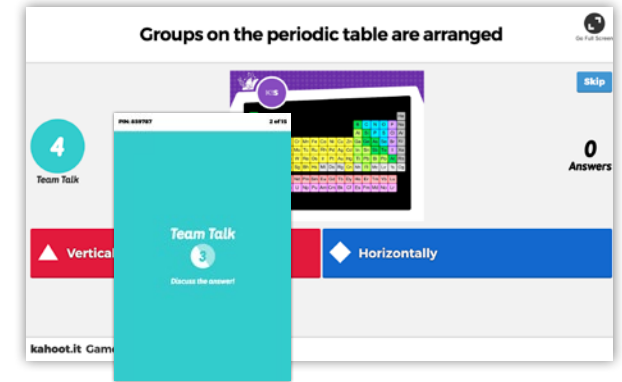
Kahoot! challenges

Create **Kahoot! challenges** for your students to play as homework from anywhere on their mobile devices in our app. If you have Chromebooks in your classroom, your students can play challenges straight from that device, too - just make sure Android apps are supported on your specific device. This can be a good way to facilitate station work in your class, just set up a few devices for your students to play kahoots in their own tempo.



Nickname generator

Are your students spending ages coming up with silly nicknames? Try out the **nickname generator** when playing Kahoot! in class. Your students won't be able to fill in their own nicknames, but instead get funny and friendly nicknames made up of an adjective and an animal. Great for younger kids! You can find this option under **Game options** when you click **Play** to launch a kahoot. Here, you'll also be able to randomize the order of both questions and answers, choose automatically move through questions and enable 2 step join if your students are prone to sharing the game PIN with others outside the classroom.



Team mode

If you don't have access to 1:1 devices in your classroom, you can play in **Team mode**. In this game mode, groups of students will play together on one shared device. They can come up with a fun team name and add their own names which will show up on the screen as well. Before every question, the teams will get 5 extra seconds to discuss the correct answer amongst each other before being able to answer. A fun alternative way to play in **Team mode** is silent Kahoot'ing. Get your students to communicate with their teammates without making any sounds, only hand movements and pointing allowed!

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Connected Kahoot!'ing

Want your students to connect with other countries and cultures? Host a **connected Kahoot!** via videoconference tools, you can easily connect with classrooms across the world and play kahoots together. Twitter or [Skype](#) are great places to find classes interested in inviting you virtually to their classroom.

Fact or fiction?

Find out how much your students already know about a topic or can figure out based on previous knowledge by playing a **fact or fiction kahoot**. Write statements about a specific topic and let your students find out what's real and what's not.

Presentations

If your students are holding **presentations in class**, ask them to finish with a kahoot. It'll entice the rest of the class to pay extra attention - especially if there's a small price to win like a fun sticker or a piece of candy or fruit. You can create kahoots to play at the end of PTA meetings as well, to engage the parents and keep them updated on what students are working on!

Kahoot! relay

Finally, you can combine physical activity with quizzing by playing a **Kahoot! relay race**. Line your students up on one side of the room and the laptops on the other side. Have students run up to answer each question, then run back to tag another team member to do the next one.

All about the Kahoot! app

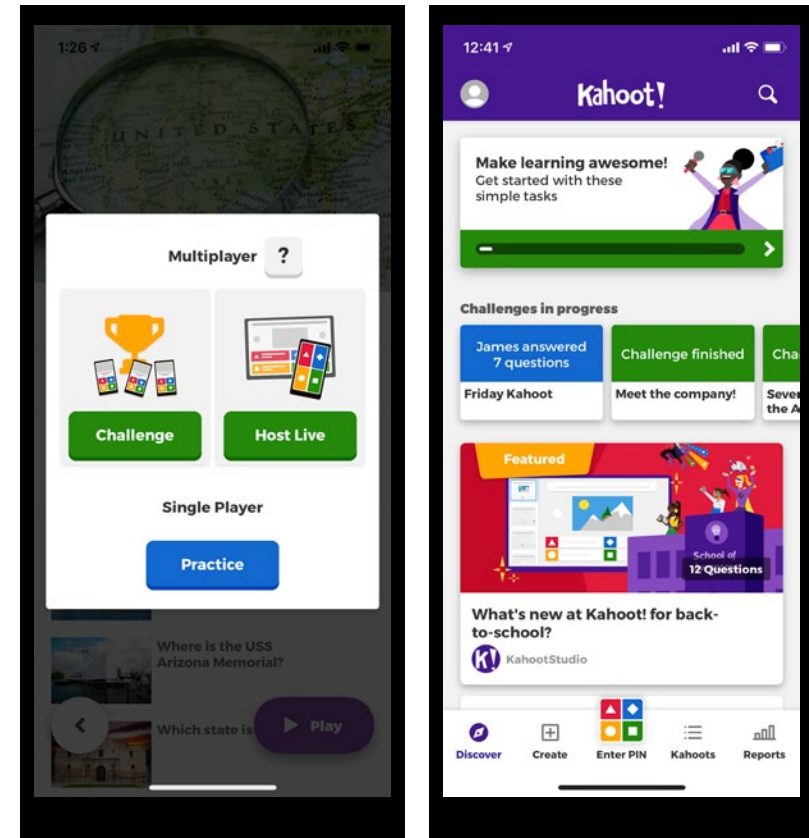
Create games, complete homework by playing challenges, and master content with our smart practice feature!

