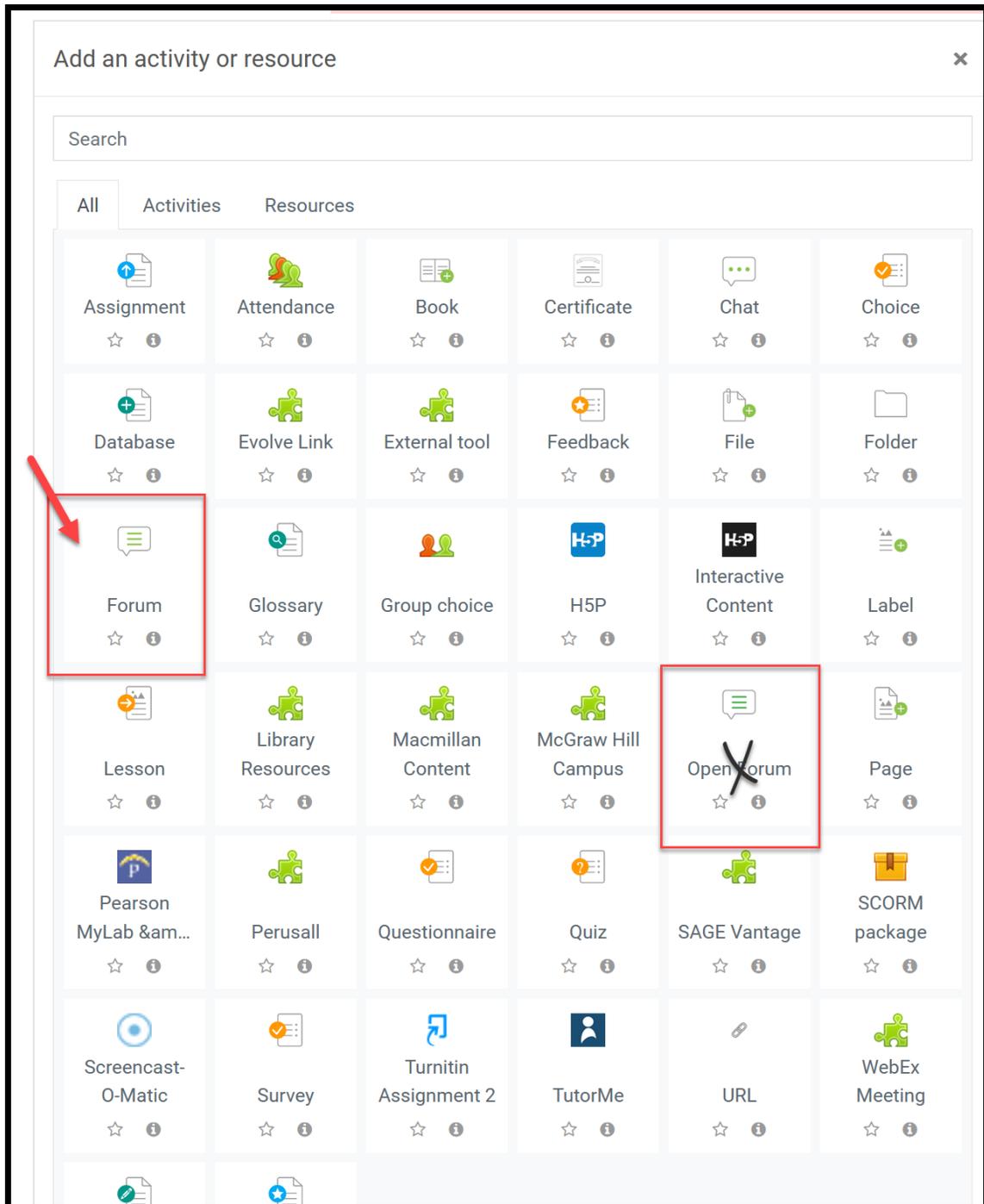


Discussion Forum Types

A discussion forum can be created in Moodle if **Forum** is selected under the **“Activities”** tab when creating a learning activity (Do not select **“Open Forum”**):



On the forum set-up page, there are different forum types that instructors can choose to fit the design of the discussion:

Adding a new Forum to Test Reminders

Forum name * Required

Description

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Display description on course page ?

Forum type ?

