Separate and visible groups in Forums

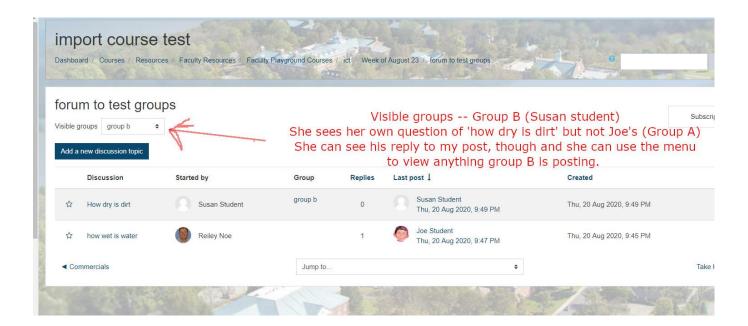
You can use separate and visible groups in a forum. Separate groups cannot access the work that has been assigned to other groups. Visible groups lets students see what other groups are doing, but they cannot add to it.

You can either assign a completely different forum, or you can give them a different discussion topic or set of discussion topics within a forum. The characteristics of the group may make this work better.

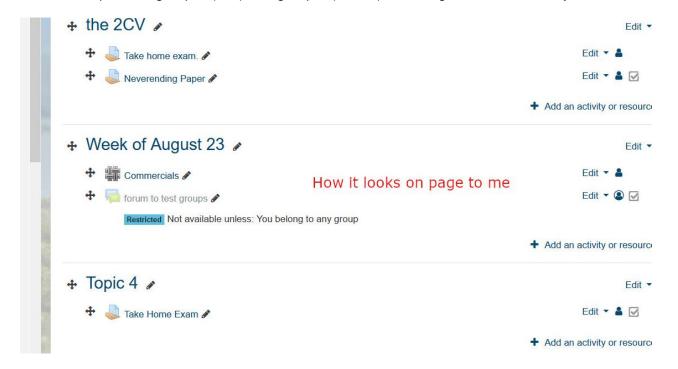
In this example both group A (Joe) and group b (Susan) have been given the same discussion topic "how dry is dirt". This is the Teacher view of a Visible groups. Note that you can see all of the groups as a teacher, regardless of whether or not they can see the work of each other.



This is how visible groups are set up Susan sees her post and the posts of her group, but she can click on the drop down menu and see the posts of other groups. They can see them but they can't add to them. The discussion that I have created is open to both.

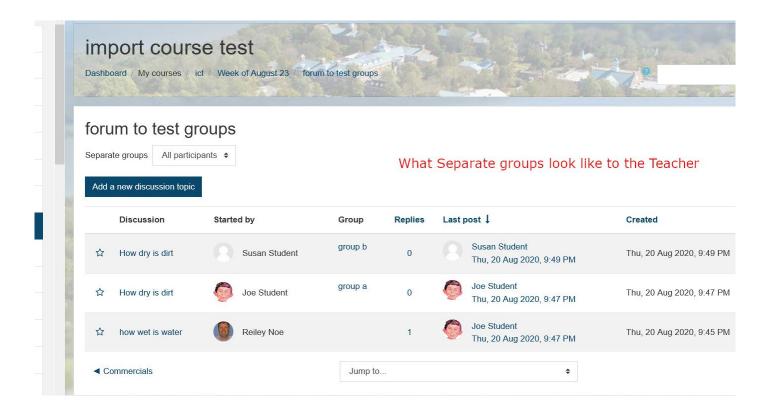


This is how it looks on the course page. It is hidden to those not in one grouping that has been given this forum. In our example both group A (Joe) and group b (Susan) are using this forum, so they can both see it.

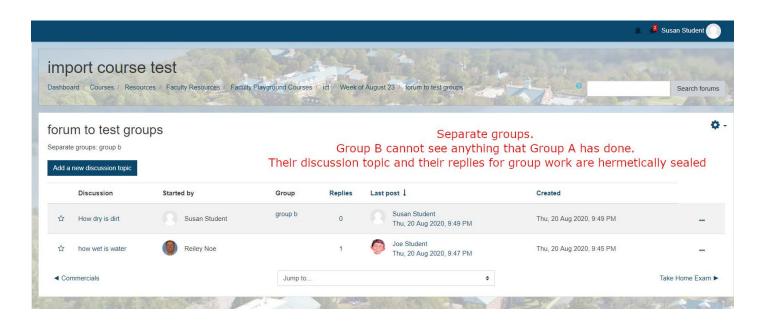


Separate groups

This is what separate groups looks like from the perspective of the Teacher. Again, you can see everything.



Here is what separate groups looks like to the student.



A good way to communicate the forum prompts to the students would be through the discussion area.