Search, play, and create kahoots

In the app, as a single player or in challenges, both questions and answers appear on the device screen, with no need for a second screen in this case. Here's how to navigate:

- ▶ **Enter PIN:** by tapping here, you can enter a game PIN to play a live game of kahoot, just like you would by going to kahoot.it.
- ▶ **Discover:** on this screen, you'll see featured games and collections - all kahoots from the platform also exist in the app.
- ▶ **Kahoots:** find your games here, along with your **Favorites** and your team's games (if you have a Kahoot! for schools subscription. There is also a **Reports** button to download the data from any game.

Found a kahoot you like? By clicking **Play**, you'll notice different options for opponents - **Host Live** (to host a kahoot), **Practice** (playing against our basic AI-based players as a single player) and **Challenge!** The latter means you can share the game to play asynchronously and remotely against other players.



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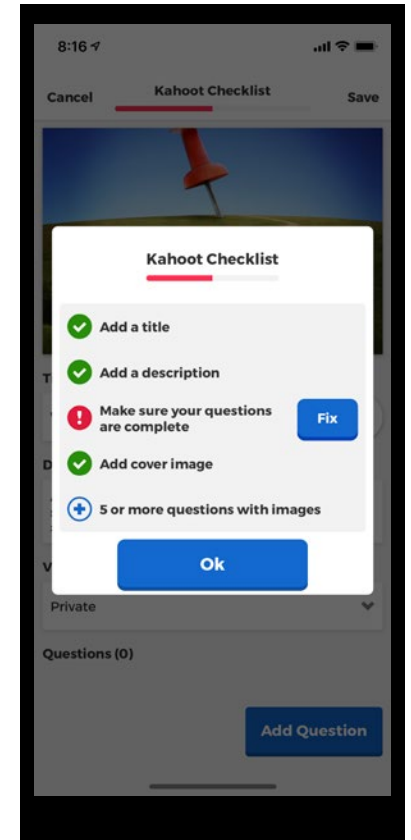
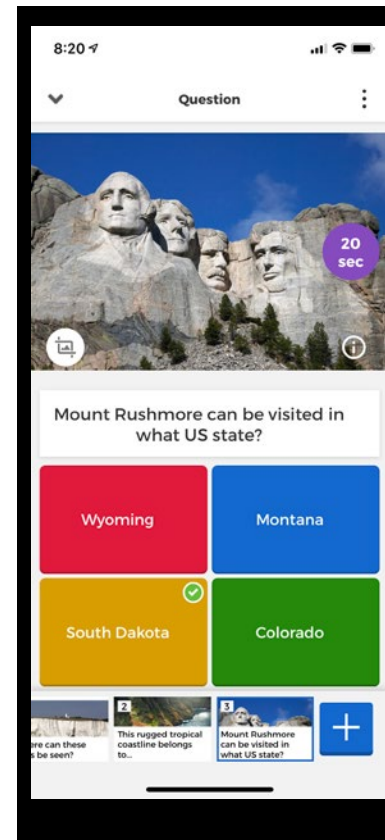
Clicking the **Create** button will take you to the kahoot creation section, where you can add the kahoot title, description, cover image and tweak the visibility settings.

Click **Add Question** and type the question in the field, then click the colored tiles to type the answer options directly in. Toggle correct and incorrect answers with the checkbox next to the tiles.

Change the time limit by clicking the timer button, and add an image or YouTube video. Click **Add Question** to continue creating the kahoot - questions will show up along the bottom.

At the top of the screen, you'll see a **Question checklist** (tap to open it!) to check how complete your question is - the more you add, the more the bar will fill!

Heading back to the creation page - which if you scroll down, will show all questions added - you'll also see a **Kahoot checklist** in the header (again, tap to open it) which shows the ways to improve and optimize your kahoot! Again, the more you complete, the more the bar will fill and turn green. Once finished, just click **Done**.

