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### Create a Random Block Questions in Tests

This guide walks you through how to create test questions which will randomize.

#### About random blocks

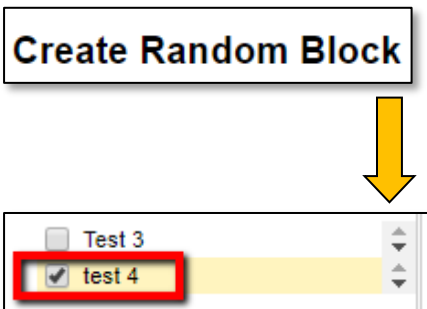
- Random blocks draw questions from pools only. You can use more than one pool to draw your questions from. You must first create at least one question pool.
- You can't add a random block of questions from another test or survey.
- You can't include a random block in a survey or a pool.
- You choose the number of questions to show from the random block to show. For example, you can show 3 questions out of 50. The questions are then randomly distributed, so each student sees a different set of 3 questions.
- You can show students all the questions in the random block. Questions are randomized for each student
- When you add questions as a random block, each question is linked, not copied. So, if you change the original question, the revised version of the question appears.
- If enabled, be sure to disable the pop-up blocker for Blackboard Learn so you can access the Create Random Block pop-up window.

1. Access the test.  
From the **Reuse Question** menu, select **Create Random Block**.

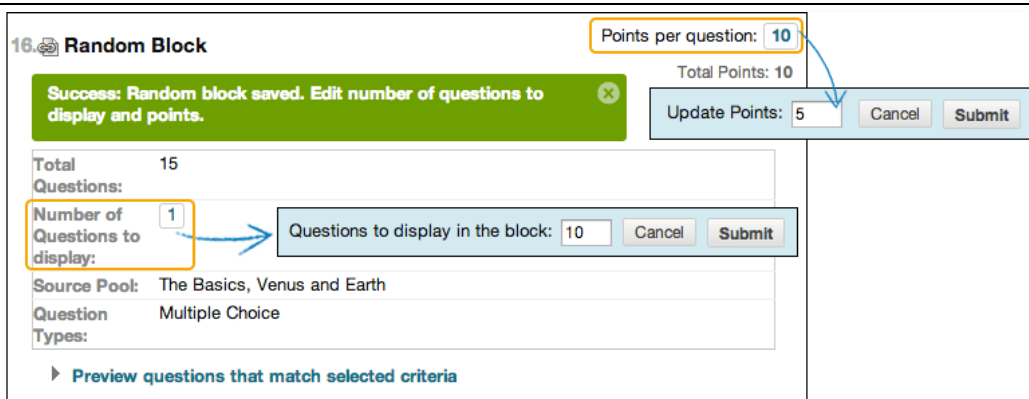
The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for a test canvas. At the top, there is a navigation bar with three buttons: 'Create Question', 'Reuse Question', and 'Upload Questions'. The 'Reuse Question' button is highlighted with a red box. A yellow arrow points from this button down to a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing three options: 'Create Question Set', 'Create Random Block', and 'Find Questions'. The 'Create Random Block' option is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown menu, there is a table with the following data:

Description	
Instructions	
Total Questions	25
Total Points	50

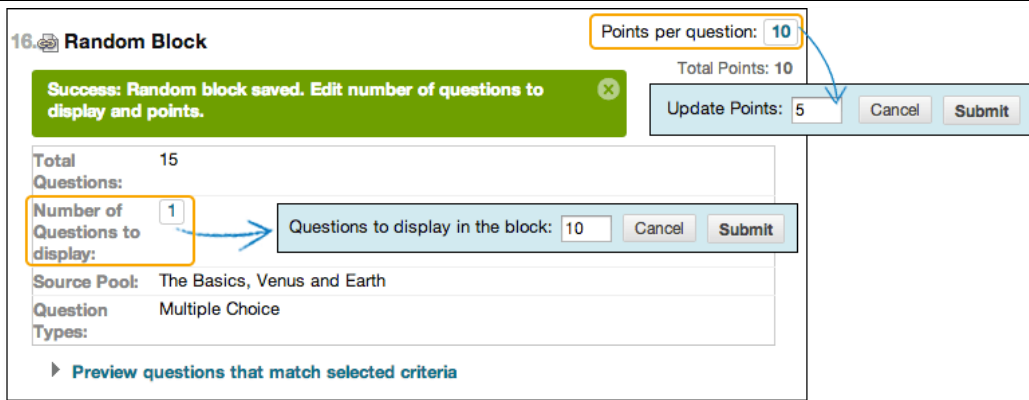
2. In the pop-up window, select the check boxes for one or more pools.



3. Select **Submit**. The **Test Canvas** appears and displays a success message. The random block of questions is added to the test.




4. Select Number of Questions to display to access the pop-up box and type the number of questions you want students to see. Select Submit.



5. Select **Points per question** to access the pop-up box. Type a point value. This point value is assigned to each question in the random block. You can't assign separate point values for individual questions in the same random block.

6. Select Preview questions that match selected criteria to expand or collapse the list of questions. You can view and edit individual questions.

26.  **Random Block**

**Success: Random block saved. Edit number of questions to display and points.** 

Total Questions: 30

Number of Questions to display:

Source Pool: test 4

Question Types: All Pool Questions

[▶ Preview questions that match selected criteria](#)