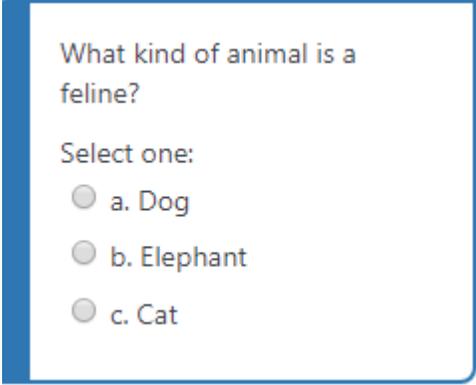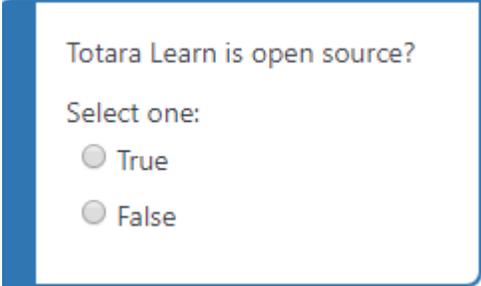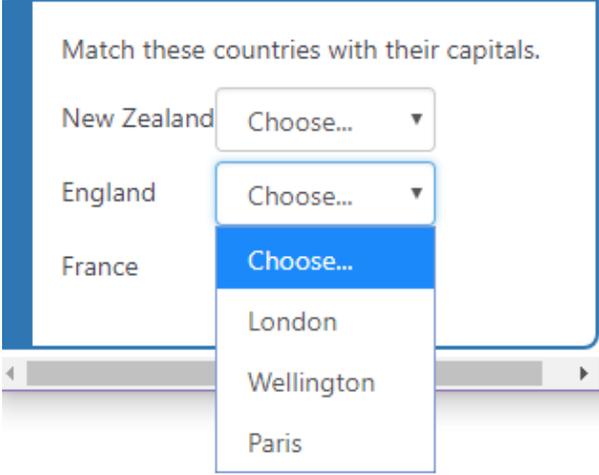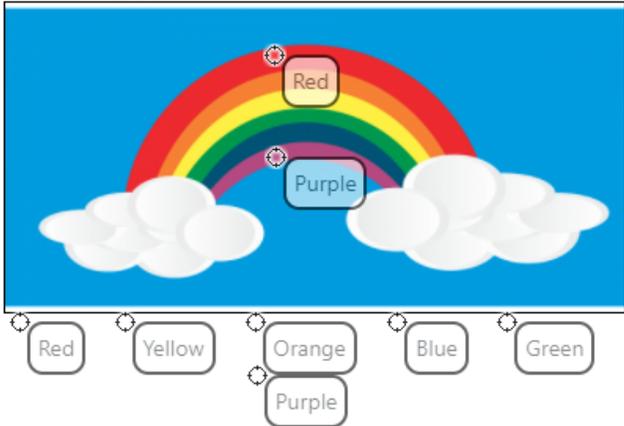# Examples of question types

There are a range of question types available within the quiz module. The standard quiz question types are listed below with brief descriptions and examples.

Information on how to create these questions can be found under Adding quiz questions.

Please see administering question types for instructions on how to switch on/off certain question types at the site level.

Question type	Description	Example question
Multiple choice	Allows the selection of a single or multiple responses from a pre-defined list. The total grade must add up to 100%. If a single answer is correct, one answer must have the grade set to 100%.	MCQ question example - What kind of animal is a feline? What kind of animal is a feline? Select one: ○ a. Dog ○ b. Elephant ○ c. Cat
True /False	A simple form of multiple choice question with just the two choices, **True** and **False**.	True/False example question - Totara Learn is open source? Totara Learn is open source? Select one: ○ True ○ False
Matching	Matching questions ask the learner to match multiple question stems to multiple possible answers.	Matching question example - Match these countries with their capitals. Match these countries with their capitals. New Zealand Choose... ▼ England Choose... ▼ France Choose... London Wellington Paris