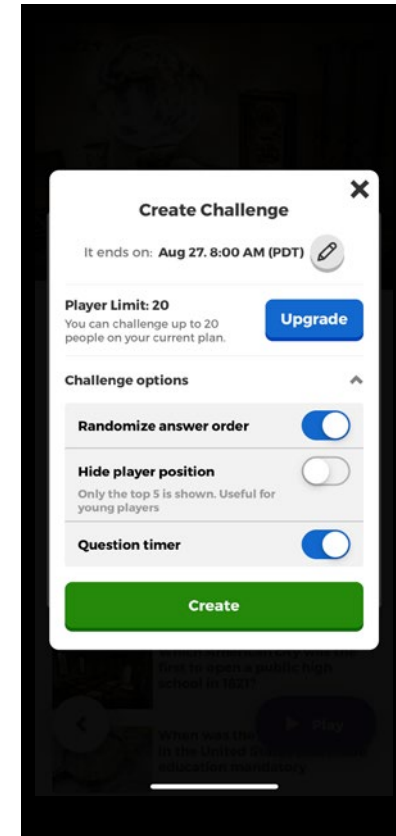


Assigning Kahoot! homework challenges

In addition to playing live in a group setting, you can also assign kahoots as homework with the challenge feature, to be played at home, on the go – anywhere! Students play the challenge in their own pace and get instant feedback as they progress through the game.

How to assign a challenge

1. On your computer, open a kahoot you like, and hit the **Challenge** button.
2. In the Kahoot! app, make sure you're logged in, open a kahoot, then tap **Play** and **Challenge**.
3. Select when you want the challenge to end – you can choose the hour and date – it can be the same day, or weeks ahead! Click **Create**.
4. There are several options to share the challenge. You can copy the challenge link URL or game PIN directly, and share it with your students. Or, you can share to Google Classroom, or share on Remind.
5. Once sent, the player receives and accepts the challenge, in-app. They can then play asynchronously against all others who've been challenged. Make sure you know which names your players will use (or get them to use their real names) if you are planning to check individual performance and/or progress
6. You receive instant data and results in your **Reports** section, as you would with any other kahoot game hosted.



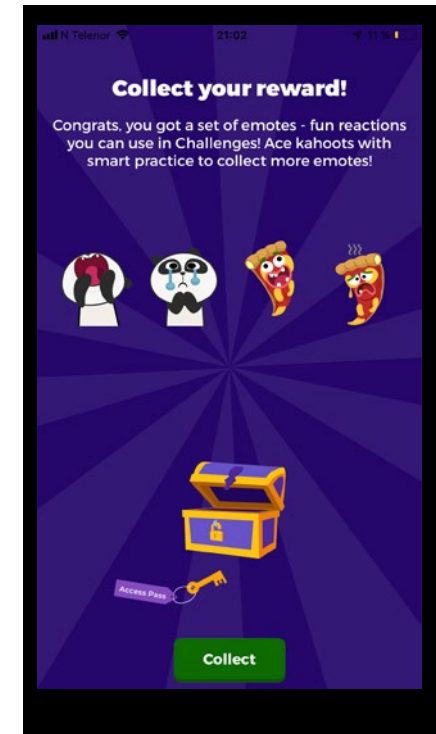
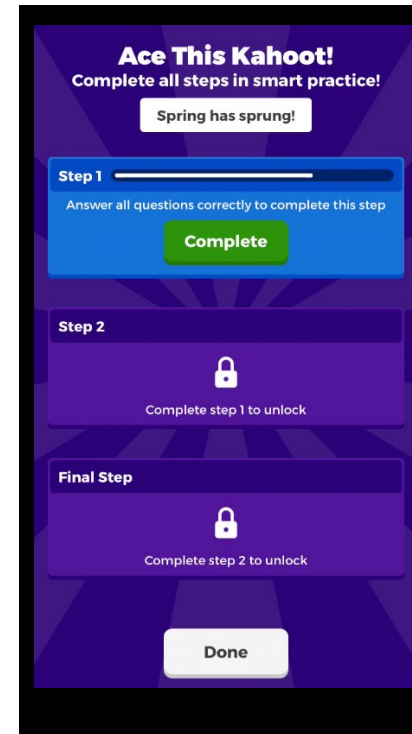
Smart practice: new app feature to help students retain knowledge

With the new smart practice feature in our app, students can ace difficult questions from previously played kahoots, remember content better, and also collect emotes as a reward:

- ▶ Based on spacing and testing psychology methods.
- ▶ The feature will be especially handy for studying during review and test prep season.
- ▶ Students collect emotes for additional motivation.

