

Book Discussion Groups: Free Video Chat Options

Google Meet (formerly Google Hangouts)

Allows for up to 1 hour meetings and a maximum of 100 meeting participants. Requires creating a Google account if you don't already have one.

<https://apps.google.com/meet/pricing/>

GoToMeeting

Includes up to 40 minutes of meeting time, up to 3 people per meeting, in meeting chat feature, screen sharing and webcam support. <https://free.gotomeeting.com/>

Skype

Offers a free, web conferencing solution that also allows screen sharing. Anyone who wants to use Skype has to sign up. Users need to create a Skype name and download the program. In order to use the conferencing features, conference participants must be added to the contact list. <https://www.skype.com/en/>

Zoom

Offers 40 minutes of conferencing and 3 participants. Paid plans allow for many users as needed, unlimited meetings and video conferencing that includes many more features. <https://zoom.us/signup>

