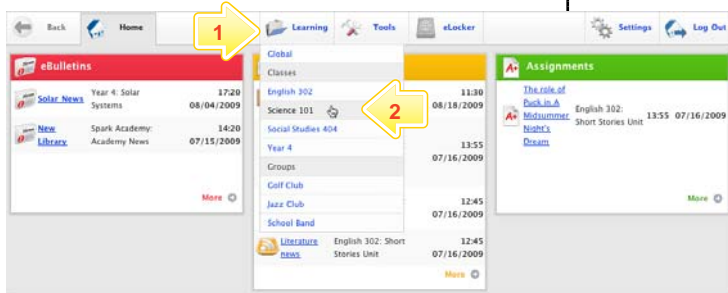


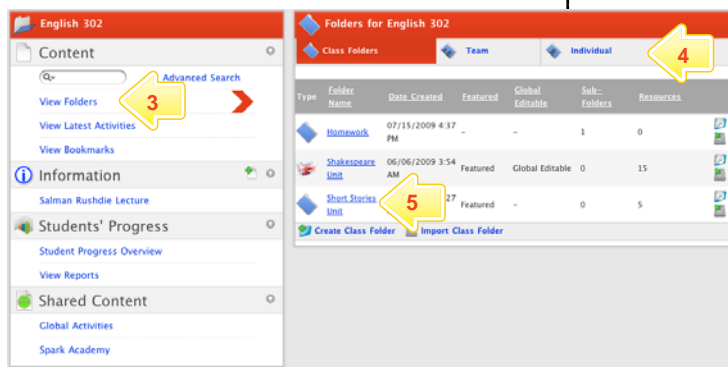
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Create a new Discussion

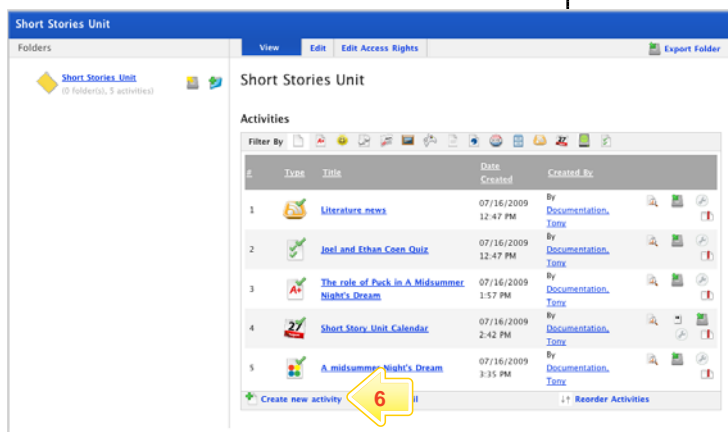
With StudyWiz Spark Discussions you can discuss topics with a Class, Group or an individual within your StudyWiz Spark community.



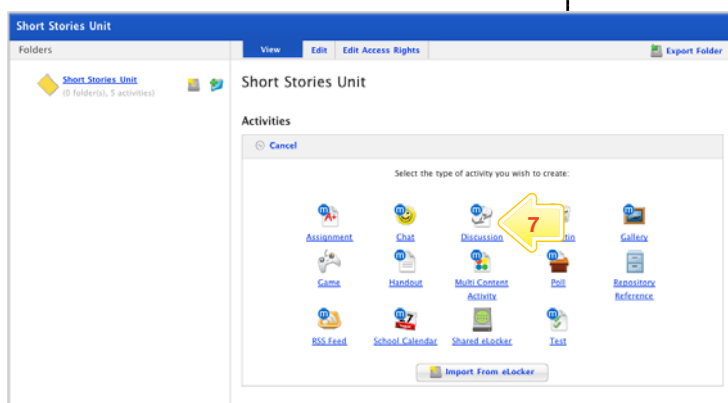
- 1 Roll the mouse pointer over the **Learning** tab. The **Learning** drop-down list appears.
- 2 From the **Learning** drop-down, select the Class or Group in which you want to save the activity. The Class or Group page appears.



- 3 Click **View Folders**.
- 4 If you want to create the activity in a Team folder or an Individual folder, click the appropriate tab.
- 5 Click the folder in which you want to save the activity.



- 6 Click **Create new Activity**.



- 7 Click **Discussion**.

Discussion

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9 Complete the **Subject**, **Short Description** and **Keywords** fields. Separate keywords with spaces or commas.

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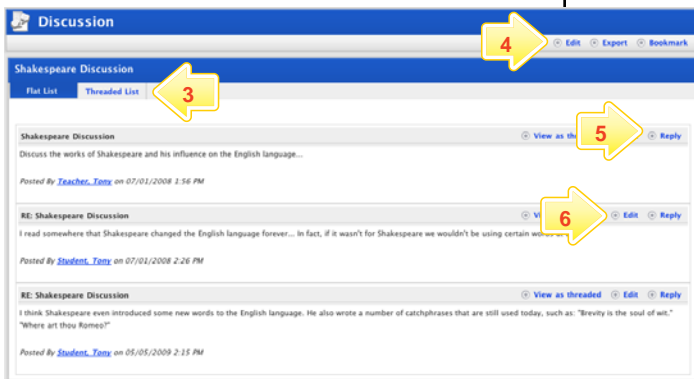
Once the Discussion is under way you can view, respond to and edit the replies.

Edit or Respond to a Discussion

#	Type	Title	Date Created	Created By
1	Discussion	Shakespeare Discussion	20/08/2007 11:48 AM	Teacher_Tony
2	Text	The Beach	20/08/2007 11:48 AM	Teacher_Tony
3	Text	Shakespeare Text	07/01/2008 5:15 PM	Teacher_Tony

1 Navigate to the folder that contains the Discussion.

2 Click the Discussion. The Discussion page appears.



- 3 Click the tabs to view the discussion as a **Flat List**, or as a **Threaded List**.
- 4 To edit the entire Discussion, click **Edit** on the Discussion panel.
- 5 To comment in the discussion, click **Reply**.

Discussion replies are threaded, logged and date stamped.

- 6 To edit or moderate a user comment, click the **Edit** option adjacent to the comment.
- 7 Click **Save** after every edit or reply.

Tips and Hints

- 1 Discussions are a great way to engage students and get them talking about a topic.
 - Set up a Discussion as part of a classroom activity and tell your students that the content of the discussion will form part of an assessment.
 - Use Discussions as Group or Team 'logbooks' for reporting; this encourages input from all class members.
- 2 The Studywiz Spark Discussion activity has all the benefits of a Chat session with the added advantage that it is threaded. Discussions can veer onto related topics and not detract from the coherence of the original thread.
- 3 By setting up a group containing the Teachers and Parents of a particular student you can create a discussion between the Teachers and the Parents.

If you have any ideas for this tool, you're invited to share it with other teachers at the Studywiz Global Community - <http://studywizgc.org/>