How it works

1. Students play a live kahoot or challenge: if they get any answers wrong, they can begin smart practice
2. Students will be taken through questions in the kahoot again until they score 100%. They'll be prompted to replay the same kahoot 24 hours later, and again, another 48 hours after that.
3. Students collect fun reward emotes: fun animated reactions with different characters to express themselves in challenges. Great for motivation!



Further reads

- ▶ [Learners to leaders: closing the learning loop with Kahoot!'s app](#)
- ▶ [Spacing and testing: psychology-backed methods that increase knowledge retention](#)
- ▶ [How to put spacing and testing into practice with Kahoot!: tips for teachers and students](#)

Best practices for using Kahoot! for formative assessment

Understand how Kahoot! can be maximized for formative assessment, and learn how to best utilize reports to track student progress.

Kahoot! goes beyond being a fun motivation for students to study or reward - with it, you can capture useful instructional data for formative assessment. Yet how can you make the most out of all the data to better target and direct your instruction?

Create and host a kahoot for formative assessment

- ▶ Start by determining what type of knowledge you're trying to assess and frame your **questions around these objectives**, tailored to the topic or unit you're working on.
- ▶ Use the language and vocabulary that you know will be used in unit tests, so students can get used to hearing and comprehending the terms.
- ▶ Support different learning styles by **using media** in your kahoot - for example, including video for more visual learners.
- ▶ The wrong answers are just as important as the right ones, especially for formative assessment. Include common mistakes, misconceptions and red herrings as answers.
- ▶ When hosting your kahoot, pause and take advantage of teachable moments after each question - provide additional explanation or take a closer look at media.

Analyze game reports to track progress and assess learning

Always keep in mind the core insights when looking at data, to ensure more effective intervention: Is there a question that a lot of students missed? For the question they missed, did they miss it for the same reason? Is that reason related to content or motivation?

Exploring data in a basic report

Start by downloading a kahoot report and opening it in your preferred spreadsheet tool.

- ▶ If the total correct percentage is less than 80% correct, there should be room for improvement.
- ▶ Go to the **Answer Summary** section to identify questions that need reteaching. When you come across a question that was answered more incorrectly, immediately check to see if multiple students were picking the same wrong answer.
- ▶ Moreover, be sure to look at the **Answer Details** section on a question to check which exact student (via their nickname) is answering incorrectly and how long they're taking to answer.

Exploring data in an advanced report

With Kahoot! Pro for schools, advanced reports provide a more accessible overview of data, as well as presenting various insights in a neat, visual way.

- ▶ Identify the trickiest question in the **Summary** section. If you jump to the trickiest question, you can immediately see if students are getting the question wrong for the same reason.
- ▶ You can also track student effort in the same place by viewing the time taken to answer.
- ▶ A chart showing player progress throughout the game will help you understand if a specific student was in the lead all the time, if a student progressed steadily throughout the game, or, if they performed more erratically.

Further reads

- ▶ [Case study: Formative assessment strategy that makes a difference](#)
- ▶ [Case study: Avid science Kahoot!ers projected to perform 75% above district norms](#)

Get K!reative: making the most out of the new creator

Creation is at the core of Kahoot!'s mission. Learn how we've made it easier and faster to create engaging kahoots with our brand new and improved creator, focused on saving time and providing a richer Kahoot! experience with new media, question types, and more!

You asked, we listened!

By adding new features, we've checked some of the popular requests off our community's wish list:

- ▶ **25% higher character limit:** questions will now allow up to 120 characters and answers up to 75 characters, allowing you to say more with your kahoot.
- ▶ **More characters? Add info to slides! (Pro feature):** use slides with text, images or video to introduce new content, provide additional explanation for questions, or transition to the next topic with ease.
- ▶ **Autosave feature:** never lose a kahoot again! All your work will be automatically saved with no stress.
- ▶ **Drag & drop:** save time with easy question duplication and simply drag & drop to reorder.

