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VIRTUAL LEARNING PLATFORMS

Today, in terms of fast life pace and pandemic, we are using more online platforms and apps to study. There are many options on the Internet, but which one to choose?

Zoom is the most popular app because of its user-friendliness and functionality. It has all the necessary functions for studying: a screen demonstration and interactive board, you can even record a conference. The platform requires the use of a password to take part in real-time video lectures. Not only does this provide a secure learning environment for students, but it also allows for safe interactions between students and teachers. But Zoom has a big minus as

well. There could be frequent disruptions in conferences caused by either other people or bad internet connection.

Google Meet is a video conferencing service from Google. It was originally only available to enterprise customers, but everyone can now use Google Meet for free. It is available on the Web, phones and tablets for Android and iOS. The platform is primarily designed as a way to host video meetings. However, you can enable the camera and microphone independently, so you can just use it for audio calls if you wish. You can create ad hoc calls and invite your friends and family. One of the best things about Google Meet is that you don't need to install any software on desktop. Everyone in the call (the organizer and the attendees) simply has to be using a modern web browser.

Google Classroom requires the use of a Gmail account to access Classrooms. This platform is fantastic for easy communication, teamwork and sharing homework files. Plus, you can even use Classroom to make a class website and store important resources or information for students.

Microsoft Teams is a collaboration platform that unifies chat, voice, video and file sharing. It's designed to be used by local, remote and distributed work groups. Microsoft has steadily updated Teams since its initial launch. Now Teams is a persistent chat-based collaboration platform complete with document sharing, online meetings, and many more extremely useful features.

In general, all platforms are similar to each other so the choice depends on must-haves. Compare the list against each virtual platform's features and benefits. From there, you'll be able to settle on the best platform for your needs.