

Use Open Forum in Groups

Set an open forum so groups can only post and reply to each other within their group.

Everyone can have access to the same forum although only members of a group can post/reply to each other. The instructor sees everything whether in a group or not.

Example 1: Your course has a “teamwork” core objective, and they need a place to discuss what each member of the team is doing.

Example 2: Students need to complete a “peer review” of each other’s work before each member submits their completed work.

Note: If they need to work on a document or slideshow to submit as a team, it is better to use an Assignment activity instead of an Open Forum

The image shows a screenshot of the 'OPEN FORUM' settings page in a learning management system. The forum is titled 'Group Project Discussion Forum'. A red arrow points from a text box to the 'Edit settings' link. Another red arrow points from a text box to the 'Group mode' dropdown menu, which is set to 'Separate groups'. A third red arrow points from a text box to the 'Add group/grouping access restriction' button. A fourth red arrow points from a text box to the 'Restrict access' section, specifically to the 'Add restriction...' button. The 'Restrict access' section shows two restrictions: 'Group Hybrid students' and 'Group Online students'.

OPEN FORUM
Group Project Discussion Forum

Select **Edit settings** for the Open Forum.

Separate groups
Entire class

Under the **Common module settings** heading, choose **Separate groups** so that only members of each group can post and reply to those in their group.

If you want **all** students to see and use the same forum but only be able to post/reply to those in their separate group, use one of the 2 methods below.

Method 1:
Create a **grouping** of all groups called “Entire class” and choose it here.

Method 2:
Add a restriction for each group you want to have access.

Common module settings

ID number

Group mode
Separate groups

Grouping
None

Add group/grouping access restriction

Restrict access

Access restrictions

Student must match all of the following

Group Hybrid students

and

Group Online students

Add restriction...