Faster, easier creation

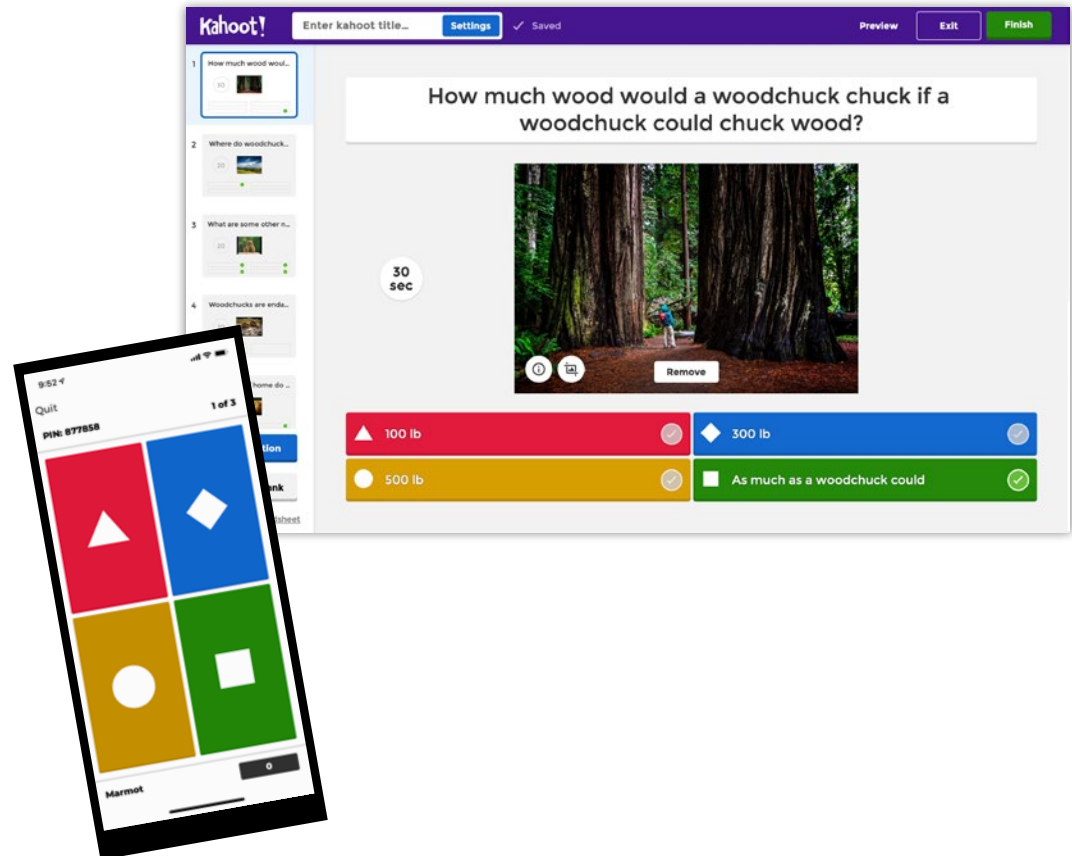
Here's a rundown of features that'll help you save precious time and help create games 3x as fast! A few of these additions were inspired by your feedback, too:

- ▶ **All new community-powered question bank:** we do the work for you – based on whatever the game creator types, we'll auto-suggest questions, answers and supporting images from over 60 million public kahoots and 600 million questions, and a library with millions of images.
- ▶ **True or false question type:** speed up game creation, or simplify your game.
- ▶ **What you see is what you get:** the new creator offers a more intuitive, visual way to create games.
- ▶ At any point during the creation process, you can check what your questions will look like to players in the **Preview** mode.

More ways to play

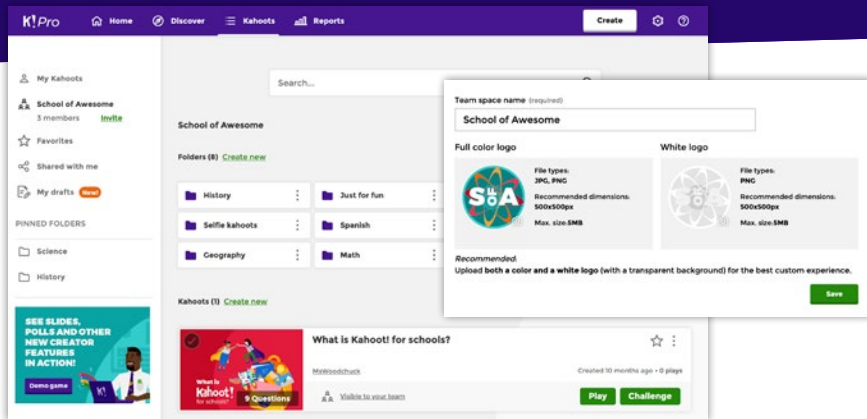
The new creator also introduces more ways to play that will let you change dynamics and engage any audience.

- ▶ **Extended timer option:** got a tough topic to cover that requires more time to focus? No problem – our new timer option allows up to 4 minutes for players to answer. Great for math!
- ▶ **New poll question type (Pro feature):** gather feedback from your players, or use as a quick pulse-check for your audience.
- ▶ **Teach a lesson with slides (Pro feature):** using slides, you can teach a whole lesson without leaving Kahoot! Introduce new content, review previous topics and provide more context to your students!
- ▶ **Mix it up (Pro feature):** combine quiz, true/false, poll and slides into one awesome game to keep players on the edge of their seats.



