

Pear Deck vs Nearpod

Summary

The functionality of both platforms is very similar. Both will allow you to import an existing PowerPoint Presentation or Google Slides Presentation and then add interactive elements. The interactive elements are where the two platforms really differentiate. Simply put, Nearpod has significantly more capabilities.

Interactive Features in Free

Nearpod	Pear Deck
Open Ended Question	Open Ended Question
Poll	Number Response
Quiz	Multiple Choice
Drawing	Show a Website
Collaborate*	YouTube Video
3D Models/Diagrams**	
Videos	

*Creates something similar to a Padlet board embedded in the presentation.

**Interactive, moveable 3D models of animals, cells, places, and objects.

Interactive Features in Premium

Nearpod	Pear Deck
Fill in the Blanks	Drag a dot
Memory Test (game)	Drawing
Web Content	
Field Trip	
PDF Viewer	
Live Twitter Stream	
YouTube Videos	

As you can see, the feature list of Nearpod is significantly longer. The only feature that free Pear Deck has that Nearpod doesn't is direct embed of YouTube videos, but in most classroom use cases, this would likely not be the best way to disseminate a YouTube video anyways (teachers would likely prefer a product like EdPuzzle for this purpose).