

Short Answer Question

In this tutorial we will learn how to create a short answer question.

Step 1. General Setup

1B. and click go.

1A. First, select the short answer question type in the question library

1D. You are required to specify the number of points.

Title: Crowded Cities
Points: 1

1C. You have the option to enter a title but if you don't enter a title your question text will automatically be the title of your question.

We recommend you to enter a title if you have questions with similar question texts that way the title will help you to distinguish the question when you look at the question list.

Difficulty: 1

* Question Text:

1E. You can enter a difficulty level, the difficulty level may be used when you randomize questions, when you randomize questions you can ensure that each student receives the same number of questions of that particular difficulty level.

* Question Text:

Basic Advanced

What is the most crowded city in the world?

1F. Next you are required to enter the question text which is where you will enter the question.

Please make sure you are not using different font sizes and types for different questions. Using different font types and sizes may distract your students.

Acceptable file formats for images are jpeg, gif, bmp, and png.

Image:

Description:

1G. The description box will allow the instructor to enter a description for the image. This way those who have a visual impairment will be able to get information about the image using screen reader software.

Associated Objectives:

Associated objectives will be covered in another tutorial.

Step 2. Setting up Options

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2A. You can add blanks by clicking the add blank button

Blank # 1: Rows: Columns:

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2B. and then choose the size of the blank by specifying the number of rows and columns.

By adding a blank the student will see the number of blanks you have created and will indicate how many answers are needed.

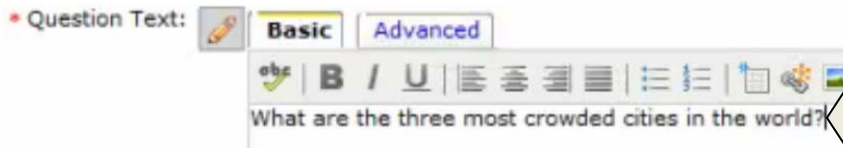
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2C. You can add an answer, this is used if you as the teacher is willing to accept more than one answer for each blank.

For example, suppose you ask, What is the most crowded city in the world? This has only one answer so only one blank and one answer per blank is needed.

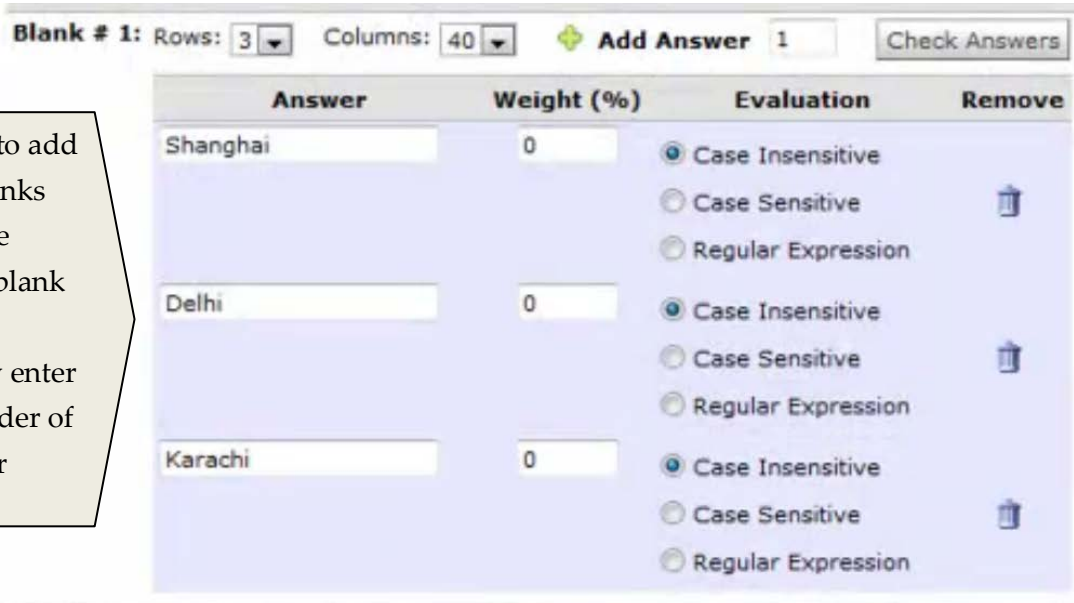
Answer	Weight (%)	Evaluation
Shanghai	100	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Case Insensitive <input type="radio"/> Case Sensitive <input type="radio"/> Regular Expression

2D. You can choose whether evaluating the question will be case insensitive or case sensitive or regular expression. For more information about regular expressions please contact the Educational Outreach Office.