Go Pro: all the benefits for a Kahoot! Pro subscription

With Kahoot! Pro for schools, educators can make learning awesome together! Learn about all the core features you can get with a Pro subscription, from a shared collaborative teamspace, to more question types and ways to play.



Creation

Image library

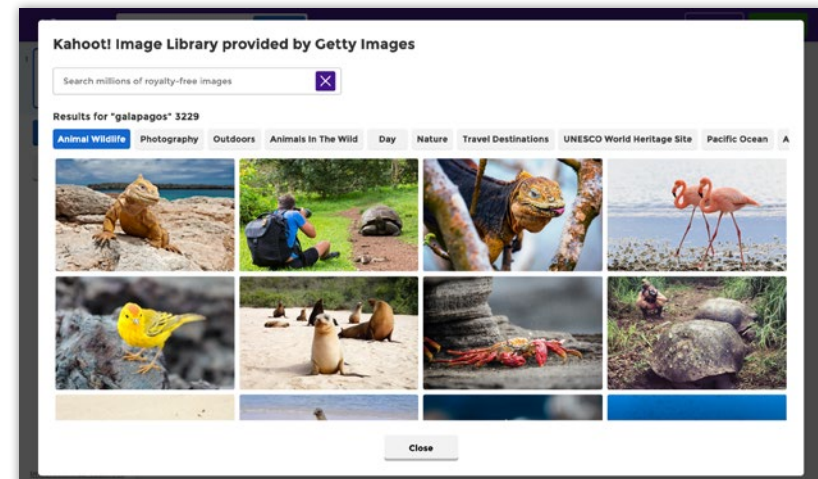
With Pro, you can access our image library with millions of royalty-free, high quality images, which can help you create kahoots super fast! When you start typing a question, auto-suggestions for imagery will be made for you based on the keywords you add.

Collaboration

Your teamspace & folders

Your teamspace is a private, secure space where your school kahoots are stored. It's the perfect place for you to collaborate with other teachers. Here, you can also add your school logo to customize your game experience - perfect for school spirit!

You can also organize your kahoots into folders by grade level, subjects, semester, or however you prefer. Folders are available under your personal space - My kahoots - as well as under your team space.



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Slides and polls

Slides allow you to add text, images or video to your game, which gives more context to your questions or allows you to teach an entire lesson with one game. Here are our top ways to use them:

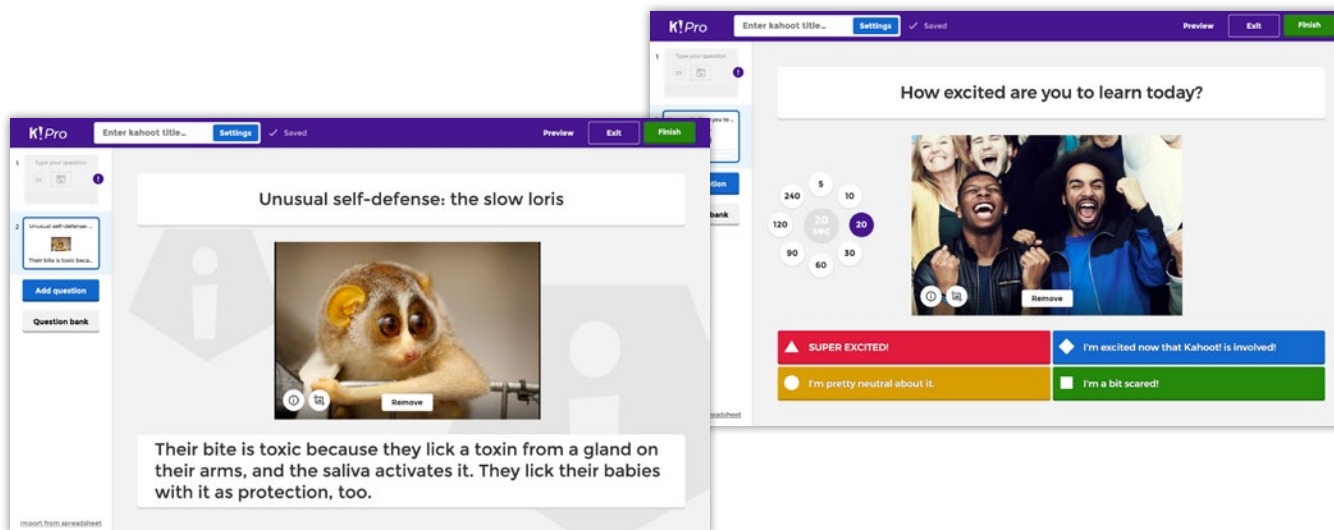
- ▶ Provide **additional explanation** and give more context
- ▶ **Introduce** a new topic.
- ▶ **Transition** to the next topic
- ▶ **Present** info needed to answer the next question

To keep the game experience fun and dynamic, we only allow you to add one slide between each question. When

adding slides, we recommend you to focus on visuals, and keep the text concise for maximum engagement.

