

# Essay auto-grade question

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Please write 100 words about your experience of studying at XJTLU. ([Show sample](#))

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Words:0

An example of the essay auto-grade question

## Overview:

This guide will show you how to create an essay auto-grade question type within the Quiz activity.

## What to know:

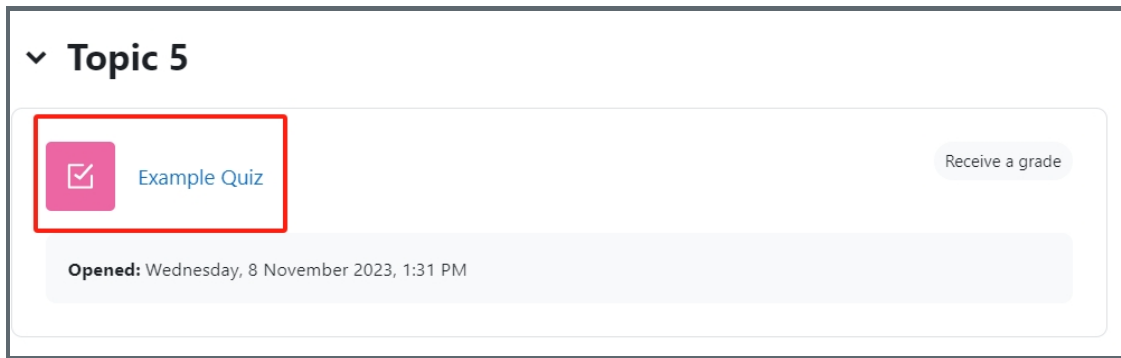
The essay question type allows students to upload files or online texts. This question is automatically graded. Grades can be overridden later by teachers. This question type can be useful when you want students to write a certain number of words/sentences/paragraphs or include a few sample phrases in their essays. However, please be noted the system will not be able to grade the contents of the essay which means you will need to grade students' work manually afterwards if you want to ensure the quality of the essays.

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Step 1: Access the Quiz activity

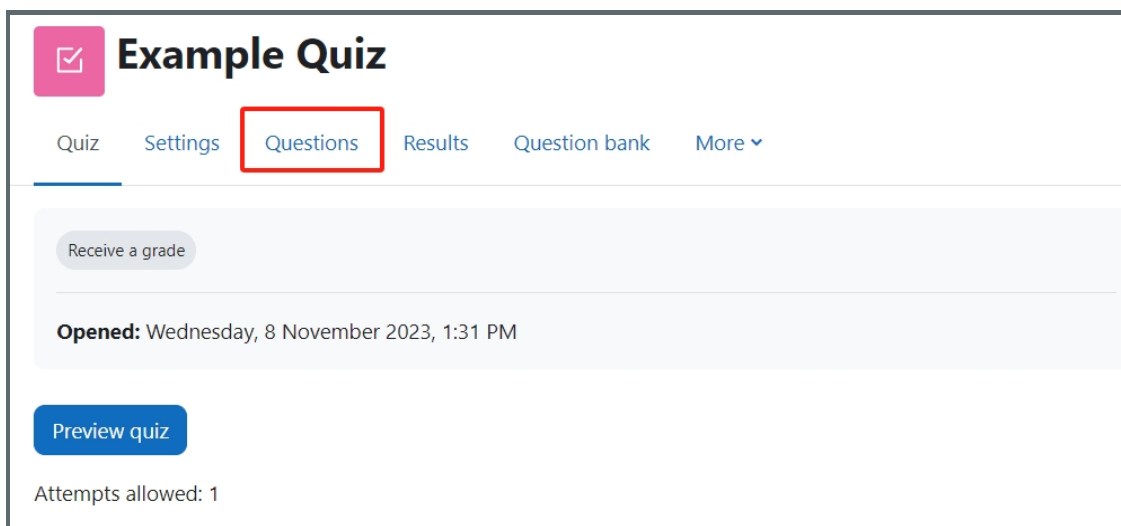
In your module area/course, click the link of the Quiz activity.



