

Using a Blog

A blog encourages users to reflect on their learning process. A blog is similar to a personal diary where the user can write anything relating to the topic. Another name for a blog is an online journal. Blogs enable users to give commentaries regarding topics influencing them, whether it is a student remarking on coursework or a member of staff remarking on their workload.

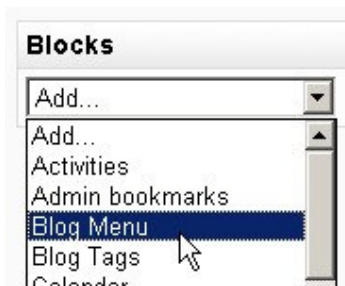
1. Turn the editing on by clicking on the **Turn editing on** button in the top right hand corner.



2. You will have to add the Blog block before you can create your Blog. Do this by clicking on the arrow next to the word **Add...** in the **Blocks** block on the right hand side:



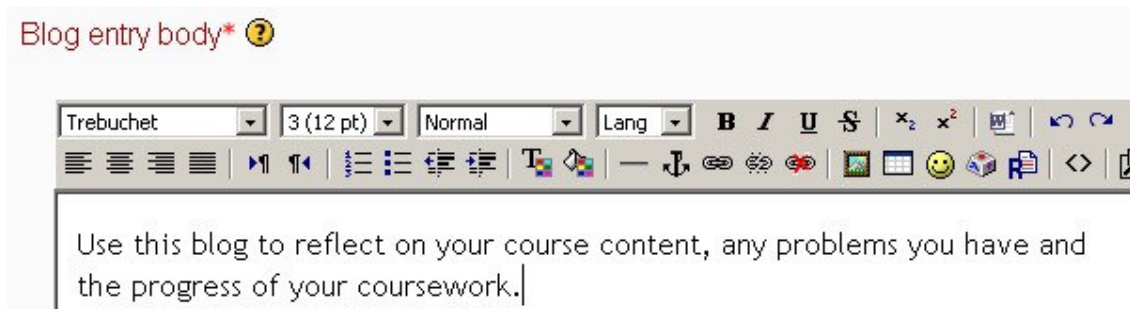
3. Click on **Blogs** from the list that is displayed.



4. Click on **Add a new entry**.



5. Type the name for the blog, e.g. Coursework
6. The file name will appear in the box. Click into the next box and give a brief explanation of what your blog will be about. E.g. Use this blog to reflect on your course content, any problems you have and the progress of your coursework.



7. Scroll down the bottom of the page and click on **Save changes**.

If you want to add content to the blog to encourage users to add their entries, click on **Add a new entry**:



By adding an example entry the user can then look at what you have written and understand how a blog works. An example of a student blog is as follows:

I was trying to do my coursework yesterday and found that my dog had eaten part of my assignment brief. I had to phone my lecturer who gave me an electronic copy but I didn't have Word installed. When I tried to install it my computer crashed and I

couldn't fix it. I had to go to a specialist who told me that my hard disk had failed and it would cost a lot of money to fix it. I went home and told my parents how much it would cost and they said they would pay for it if I babysat my baby sister.