

# Using learning modules

## Step-by-step guide for students

For Blackboard Vista 4.x

Your instructor may use a learning module to group related course material and communication, making it easier for you to access. For example, within a learning module you may have lecture notes, discussions and quizzes all relating to the same topic.

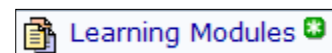
## Accessing a learning module

A learning module can be accessed by:

- Clicking on a learning module icon on a page within your course. (This will display the particular learning module you have chosen.)
- Clicking on **Learning Modules** under **Course Tools**. (This will display all learning modules currently available to you.)

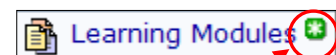
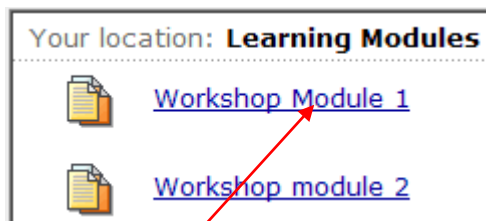


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For this example we will access learning modules by clicking on **Learning Modules** from the **Course Tools** menu on the left of your screen.

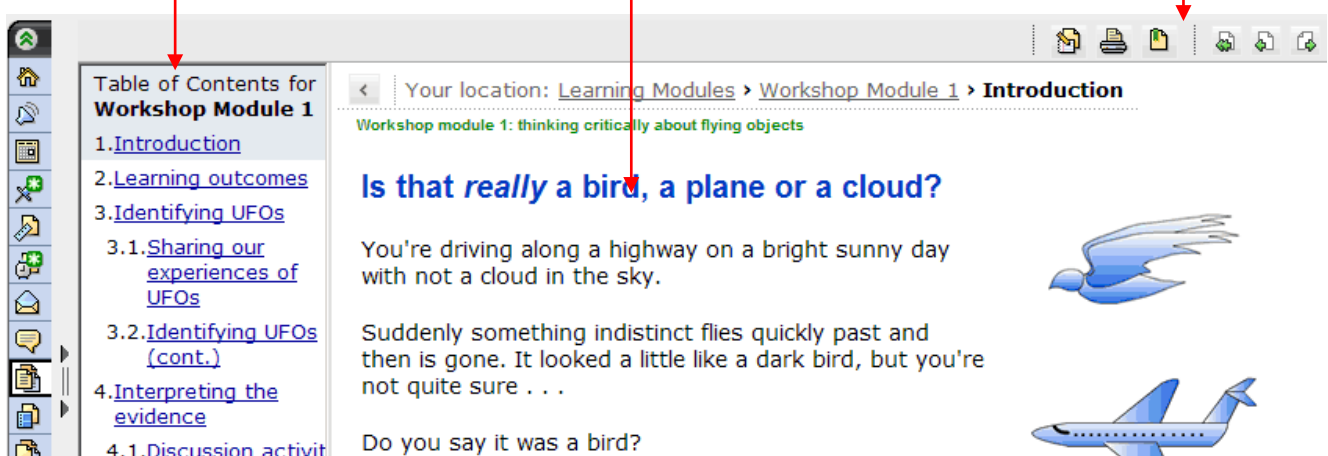
1. Click on the link to view a list of Learning Modules.



Indicates there are new learning modules that you haven't opened yet.

2. Click on the name of a Learning Module to view the content.

Table of Contents
Content
Action Menu



The screenshot shows the Blackboard Vista interface. On the left is a vertical navigation bar with icons. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Table of Contents:** A list of links for 'Workshop Module 1', including '1. Introduction', '2. Learning outcomes', '3. Identifying UFOs', '3.1. Sharing our experiences of UFOs', '3.2. Identifying UFOs (cont.)', '4. Interpreting the evidence', and '4.1. Discussion activit'.
- Content:** The main text area showing the title 'Is that really a bird, a plane or a cloud?' and the introductory text: 'You're driving along a highway on a bright sunny day with not a cloud in the sky. Suddenly something indistinct flies quickly past and then is gone. It looked a little like a dark bird, but you're not quite sure . . . Do you say it was a bird?'.
- Action Menu:** A horizontal bar at the top right containing icons for document, print, download, and other actions.

Illustrations of a blue bird and a blue airplane are shown on the right side of the content area.

## Navigating within a learning module

### Table of contents

The table of contents on the left of your screen shows the list of contents for a learning module. Click on an item in the table of contents to display the content for that item.

### Action Menu



The Action Menu is located at the top right of your learning module screen. The tools available on the **Action Menu** may vary within each learning module



To see the name of each tool on the Action Menu hover your mouse over the icon.

#### Retrace



Click on the *Retrace* icon to retrace your steps through the learning module, for example, after completing a quiz click on the *Retrace* icon to return to the last page you visited in the learning module.

#### Previous page



Click on the *Previous Page* icon to view the preceding page of the learning module.

#### Next page



Click on *Next Page* icon to view the next page of the learning module.

#### Web link



Links to a web page, for example, this may be a web page relevant to your course topic, help files or a link to the Library web page.

#### Discussion



Links to a discussion.

#### Bookmarks



Allows you to add the current page as a bookmark, for example, if you don't have time to finish working on an area of your Learning Module. You can add a bookmark and a note that you can access next time you log on.

#### Notes



Allows you to add notes and save them as you work through your learning module. You can then compile the notes and print.

#### References:

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