

Grade essay questions in the Quiz activity

You can have both objective questions and essay questions in the same Quiz activity. Moodle is set to automatically grade objective questions. However, if you also have essay questions in the same quiz, students will not see their quiz grade until you have manually graded the essay questions. Once you assign points to the student's essays, those points are automatically added to their quiz grade. This tutorial will also explain how students can see comments you may have left for them about their responses to the essay questions.

Follow the instructions below to grade essay questions that were part of a quiz activity.

The screenshot shows the Moodle Quiz activity interface. At the top, there is a 'QUIZ' section with a link to 'Test #3'. A red box highlights this link with the instruction 'Click the link to the quiz.' Below this, the quiz status is shown: 'Attempts allowed: 1', 'This quiz closed on Sunday, April 4, 2021, 11:50 PM', and 'Time limit: 1 hour 20 mins'. A red box highlights the 'Attempts' link with the instruction 'Click Attempts'. Below the 'Attempts' link, the number of attempts is shown: 'Attempts: 45'. Further down, there are filters for 'What to include in the report', 'Attempts from', 'Attempts that are', and 'Display options'. A red box highlights the 'Show report' button with the instruction 'Scroll down the screen to this area.' Below the filters, there is a 'Download table data as' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Comma separated values (.csv)' and a 'Download' button. The main table shows the quiz results for two students: Celest Ostercamp and Seth Erickson. A red box highlights the 'Requires grading' link for Seth Erickson's attempt with the instruction 'Click Requires grading to read a student's answer to a specific question and be able to make comments and provide points (mark)'. Below the table, there are two red boxes: one on the left with the text 'More details about what happens after clicking "Requires grading" are on the next two pages.' and one on the right with the text 'To make changes to an essay grade, click the grade to make changes.'

QUIZ

Test #3

Click the link to the quiz.

Attempts allowed: 1

This quiz closed on Sunday, April 4, 2021, 11:50 PM

Time limit: 1 hour 20 mins

Click Attempts

Attempts: 45

What to include in the report

Attempts from

enrolled users who have attempted the quiz

Attempts that are

☒ In progress ☒ Overdue ☒ Finished ☒ Never submitted

Show only attempts

☐ that have been regraded / are marked as needing regrading

Display options

Page size

30

Marks for each question

Yes

Show report

Scroll down the screen to this area.

Click Requires grading to read a student's answer to a specific question and be able to make comments and provide points (mark).

Download table data as

Comma separated values (.csv)

Download

	First name / Last name	Email address	State	Started on	Completed	Time taken	Grade/100.00	Q. 1 /25.00	Q. 2 /25.00	Q. 3 /25.00	Q. 4 /25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Celest Ostercamp Review attempt	ostercamp.c@bulldogsmail.com	Finished	April 4 2021 7:22 PM	April 4 2021 8:33 PM	1 hour 11 mins	Not yet graded	Requires grading	Requires grading	Requires grading	Requires grading
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth Erickson Review attempt	erickson.s1@bulldogsmail.com	Finished	April 4 2021 7:39 PM	April 4 2021 8:40 PM	1 hour 1 min	Not yet graded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20.00	Requires grading	Requires grading	Requires grading

More details about what happens after clicking "Requires grading" are on the next two pages.

To make changes to an essay grade, click the grade to make changes.

Question 1
Complete Marked out of 25.00 Flag question

Explain some of the defining characteristics of the literary movement known as *Realism*. What was going on in the world during this time, and how was it different from previous periods such as *Romanticism*.

During the literary movement known as Realism, it seemed as if everyone was looking into life in a straight forward way and facing the depressing truth behind life's little details. One of the most defining characteristics in Realism is its drastic difference from so-called Romanticism. Romanticism focused on the unusual and mystical aspects of life and the mind of author's and gave readers a much more emotional and idealized view of the world. Realism, on the other hand, focused on the real-life circumstances and less on the unusual and mystical aspects of life. Realism was a reaction against Romanticism and instead told stories of ordinary people's lives who lived harsh realities. During this

Your essay question appears above each student's response.

Student's response.

You can drag the window to enlarge it or maximize the window to fill your screen.

Make comment or override mark

Click here to grade and provide comments to student.

Comment

Paragraph B I [List Icons]

Path: p

Mark out of 25.00

Place comments to student.

Place points earned.

Response history

Step	Time	Action	State	Marks
1	04/4/21, 19:22	Started	Not yet answered	
2	04/4/21, 20:33	Saved: During the literary movement known as Realism, it seemed as if everyone was looking into life in a straight forward way and facing the depressing truth behind life's little details. One of the most defining characteristics in Realism is its d	Answer saved	

Click to **Save** points earned and comment.

Save Cancel

Comment:

Good

Make comment or override mark

Response history

Step	Time	Action	State	Marks
1	04/19/21, 07:00	Started	Not yet answered	
2	04/19/21, 07:01	Saved: Pretty good.	Answer saved	
3	04/19/21, 07:01	Attempt finished	Complete	
4	04/19/21, 07:06	Manually graded 1 with comment: Good	Complete	1

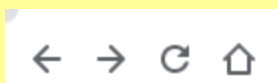
Scroll back to the bottom of the window to see if our grade was saved

Close this window

Click to **close the window** to click on the next question that requires grading (or just click the next question that requires grading and the window will close automatically)..

	Q. 1	Q. 2	Q. 3	Q. 4	Q. 5
Grade/100	/20	/20	/20	/20	/20
Not yet graded	✓ 20	✓ 20	Requires grading	✓ 20	Requires grading
Not yet graded	✓ 20	✓ 20	Requires grading	✓ 20	Requires grading
-	20 (2)	20 (2)	-	20 (2)	-

Note: You do not see the points you saved immediately. You can click the Back button at the top left of your screen, click **Attempts** again, and the points will appear.



Attempts allowed: 1

Attempts: 5

Or you can just go to the next question that requires grading. (All points you have given for any student will appear once you click the back button and **Attempts**.)

What happens after you grade all essay questions

Points you give a student on the essay question(s) will automatically be added to the student's points earned on the objective questions. Once you have assigned points to all essay questions, students can see their grades in the Moodle Gradebook.

The next page in this tutorial shows how students can see your comments and points earned.

Suggestions to help students:

In your instructions for the first quiz with essay questions, explain that they won't see their quiz grade until you have graded all of their essay questions.

Also tell them the Student Tutorials link explains how they can see your comments and points earned for the essay questions.

How students see their grades and feedback comments from the instructor

Students can click the Quiz in their Moodle gradebook >> click **Review** >> scroll to see instructor comment below the essay question and their response. (Students have the following instructions in their **Student Tutorials**.)

The screenshot illustrates the steps a student takes to view their grades and feedback comments. Red boxes and arrows highlight the following elements:

- Click Course Dashboard**: Points to the 'Course Dashboard' link with a speedometer icon.
- Click Gradebook**: Points to the 'Gradebook' link with a list icon.
- Click the quiz name**: Points to the 'Test #3' link with a document icon.
- Click Review**: Points to the 'Review' link in the table.

Summary of your previous attempts

State	Grade / 100.00	Review
Finished Submitted Sunday, 4 April 2021, 2:20 PM	88.00	Review