Note: If an appropriate Quiz activity doesn't exist in your module area/course, please see [Add a quiz](#) for details of how to create one.


## Step 2: Open the 'Questions' tab.

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## Step 3: Add a new question

1. On the following page, click the 'Add' link.
2. Click the 'a new question' link in the dropdown menu.

 **Example Quiz**



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## Questions

Questions: 1 | This quiz is open



Maximum grade

Total of marks: 1.00

 ☐ Shuffle 


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  **The Loch Ness Monster is a type of?** The Loch Ness Monster ...

Always

▾

 a new question


 from question bank


 a random question


#### Step 4: Choose a question type


1. Locate and select the essay question type from the pop-up window.
2. Click the 'Add' button.


### Choose a question type to add


☐  CodeRunner


☐  Drag and drop into text


☐  Drag and drop markers


☐  Drag and drop onto image


☐  Drag-and-Drop Matching


☐  Embedded answers (Cloze)


☒  Essay (auto-grade)

☐  Gapfill

☐  Matrix/Kprime

☐  Ordering

☐  Pattern match

☐  Random select

Allows an essay of several sentences or paragraphs to be submitted as a question response. The essay is graded automatically. The grade may be overridden later.

## Step 5: Configure general settings

### Category:

You can choose which category you would like to put your question in from the dropdown menu. If you have not created any category in your question bank, you can put the questions in the default category.

### Question name:

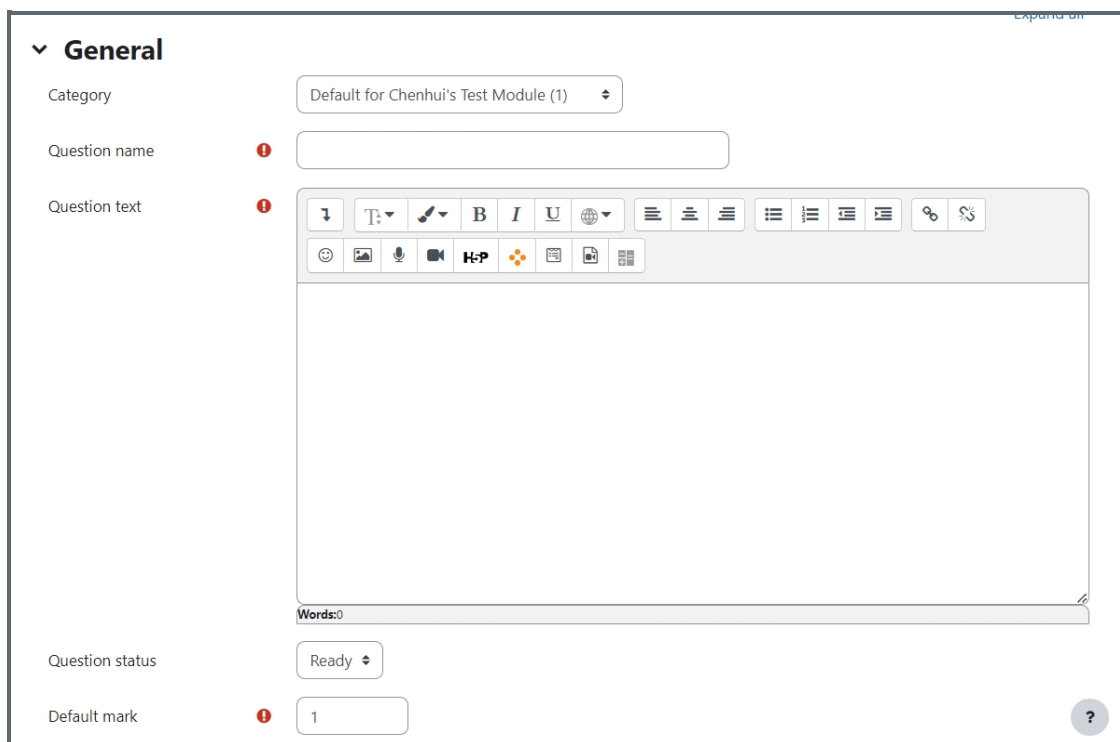
The question name is to help you to identify your questions. It is extremely useful when you view your questions in the question bank. It is recommended to put in enough information in the question name to help you to identify your questions quickly, especially in the question bank. A good example will be a question name like "Week1-location of XJTLU". Vague question names like "Q1" should be avoided. This section is mandatory. **Please note, students will not see the question names.**

