Step by Step: Creating A Random Block of Questions

You can create exams with questions presented in random order using Random Blocks. Random blocks are created from question pools. In the example, the exam pulls questions from three different question pools to create three separate random blocks. This exam could also put the 3 pools together and randomize the resulting larger block.

1. Go to the Test Canvas page for your test. Click on the Reuse Question button. Then click on the Create Random Block link.

2. On the Create Random Block screen, the available pools are listed.

3. Click the checkbox of the desired Pool(s) of questions that you want to randomize.

4. Select the Question type. To display the list of questions, select at least one type of question or select All Pool Questions.

   The list of questions will display.

5. Click the Submit button.

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6. The first pool has been added to the Test Canvas page.

A green “Success: Random block saved. Edit number of questions to display and points” displays.

You cannot name the Random Block but you can see its Source Pool.

7. Click inside the Number of Questions to display field.

8. Enter the number of questions from the block to display in the exam.

9. Click the Submit button.

A green “Success: Number of questions to display saved” message appears.
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10. If needed, revise the number of points per question in the box at right of the question. (If you are adding multiple pools, you may want to wait and set all the question points at one time so they add up to the desired Total Points).

11. To preview or delete any question in a random block, click the Preview questions that match selected criteria link. The list of questions will display.

To delete a question from the random block, click the checkbox to the left of the question.

Then click the Delete link at the bottom of the list.

The Test Canvas updates with the revised number of Total Questions and Total Points.