

How To Use Homework Mode

Your students' RF Clickers can be used outside the classroom to do homework assignments. Students' answers to homework questions are stored in the Clicker's memory. Homework assignments are then collected in the classroom during a special Homework Session, which can be marked and stored in a PRS Gradebook or exported to a third-party grade book application.

In addition to the obvious advantage of not having to manually grade papers, there are other benefits to PRS's Homework Mode:

- It's very easy for students to use. The process of setting up a homework assignment and entering the answers to the homework questions is described in the *How To Use Your RF Clicker* tutorial.
- There are three Homework Bins, so a student can work on three homework assignments simultaneously.
- Each homework assignment can have up to 30 questions.
- Homework assignments cannot be worked on in class. Students are prevented from answering questions and changing answers while in the classroom.
- Students can *Send* in their homework assignments only after they have joined the Class. The Send command of Homework Mode is not available otherwise.
- A homework assignment is stored in the Clicker's memory until it is erased using the *New (clear all)* Homework Mode command. As long as the homework assignment remains in the Clicker's memory, the student can continue to work on it, adding new answers and changing existing ones. Each time the homework assignment is collected during subsequent Homework Collection Sessions, only new answers and changed answers are transmitted.

Preparing for a Homework Assignment

The only thing you have to do is hand out the homework assignment and describe the time frame for completion. You can create a homework assignment from any Lesson in PRS and use the Create Report option to print out the Questions and Response Choices. Nevertheless, your homework assignment need not derive from a PRS Lesson. The Questions and Response Choices can come from any source outside of PRS.

Note

You might want to make sure that the students know about and have access to the *How To Use Your RF Clicker* tutorial.

Collecting a Homework Assignment

- 1 Start the Class and have your students join it.
- 2 Start a New Session, indicating the source of the homework assignment (*PRS Lesson* or *No Lesson*) and click on the *Collect Homework* checkbox.
- 3 Instruct students to *Send* their homework assignments. Each Clicker will display messages as the answers are transmitted. A final tally of *Answers Sent/Answers Received* will display on each Clicker LCD screen.
- 4 End the Session. The Session will be listed in the Session List Window as a *Homework Mode* Session.

Marking a Homework Session

When you mark a Homework Session that is based on a PRS Lesson, the submitted homework assignments will be scored automatically, as is the case with any other Session based on a PRS Lesson. However, when you mark a Homework Session that is based on a non-PRS lesson, you will need to indicate the correct answers in the Mark Session dialog before the Session can be marked.