

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.

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Visible groups: All participants

Add a new discussion topic

Visible groups -- teacher view

Students can see other groups but they work in their own. Rather than having different forums, I have the same discussion topic twice - once for each group.

Discussion	Started by	Group	Replies	Last post ↓	Created
☆ How dry is dirt	Susan Student	group b	0	Susan Student Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:49 PM	Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:49 PM
☆ How dry is dirt	Joe Student	group a	0	Joe Student Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:47 PM	Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:47 PM
☆ how wet is water	Reiley Noe		1	Joe Student Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:47 PM	Thu, 20 Aug 2020, 9:45 PM

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.

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Visible groups: group b

Add a new discussion topic

Visible groups -- Group B (Susan student)

She sees her own question of 'how dry is dirt' but not Joe's (Group A) She can see his reply to my post, though and she can use the menu to view anything group B is posting.

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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.

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How it looks on page to me

Separate groups

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

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Separate groups All participants

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What Separate groups look like to the Teacher

Here is what separate groups looks like to the student.

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Separate groups: group b

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Separate groups. Group B cannot see anything that Group A has done. Their discussion topic and their replies for group work are hermetically sealed

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

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In a cogent and well thought out paragraph, please discuss the variation of dryness of dirt. Discuss a factor that lead to moisture and aridness. Reply to a group member and analyze their thoughts. Apply this weeks readings. Keep your response under 250 words.

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