

SOARING TO SUCCESS FAQ

1. Do I have to use a duck?
 - No, you do not have to use a duck. Pick any item that works for your personality, classroom situation and will not cause injury when “passed along.” You want to choose something inexpensive as sometimes the item will disappear and depending on the class size you may need multiple items.
2. What is a PowerPoint duck?
 - To entice students to look up during lecture. I insert a small picture of a duck within a PowerPoint (see slide 6 of the PowerPoints). Sometimes I will have several. I tell students when you see a duck on the slide call out, “duck”, and you will earn a prize. I always give a prize for spotting the duck. Prizes include pencils, scan-trons, candy, or any other small item. Think of the “Where is Waldo” or “I Spy Book.”
3. Do you have to use the ducks every class?
 - I use the ducks every class for about the first 5 classes and then I randomly use them. I always have a duck in the PowerPoint. Be sure to bring the ducks to class as students often ask for them.
4. Why multiple ducks?
 - I have found that one duck per 50 students works well. If you have fewer ducks, students realize they will never get the duck and the exercise doesn’t work. If you have too many ducks, they become too distracting. You may have to experiment to find the correct number for you.