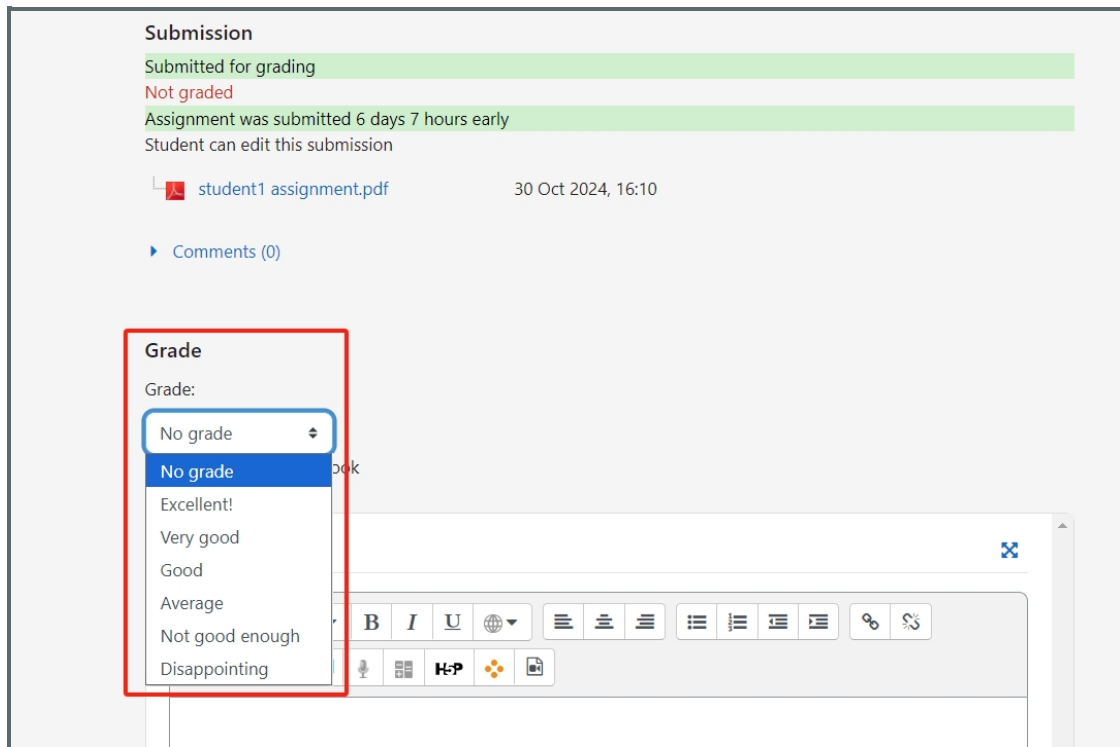# How to customize Scale

An example of a customized Scale

Overview:

This guide will show you how to customize your Scale.

What to know:

Scales provide a means to assess or rate student submissions and monitor activity completion. Instructors can design custom scales unique to their own courses. These scales can be applied in various activities, including forums and assignments, to evaluate and grade student participation and performance.

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Step 1: Open Scales in the Gradebook

1. Open Grades tab on the course-level menu
2. Open Grader report dropdown list
3. Choose Scales

Step 2: Define Scales

1. Click Add a new scale
2. Input Name, Scale
3. Save changes

The scale values from low point to high. Please be careful with the sequence of the scale items.

Add a scale

⌄ Scale

Name ❗ [Disappointing, Not good enough, Average, Good, ⌵]

☐ Standard scale ❓

Scale ❗ ❓ [Disappointing, Not good enough, Average, Good, Very good, Excellent!]

Description

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Words:0

[Save changes] [Cancel]

Step 3: Choose Scale in the settings of gradable activities

1. In the settings of gradable activity, choose the grade type to Scale.
2. Choose the scale you've created.

⌄ **Grade**

Grade ❓

Type [Scale ⬍]

Scale

[Default competence scale ⬍]

Default competence scale
Fail / Pass
Like
Likert (0-10)
Likert (0-5)
Likert (0-5)
Separate and Connected ways of knowing
Stars
Disappointing, Not good enough, Average, Good, Very good, Excellent! Scale

Grading method ❓ [S

Grade category ❓ [U

Grade to pass ❓ [

Anonymous submissions ❓ [No ⬍]

Step 4: [Optional] Set Grade to pass

According to the course aggregation method, set the Grade to Pass value.

In this example, if the course aggregation method is Natural. With Grade to Pass=3, "Average, Good, Very good, Excellent!" will be counted as pass.

How Learning Mall Core Calculates Scales							
Sample Scales		Disappointing, Not good enough, Average, Good, Very good, Excellent!					
What YOU see when grading		Disappointing	Not good enough	Average	Good	Very good	Excellent!
What LM Core sees and calculates	Weighted Mean of Grades, Simple Weighted Mean of Grades	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	4 (80%)	5 (100%)
	Natural	1 (16.67%)	2 (33.33%)	3 (50%)	4 (66.67%)	5 (83.33%)	6 (100%)

∨ Grade

Grade ❓

Type [Scale ⇕]

Scale

[Disappointing, Not good enough, Average, Good, Very good, Excellent! Scale ⇕]

Grading method ❓ [Simple direct grading ⇕]

Grade category ❓ [Uncategorised ⇕]

Grade to pass ❓ [3]

Anonymous submissions ❓ [No ⇕]

🚩 Check the aggregation method in gradebook
1. Turn on Edit mode
2. Click the gear icon under the main category
3. Check the aggregation method. The default method is Natural. You can switch to other aggregation methods.

Step 5: Save

Save the settings.

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