

How to reply to a discussion thread

To reply to posts in a discussion thread, take the following steps.

1. Click on the *Discussion* link. The location of this link depends on how your instructor has step up the page.

The screenshot shows the 'My Dashboard' for the course 'Introduction to Oceanography'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'Discussions' highlighted by a blue arrow. The main dashboard area includes sections for 'My Announcements', 'My Tasks', 'To Do', and 'Alerts'. The 'To Do' section shows 'What's Past Due' and 'What's Due' with a date selector set to 05/18/2010. The 'Alerts' section shows 'Past Due' and 'Early Warning System' with 'No Notifications' and 'No Early Warnings' respectively.

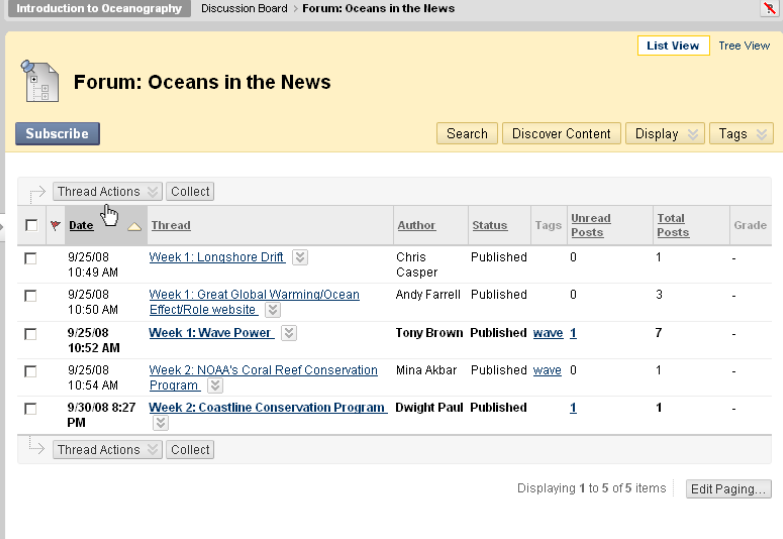
2. Now select a forum you wish to reply in. A forum is an area where a topic or a group of related topics are discussed.

The screenshot shows the 'Discussion Board' for the course 'Introduction to Oceanography'. The page displays a table of forums with columns for Forum, Description, Total Posts, Unread Posts, and Total Participants. The 'Oceans in the News' forum is selected, and its description is visible. The description includes a weekly assignment to post a link to a relevant news article related to oceanography or marine biology. The 'Wave Assignment: Energy from Waves and Tides' forum is also visible, with a detailed description and a list of discussion points.

Forum	Description	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants
<input type="checkbox"/> Oceans in the News	Each week please post a link to a relevant news article related to oceanography or marine biology. Add the week number to your title.	13	2	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastline Presentation		0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Surf's Up: Wave Dynamics and Wind Waves	This forum will hold our discussions on wave terminology, relevant websites, and questions.	7	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Wave Assignment: Energy from Waves and Tides	Explore harnessing energy from waves and tides. Please narrow your topic to a specific aspect such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how could the energy be extracted?• how big is this resource?• could a reliable "model" be made and relied upon? sustainability?• what research is out there?• existing, working energy projects• and so on... This required assignment is worth 50 points.	6	6	1

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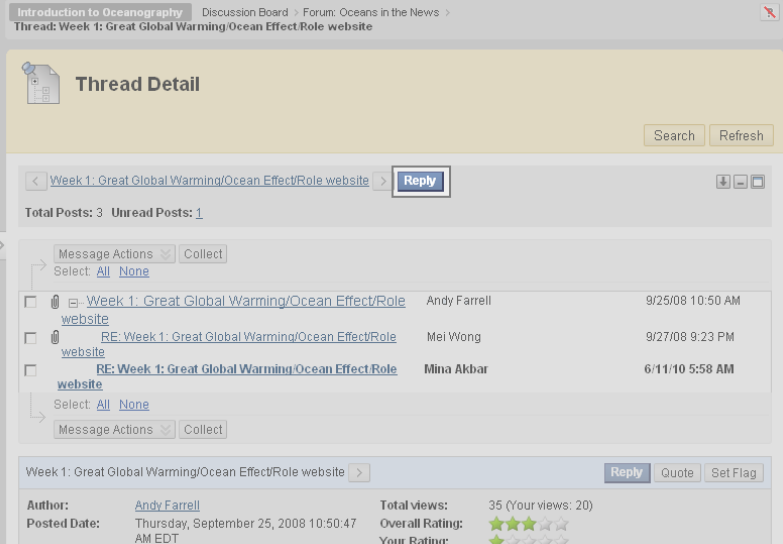
3. Select the thread you want to reply to. Inside of a thread, you will see the initial post and any other replies to it.



The screenshot shows a forum interface for "Introduction to Oceanography" with the subforum "Forum: Oceans in the News". It features a "List View" button and a "Subscribe" button. A table lists several threads with columns for Date, Thread, Author, Status, Tags, Unread Posts, Total Posts, and Grade. The selected thread is "Week 2: Coastline Conservation Program" by Dwight Paul, published on 9/30/08 at 8:27 PM, with 1 unread post and 1 total post.

Date	Thread	Author	Status	Tags	Unread Posts	Total Posts	Grade
9/25/08 10:49 AM	Week 1: Longshore Drift	Chris Casper	Published		0	1	-
9/25/08 10:50 AM	Week 1: Great Global Warming/Ocean Effect/Role website	Andy Farrell	Published		0	3	-
9/25/08 10:52 AM	Week 1: Wave Power	Tony Brown	Published	wave	1	7	-
9/25/08 10:54 AM	Week 2: NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program	Mina Akbar	Published	wave	0	1	-
9/30/08 8:27 PM	Week 2: Coastline Conservation Program	Dwight Paul	Published		1	1	-

4. Click the *Reply* button.



The screenshot shows the "Thread Detail" page for the thread "Week 1: Great Global Warming/Ocean Effect/Role website". It includes a "Reply" button and shows the thread's metadata: "Total Posts: 3" and "Unread Posts: 1". A list of messages is displayed, including the original post by Andy Farrell and two replies by Mei Wong and Mina Akbar. At the bottom, there is a "Reply" button and a summary of the thread's statistics: "Total views: 35 (Your views: 20)", "Overall Rating: 4 stars", and "Your Rating: 5 stars".