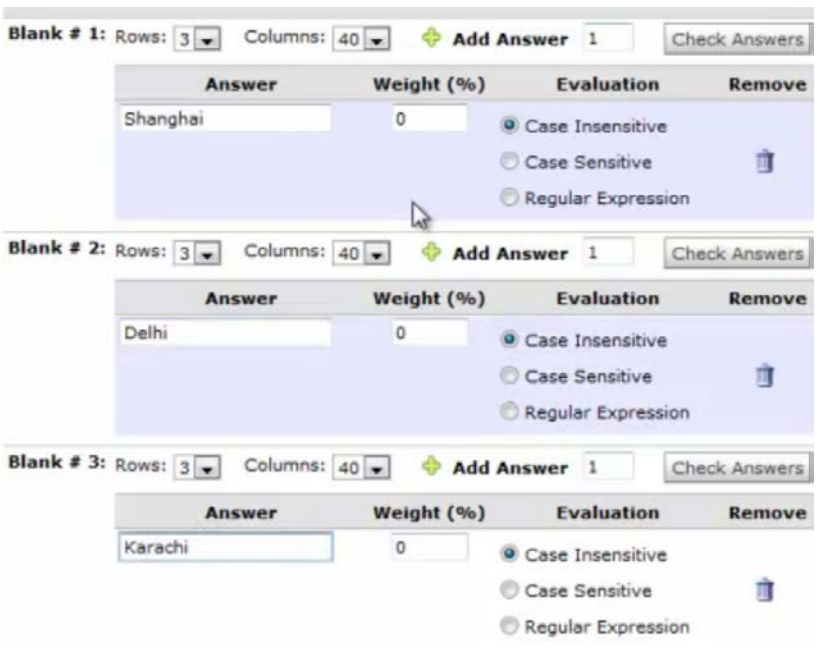
2E. Another example is, What are the three most crowded cities in the world?

Three blanks will need to be shown for this question.



Instead, you may also consider using multi-short answer questions for questions that are not order specific.

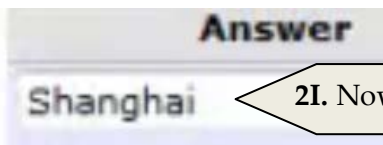
2F. We need to add two more blanks and two more answers per blank because your students may enter a different order of cities for their answer.



2G. If order is specified in the question, alternative answers do not need to be added to each blank because there is only one acceptable answer per blank. For example, suppose you ask What are the three most crowded cities in the world from most to least crowded?

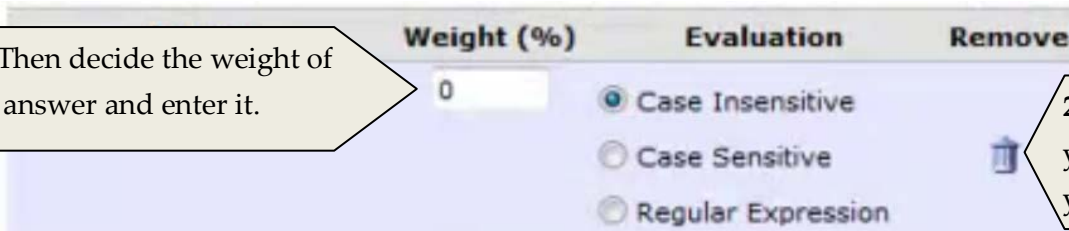


2H. The check answers button checks the code used with a regular expression format.



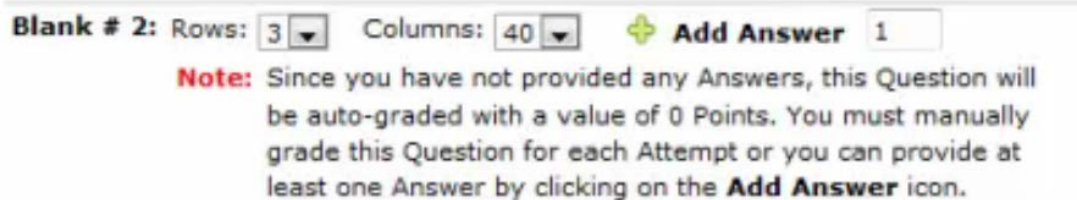
2I. Now to enter the answer to the question, type it in the answer box.

2J. Then decide the weight of the answer and enter it.



2K. You can also remove your answer or blank if you want.

If you remove an answer it will not remove the blank so the student will still see a blank when taking the quiz.



By entering an answer the system can auto-grade a student's answer. However, if you remove all answers or do not enter an answer, the system will auto-grade the question as 0 no matter what a student enters into the answer box and you as the teacher will be required to manually grade this question.



2L. You can add a question hint by clicking on the expansion arrow. You can use hints to guide your students during the exam. To make the hints visible you need to set it up in the properties tab of the quiz.



2M. You can also add a question feedback by clicking on its expansion arrow. Feedback will not be visible to students unless you choose to show question answers in the submission view tab.

Step 3. Ways to Save and Preview Work

At the top and bottom of your page you can click the preview, save, save and copy, or save and new button.

A rectangular button with the word "Preview" in a sans-serif font.

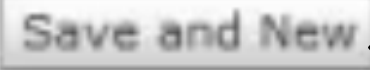
3A. The preview button can be used to see the question from the student and instructor's perspective for grading purposes.

A rectangular button with the word "Save" in a sans-serif font.

3B. If you are planning to create a different type of question after this one, click the save button.

A rectangular button with the words "Save and Copy" in a sans-serif font.

3C. If you would like to create another multiple choice question with a similar question text click the save and copy button.

A rectangular button with the words "Save and New" in a sans-serif font.

2D. If you would like to create a new multiple choice question with different information click the save and new button.

In this tutorial we learned how to create multiple choice questions.