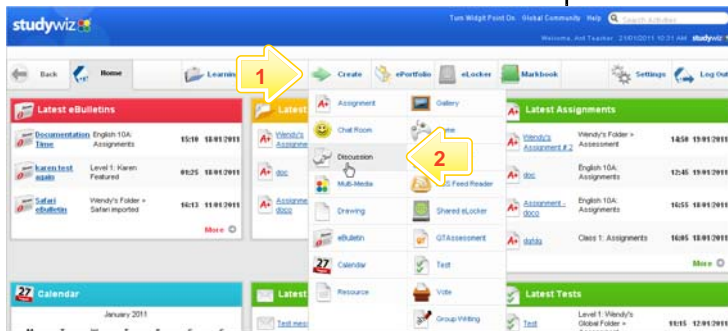


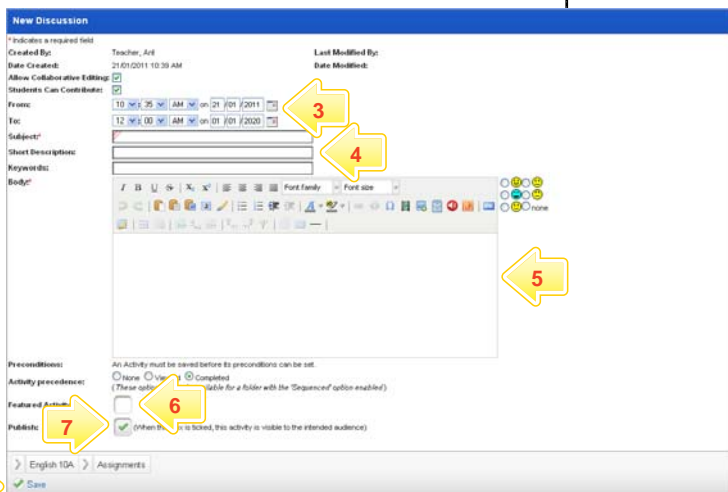
Discussion

Create a new Discussion

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



- 1 Roll the mouse pointer over the **Create** tab. The Activity list appears.
- 2 Click **Discussion**. The New Discussion panel appears.



- 3 In the **From** and **To** fields, set the times and dates between which you want the Discussion to be available.
- 4 Complete the **Subject**, **Short Description** and **Keywords** fields. Separate keywords with spaces or commas.
- 5 In the **Body** field, begin the Discussion and enter any other details.
- 6 To set the Discussion as a featured activity, select the **Featured Activity** checkbox.
- 7 If the Discussion is ready to publish, select the **Publish** checkbox.

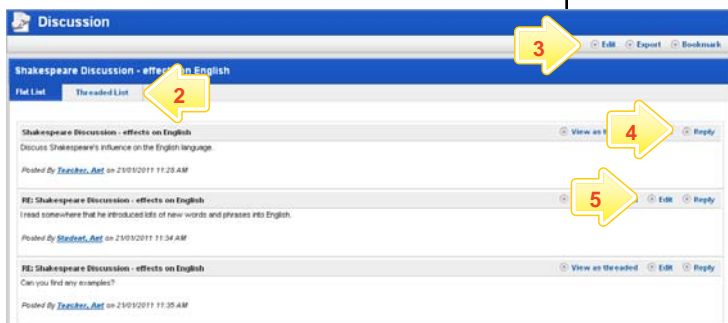
- 8 Click **Save**. The Discussion is saved and the Prerequisites option is enabled.

Hint Use the Crumbtrail to change the Activity's location. Once the Discussion is under way you can view, respond to and edit the replies.

Edit or Respond to a Discussion



- 1 Open the Discussion.



2 Click the tabs to view the discussion as a **Flat List**, or as a **Threaded List**.

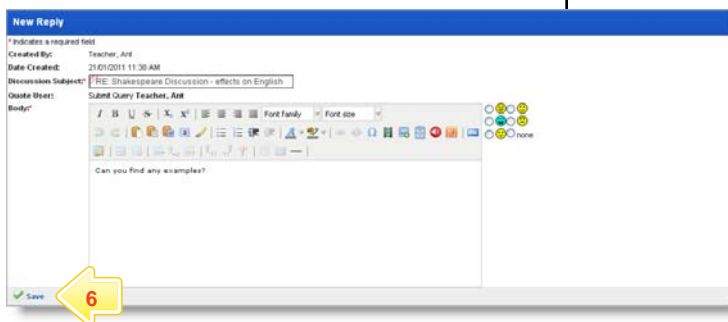
3 To edit the entire Discussion, click **Edit** on the Discussion panel.

4 To comment in the discussion, click **Reply**.

Discussion replies are threaded, logged and date stamped.

5 To edit or moderate a user comment, click the **Edit** option adjacent to the comment.

6 Click **Save** after every edit or reply.



Tips and Hints

- 1 Set a prerequisite for a Discussion by clicking the **Add Prerequisite** button. This allows you to specify a Test or QAssessment that your students must complete before they can attempt the new activity.
- 2 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.
- 3 The StudyWiz 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.
- 4 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/>