How to release resources to students at different times or in different groups

Moodle Help & Support
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How to: release a resource or activity to a particular group of students

Moodle’s Restrict Access features allow you to release a resource or activity quite specifically, including to a specific group of students.

If you are creating a Forum, Wiki, Database or Glossary activity for groups, it makes sense to just set it as ‘separate groups’ as it will have the same effect.

Note: Using restrict access you will be able to see all the resources and activities in the module but students will only be able to see those restricted to their group or available to everyone, or within the dates you have set, etc.

If you wish to restrict by group then you must enable groups in your module.

Setting up Groups in the Module

- Find the Administration block, then click on Module administration > Edit settings
- Scroll down and expand the Groups section

Separate groups - means that all group members can access the activity, but they cannot see each others’ contributions, only those from other students in the same group.

Visible groups - means that group members can see the contributions of other groups but cannot interact with them.

Restricting resource availability to a particular group(s)

Groups must be enabled in your module settings as above.

- Create the resource as usual
- Go into the resource and find the Administration block
- Click on Edit settings then scroll down the page and expand the Rest
rict access section

- Click on the Add restriction button
- The Add restriction... pop-up window will appear. Click on the Group button. (You can choose to make available to students who MUST be in a group or those who MUST NOT)

Then select the relevant Group from the drop down menu
- Click on the Add restriction button

**NOTE**

You can add more than one restriction and can use AND or OR

Here is an example of multiple restrictions, making an activity available to two different groups at different times.
To Remove an Access Resource Restriction

Groups must be enabled in your module settings as above.

- Go into the resource and find the **Administration** block
- Click on **Edit settings** then scroll down the page and expand the **Restrict access** section
- To delete a restriction click on the 'X' to the right of the restriction.

**Restrict access**

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