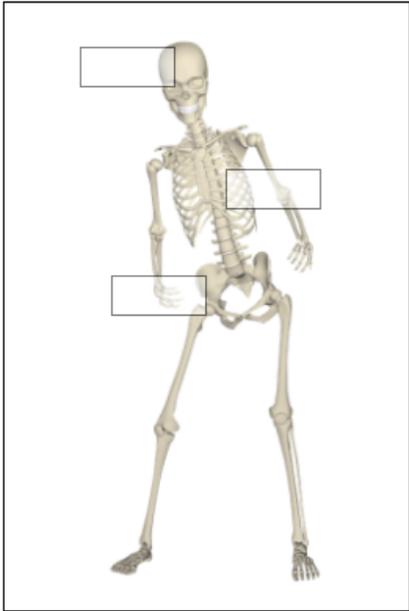|		
Short answer	Allows a response of one or a few words that is graded by comparing against various model answers, which may contain wildcards. You can use an asterisk (*) to represent a wild card. For example, by typing in the answer as; **hydrogen*oxygen** the quiz would accept any of the following answers: • hydrogen, oxygen • hydrogen and oxygen • hydrogen & oxygen • hydrogen/ oxygen • hydrogen + oxygen • hydrogen; oxygen	Short answer example question - What elements make up water? Which elements make up water? Answer:
Numerical	Allows a numerical response, possibly with units, that is graded by comparing against various model answers, possibly with tolerances.	Numerical question example - If I travel 100 miles in 2 hours, how fast am I traveling? If I travel 100 miles in 2 hours, how fast am I travelling? Answer:
Essay	An essay question is a free-response text area where learners can enter larger blocks of text in response to your question. These questions are not scored by the system and require manual grading.	Essay example question - Describe the key differences between ice cream and gelato. Describe the key differences between ice cream and gelato.
Calculated	Calculated questions are like numerical questions but with the numbers used selected randomly from a set when the quiz is taken.	Calculated question example - What is {a}+{b}? What is 2.7+4.9? Answer:
Calculated multi-choice	Calculated multi-choice questions are like multi-choice questions which choice elements can include formula results from numeric values that are selected randomly from a set when the quiz is taken.	Calculated multichoice question example - Calculate the area of a rectangle where l = {A}cm and h = {B}cm. Calculate the area of a rectangle where l = 8.0cm and h = 7.4cm. Select one: ○ a. 0.60 cm2 ○ b. 15.40 cm2 ○ c. 59.20 cm2

Calculated simple	A simpler version of calculated questions which are like numerical questions but with the numbers used selected randomly from a set when the quiz is taken.	Calculated simple question example - . If I have {kittens} kittens and pet insurance costs £5 per animal - how much do I have to spend on pet insurance in total? If I have 6 kittens and pet insurance costs £5 per animal - how much do I have to spend on pet insurance in total? Answer:
Drag and drop into text	Missing words in the question text are filled in using drag and drop.	Drag and drop into text example question - This is an example of a _____. It starts with a _____ and ends with a _____. This is an example of a [____]. It starts with a [____] and end with a [____]. sentence capital letter full stop paragraph word comma
Drag and drop markers	Markers are dragged and dropped onto a background image.	Drag and drop marker example question - Label the colours of the rainbow. Label the colours of the rainbow. Red Yellow Orange Blue Green Purple

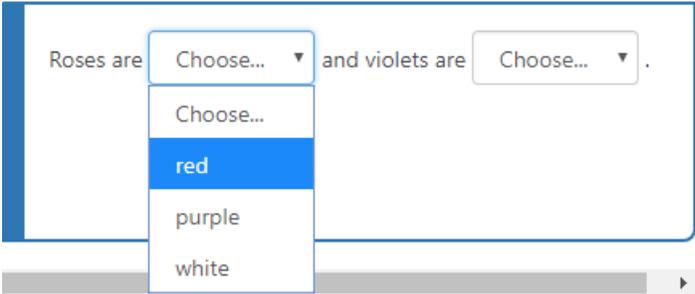|		
Drag and drop onto image	Images or text labels are dragged and dropped into drop zones on a background image.	Drag and drop onto image question example - Label the parts of the skeleton. Label the different parts of the skeleton. Skull Rib cage Pelvis

Embedded answers (Cloze)	These consist of a passage of text that has various answers embedded within it, including multiple choice, short answers, and numerical answers. The editor has been modified and allows you to test if your syntax is good. You can click **Decode and verify the question text** to test it.	Embedded answers (Cloze) example question - Match the following cities with the correct state.
		
		Match the following cities with the correct state:
		
		* Charlotte:
		* Jacksonville:
		* Cleveland:
		    Arizona
		    Florida
		* Green Bay:
		
		The capital of Wales is ____ .

Random short-answer matching	Like a Matching question, but created randomly from the short answer questions in a particular category.	Random short-answer matching example question - Answer these questions about New Zealand.
		
		Answer these questions about New Zealand.
		
		What is the capital of New Zealand? Choose...
		Where would you find the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre? Choose...
		    Choose...
		    Wellington
		    Kilbirnie

Select missing words	Missing words in the question text are filled in using dropdown menus.	Select missing words question example - Roses are ___ and violets are ___.
		Roses are [Choose... ▼] and violets are [Choose... ▼] . Choose... **red** purple white
Description	This is not a question and instead allows you to show some text (and possibly graphics) without requiring an answer. It is more of a label than a question type and may act as an introduction to a new section or may contain a resource (such as a video) that will be the basis for further questions.	-

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