### Question text:

Question text is a place where you can put in the question or instructions, for example, "Please write 100 words about your experience of studying at XJTLU". This section is mandatory. It is also possible to put images or videos in the question text.

### Default mark:

This is where you put the mark of the question. You can change the mark even during and after the quiz.



The screenshot shows a 'General' settings form for a question. It includes the following fields and controls:

- Category:** A dropdown menu showing 'Default for Chenhui's Test Module (1)'.
- Question name:** A text input field with a red information icon to its left.
- Question text:** A large text area with a red information icon to its left. Above the text area is a rich text editor toolbar with icons for undo, redo, text color, background color, bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, bulleted list, numbered list, decrease indent, increase indent, link, unlink, and help. Below the text area is a 'Words:0' counter.
- Question status:** A dropdown menu showing 'Ready'.
- Default mark:** A text input field containing the value '1' with a red information icon to its left.


A question mark icon is located in the bottom right corner of the form.














### General feedback:










Feedback can be given to your students at different quiz stages depending on how the settings are configured.

### ID number:


Please leave it blank.

General feedback 


Words:0


ID number 


## Step 6: Configure Response Options


Please leave the "Response format" as "HTML editor" and change the setting as you wish.


▼ **Response options**


Response format   Please leave it as HTML

Require text  

Input box size  

Minimum word limit   ☐ Enable


Maximum word limit   ☐ Enable














Allow attachments  










## Step 7: Response and sample template (if needed)

The response template will be displayed to students when they attempt the question. Please note the texts will need to be manually deleted.

▼ **Response template**

Response template 

Put the response template here

Words:0

An example of the response template:

Please write 100 words about your experience of studying at XJTLU. **(Show sample)**

This is an example of the response template.

**This selectable text will need to be deleted.**

You can also give students sample responses, which students can turn on and off without having to delete the texts manually.

Sample response ?

This is the sample text

Type in your sample here

Words: 5

Students' view of the sample responses. They can click "Show sample" to show the texts and "Hide sample" to make the texts disappear.

Please write 100 words about your experience of studying at XJTLU. **(Show sample)**

This is an example of the response template.

Please write 100 words about your experience of studying at XJTLU. **(Hide sample)**

This is the sample text



## ▼ Auto-grading

Enable automatic  
grading



Yes ⇅

Type of countable  
items



Words ⇅

Expected number of  
items



0

Show student  
feedback?



No ⇅

Show grade  
calculation?



No ⇅

Show text statistics?



No ⇅

Grade bands:

You can enable it if needed.

Target phrases:

You can require students to include phrases like "firstly", "secondly" in the essay.

Common errors:

Does not seem to be useful in higher education, please leave it disabled.



Grade bands

Show grade bands?

No

Award partial grades?

No

Add

Add 1 more grade band

Target phrases

Show target phrases?

No

Add

Add 1 more target phrase

Common errors

Glossary of errors

Penalty per error

0% of the question grade.

Error matching behavior

Match full or partial words.

Match is case-insensitive.

Recognize line breaks.

## Step 10: Add tags if needed

You can put in a tag or several tags by key in the tags. Click "x" to delete a tag. Tags can help you to organize your questions in your question bank. Read more about the use of Tag from this article ([link](#)). Tags are designed for your question management purpose. It will not be displayed to students

Tags

x week1

x week2

search

Click "x" to delete a tag

Key in one tag at a time and press "enter"

Other guides you may be interested:

1. [Essay question](#)
2. [Short answer question](#)

Online URL: <https://knowledgebase.xjtlu.edu.cn/article/essay-auto-grade-question-70.html>