

Discussion

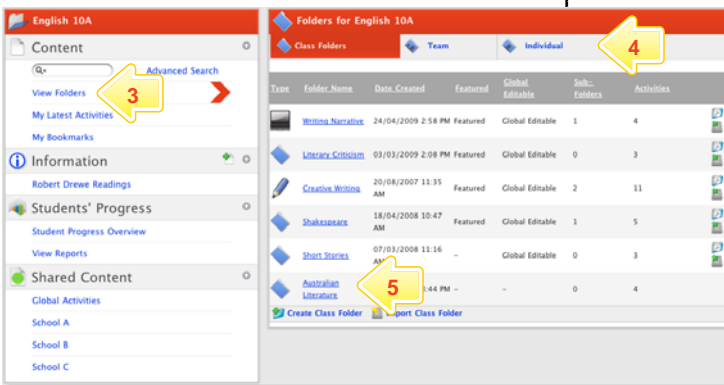
Create a new Discussion

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 **Learning** tab. The **Learning** drop-down list appears.

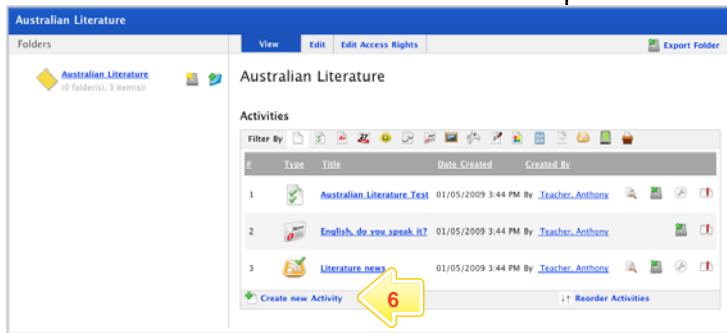
2 From the **Learning** drop-down, select the Class or Group in which you want to save the activity. The Class or Group page appears.



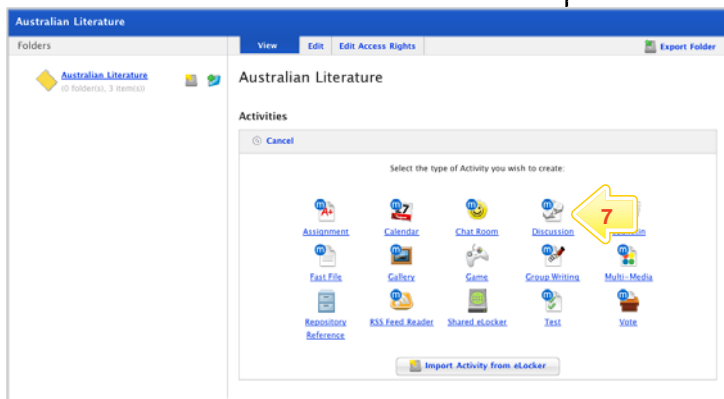
3 Click **View Folders**.

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

New Discussion

* Indicates a required field

Folder: English 10A, Australian Literature
Created By: Teacher, Tony
Date Created: 29/06/2009 5:41 PM
Last Modified By:
Date Modified:

Allow Collaborative Editing:

Students Can Contribute:

From: [12:40] on 29/06/2009 **8**

To: [12:40] on 29/08/2009 **9**

Subject:

Short Description:

Keywords:

Body:

Activity precedence: None Viewed Completed
(These options are only available for a folder with the 'Sequences' option enabled.)

Featured Activity: **11**

Publish: **12** (checked, this activity is visible to the intended audience)

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- 8** In the **From** and **To** fields, set the times and dates between which you want the Discussion to be available.
- 9** Complete the **Subject**, **Short Description** and **Keywords** fields. Separate keywords with spaces or commas.
- 10** In the **Body** field, begin the Discussion and enter any other details.
- 11** To set the Discussion as a featured activity, select the **Featured Activity** checkbox.
- 12** If the Discussion is ready to publish, select the **Publish** checkbox.
- 13** Click **Save**. The Discussion is saved and the Prerequisites option is enabled.

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

Edit or Respond to a Discussion

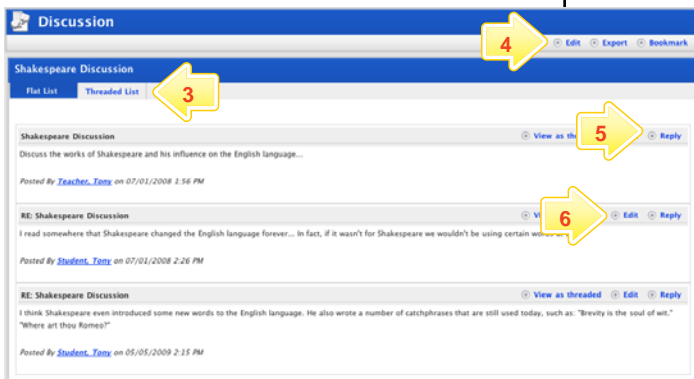
Creative Writing

Folders: Creative Writing (12 folders, 12 items)

Activities:

#	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 Set a prerequisite for a Discussion by clicking the **Add Prerequisite** button. This allows you to specify a Test or QTAassessment 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/>