- Standard forum for general use
- A single simple discussion
- Each person posts one discussion
- Q and A forum
- Standard forum displayed in a blog-like format
- Standard forum for general use

Cancel

There are several forum types:

A single simple discussion - A single discussion topic where everyone can reply.

Each person posts one discussion - Each student can post exactly one new discussion topic, where everyone can reply.

Q and A forum - Students must first post their perspectives before they can view other students' posts.

Standard forum displayed in a blog-like format - An open forum where anyone can start a new discussion at any time, where the discussion topics are displayed on one page with Discuss this topic links.

Standard forum for general use - An open forum where anyone can start a new discussion at any time.

Post Editing Time Limit

Once a post has been made, students can go back and edit it within set time limit. This is usually **30 minutes**. *Note that teachers can always edit their posts.*

A single simple discussion

- Instructor posts one topic – directs discussion under one forum that the instructor begins.
- One single thread.
- Students are not able to start a new topic.
- Students can reply to the initial post or make follow-up replies to other students.
- Good for a focused discussion because it helps to stay on topic.
- When the course is re-set, the original discussion question does not get removed.

Each person posts one discussion

- Each student starts a discussion, but they can only begin one.
- Allows the instructor to initiate a thought by posting an article, video, etc. and have each student develop a discussion topic.
- Minimal amount of threads may be easier to manage.

Q and A forum

- Students will not see other responses until they post their own response.
- Eliminates copying of ideas.
- **Instructors must first post a question to the forum and students will then be able to see a link to post / reply to the forum.** Students do not have the ability to add initial question posts to Q&A forums.

Note: Since students have 30 minutes to edit their post, they won't be able to see other responses until after 30 minutes.

This is a question and answer forum. In order to see other responses to these questions, you must first post your answer

Olympics Q & A forum

Discussion	Started by	Replies	Last post
Combining the Games	Mary Cooch	1	David Beckham Thu, 13 Sep 2012, 10:05 PM

Initial view of Q&A forum

This is a question and answer forum. In order to see other responses to these questions, you must first post your answer

Combining the Games
by Mary Cooch - Thursday, 13 September 2012, 9:58 PM

Do you think the Olympics and Paralympics should be combined? If yes, why, and if no, why not?

Reply

Subject (hidden)
Author (hidden)
This post cannot be viewed by you, probably because you have not posted in the discussion or the maximum editing time hasn't passed yet.

Students cannot see posts until they post

Combining the Games
by Mary Cooch - Thursday, 13 September 2012, 9:58 PM

Do you think the Olympics and Paralympics should be combined? If yes, why, and if no, why not?

Reply

Re: Combining the Games
by David Beckham - Thursday, 13 September 2012, 10:05 PM

I think in an ideal world they should be combined but in reality I think it would cause a lot of organisational problems and create so many more categories the games would be come unmanageable.

Show parent | Reply

Re: Combining the Games
by Bradley Wiggins - Thursday, 13 September 2012, 10:07 PM

Absolutely! Yes! Bring it on!

Other posts visible when editing time is over

Standard forum for general use

- Instructors can set up any number of topics.
- Students can post a new topic.
- Multiple threads going on simultaneously.

Standard forum displayed in a blog-like format

- It works like the standard forum for general use, but the first post of each discussion is displayed (as in a blog) so that users can read it and then choose to respond by clicking the "Discuss this topic" button bottom right of the post.

The screenshot shows a forum interface with a header box containing the text "Talk about education issues here". Below this is a button labeled "Add a new topic". A red arrow points from the text "This works like a standard forum allowing you to begin a new discussion" to the "Add a new topic" button. Below the button are two forum posts. The first post is titled "What do you think of the cuts?" by Mary Cooch, dated Wednesday, 16 November 2011, 01:54 PM. The post content is "Are the education cuts worthwhile? Are we being wasteful or is this the thin end of the wedge?". A red arrow points from the text "But the first post is displayed as in a blog" to the top of this post. Below the post content is a blue link that says "Discuss this topic (1 reply so far)". The second post is titled "Student loans" by Martin Blackforest, dated Wednesday, 16 November 2011, 01:55 PM. The post content is "Does anyone have any experience of applying to study abroad and the procedures you need to go through?". A red arrow points from the text "you click to discuss" to a blue link that says "Discuss this topic (0 replies so far)".

Blog like forum

