**Researchers** from the research consortium Language in Interaction provide advice to facilitate successful **online group conversations**.

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**OPTIMIZE ONLINE CONVERSATIONS**

Give each other space to take turns. Online conversations take place at a slightly slower pace than live conversations, so some courtesy will look good on everyone.

- Use a **gesture or symbol** when ready to take a turn.
- Appoint a **chairperson**. This person gives every participant a turn to speak.
- Make a set of **explicit rules** for interaction during classes.

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**PICK UP THE SIGNALS!**

Improve your positioning in front of the camera: the better you can see someone, the more signals you get. Look into the camera to spark engagement. Use this when you want to emphasize your message.

- Make sure your **lips are visible**. Seeing someone’s mouth can help with understanding what they’re saying.
- Make sure your **hands are visible**. The gestures you make while speaking can help with understanding.
- Align **backgrounds** during online sessions to enhance focus and reduce noise.

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**STIMULATE INTERACTION**

Ask to **actively participate** and contribute to the conversation and to interact with each other about the subject matter, for example by asking and answering questions in the chat.

- **Include several short moments for interaction** and make sure that participants can indicate that they want to respond or say something.

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