Adding a poll to your kahoot is a great way to collect feedback, check how your students feel about the game and how well they understood the content. Here's how to use them:

- ▶ Get **instant feedback**
- ▶ Do a quick **pulse-check** at any point in your kahoot
- ▶ **Interact** with your audience
- ▶ Manage **dynamics** of your game session



Pro tip

With Kahoot! Pro for schools, you can combine ALL the different game types in the same game. You can create an engaging game with multiple quiz questions, true or false questions, slides and polls.

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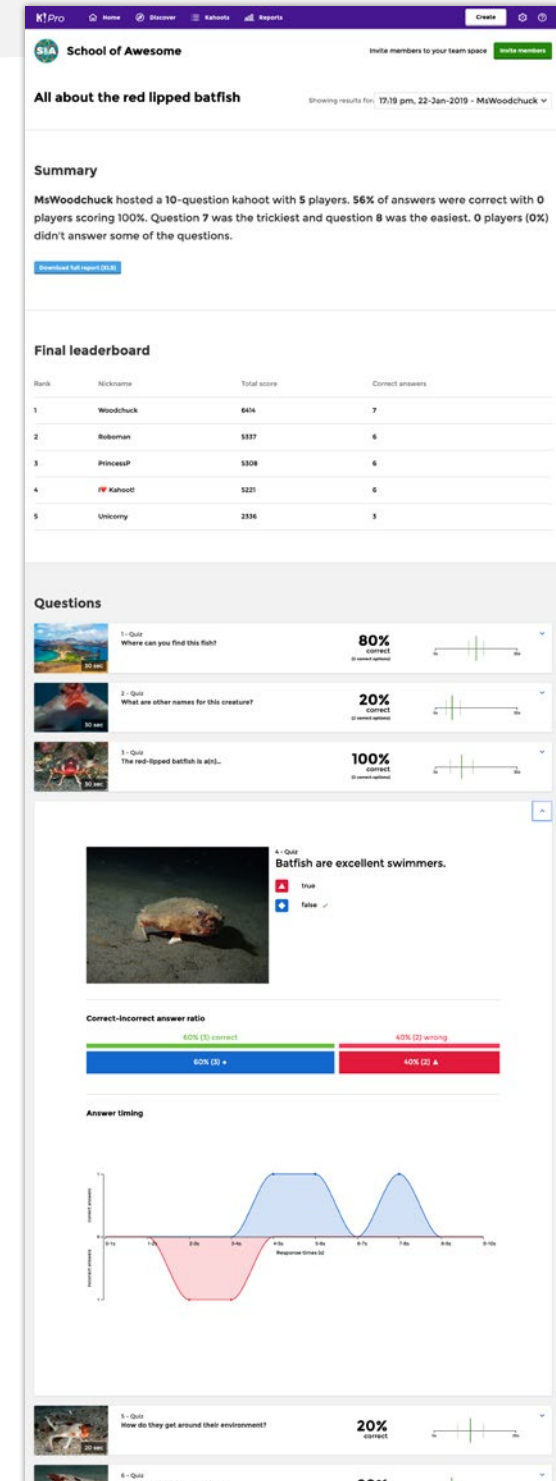
Data

Advanced, visual reports

In **My reports** you can view reports on your personal games. You can view reports on your school's kahoots by clicking your team name. All reports are time and date stamped, in case you played a game more than once, and you can sort reports by date, title, host username or number of players. Here's how to navigate an advanced report:

- **Summary:** view the key stats, such as which question was trickiest and easiest. You also have the option here to download the full report as a spreadsheet.
- **Leaderboard:** Scroll down to view the final leaderboard of top 5 players and their scores.
- **Individual questions:** click open the question cards to see how many players got the answer correct, and how long it took them to answer. Here you can spot if certain questions were more challenging and time-consuming to answer.
- **Feedback:** you'll see any feedback given by the players - you access the feedback screen at the end of a kahoot game, where players can share how they feel.
- **Player progress:** this chart shows player progress throughout the game - here you can understand if a specific player was in the lead all the time, if a player progressed steadily throughout, or, if they performed more erratically.

All this data can help improve how you develop content on a specific topic or learning unit, and adapt it to fit the players' needs.



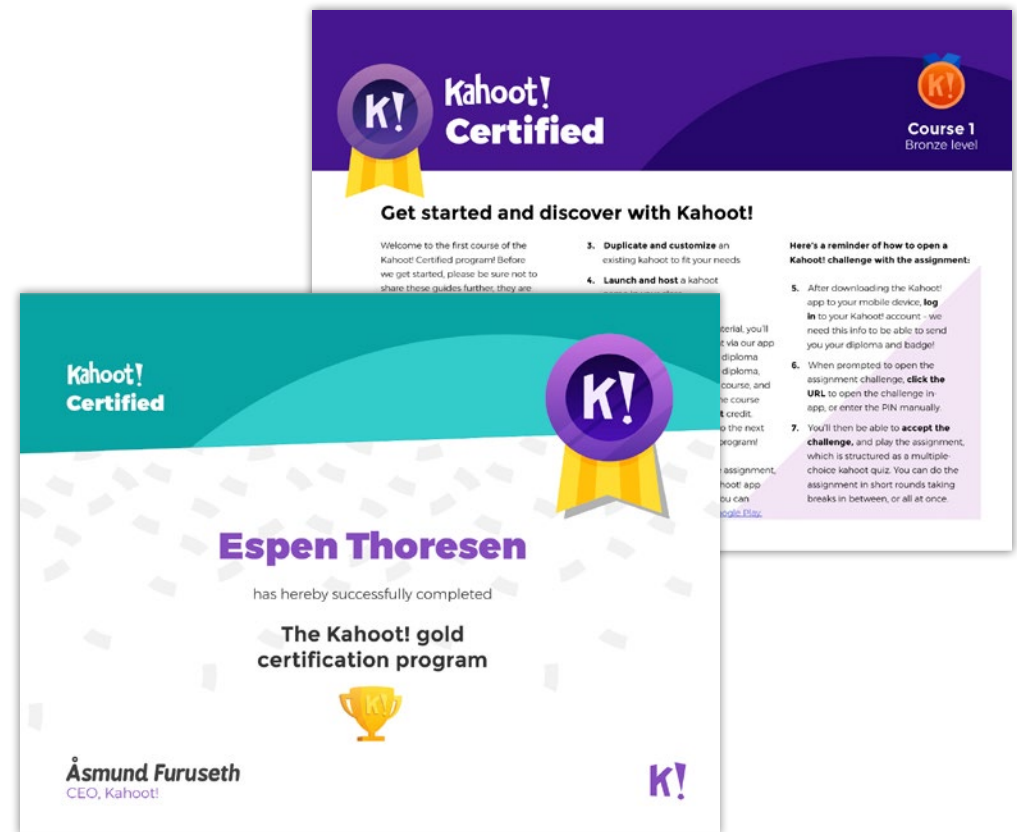
Kahoot! Certified: our free PD program just got renewed

Want to become the ultimate Kahoot! expert? With our free, online certification program, you can master advanced ways to play Kahoot!, score awesome badges, and claim professional learning credits.

Kahoot! Certified has three core tiers - beginner (Bronze), intermediate (Silver) and advanced (Gold). You'll start with Bronze, then progress to the next level, by taking a quiz assignment with the Kahoot! app. If successful, you'll receive a time-stamped certificate (in order to claim professional learning credits), a digital badge, and be able to progress to the next level.

The program is designed with busy educators in mind. Our snappy, fun video tutorials and downloadable, visual PDF guides means you're in control of your learning! No need to wait around for a lesson at a specific time, or put reminders in the calendar.

Kahoot! advanced certification is a series of brand new, standalone courses, that explore deeper use cases of Kahoot!, and tactics to apply them in your classroom or school right away. Advanced certification courses can be taken at any time, in any order, with many being delivered by our awesome educator Ambassadors.



New courses for advanced certification (more coming soon!)



Kahoot! Pro certified

Get a better understanding of our Kahoot! Pro features. We'll dive into how you can collaborate more easily, create more engaging games and analyze performance with advanced reporting.



Rocketeer

Ambassador and educator Jack Quinn explains how you can apply data-driven instruction with Kahoot! in your classroom to improve student performance.



Master

Ambassador and educator Amber McCormick invites us to her class and instructs on how to master kahoots with the Play Again feature (formerly known as Ghost mode). Play again is a fun way for students to learn through repetition and competition with others.



Globetrotter

Ambassador and educator Steve Auslander explains how you can easily break down classroom barriers and connect with other teachers and students across the world, by learning and playing Kahoot! together. We call these connected kahoots.



Ace

We explore the principles of spacing and testing learning techniques, and how to apply these with your students via our Smart Practice feature, which is all about improving knowledge retention and mastering content.

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