

## Building a Global Repository for Language Learning Materials in Moodle

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**Abstract:** Sharing materials and online activities among teachers in Moodle can be a complicated adventure. This workshop demonstrates how to easily share learning resources and activities in a single Moodle site and across multiple Moodle sites using three newly developed tools. First, the Sharing Cart is a plug-in serving two purposes:

- 1) to copy and move one's own activities, and
- 2) to collect and copy other teachers' activities.

It also serves as a library of frequently used activities that can be inserted into any course. When the Sharing Cart is turned on, it will follow a teacher anywhere he or she roams within the Moodle site. While this tool is designed to handle individual learning objects (resources or activities), a second tool, the Project Course Format, is able to handle a group of learning objects. This format allows a teacher to move whole collections of quizzes, resources and other activities to another section of a Moodle site. Finally a third tool is a central repository (located at <http://moodlelang.org>) designed for sharing Moodle learning objects and various documents and multimedia for use both in and out of Moodle. Five aspects of the design of the repository will be discussed:

- 1) searching strategies,
- 2) learning object metadata,
- 3) rating, editing, and reviewing features,
- 4) contribution and incentive systems, and
- 5) inter-site strategies.

In this workshop, all participants will see a demonstration of the repository and sharing cart, and then have a chance to experience transferring Moodle activities across sites using the newly opened global Moodle for Language Teaching Repository.

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### Logging On

In this workshop, we will be using two Moodle websites:

- 1) <http://ept2.sgu.ac.jp> (*sharing cart*)
- 2) <http://moodlelang.org> (*repository*)

For <http://ept2.sgu.ac.jp>, we have created username and password for you to use:

Username: teacher?? (replace the ?? with the numbers 01 to 20)

Password: teacher?! (replace the ?? with the numbers 01 to 20)

## Instructions for Using the Sharing Cart

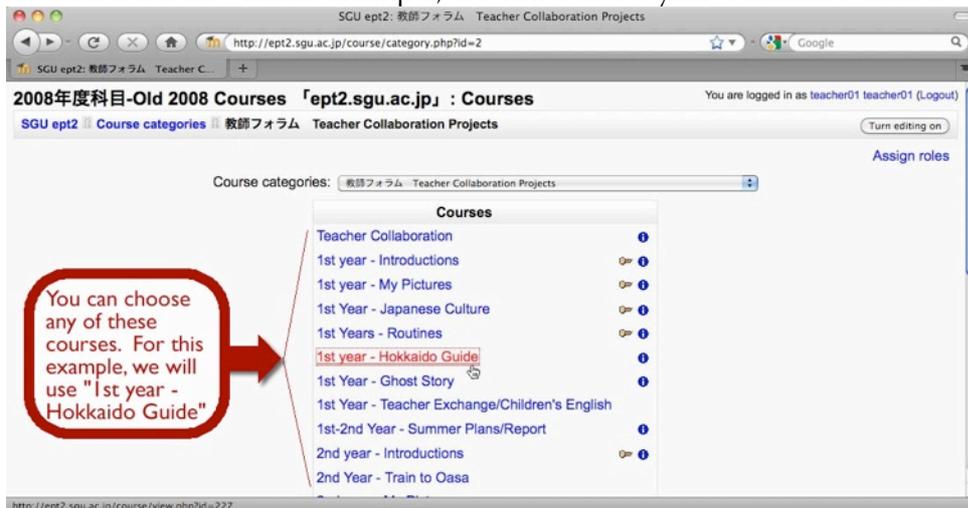
1) Go to <http://ept2.sgu.ac.jp> and log in:



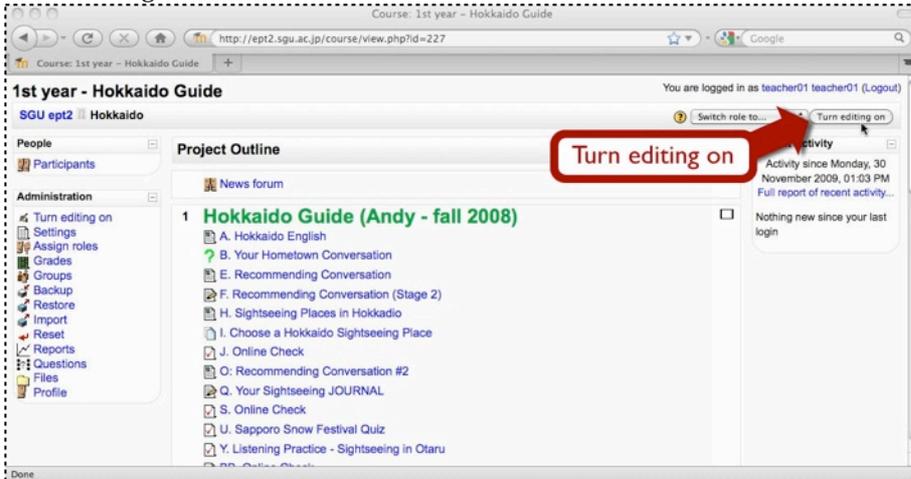
2) Scroll down until you see "Teacher Collaboration Projects" and click it.



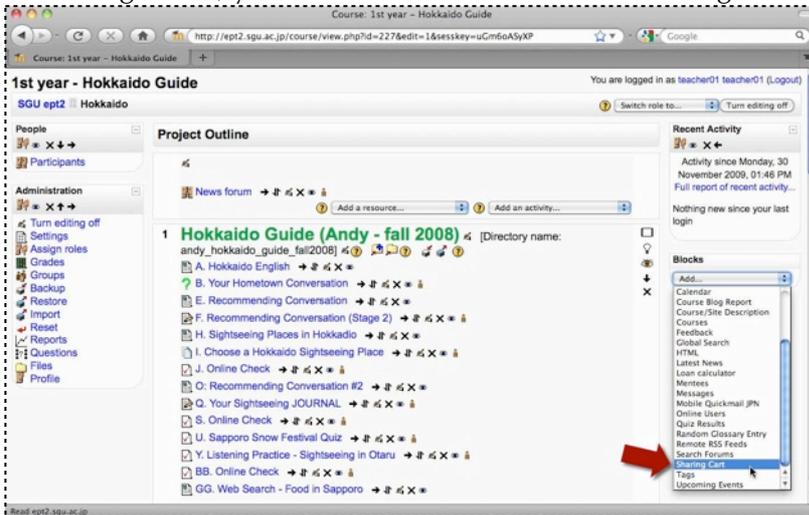
3) Choose a course. In this example, we will use '1st year- Hokkaido Guide'



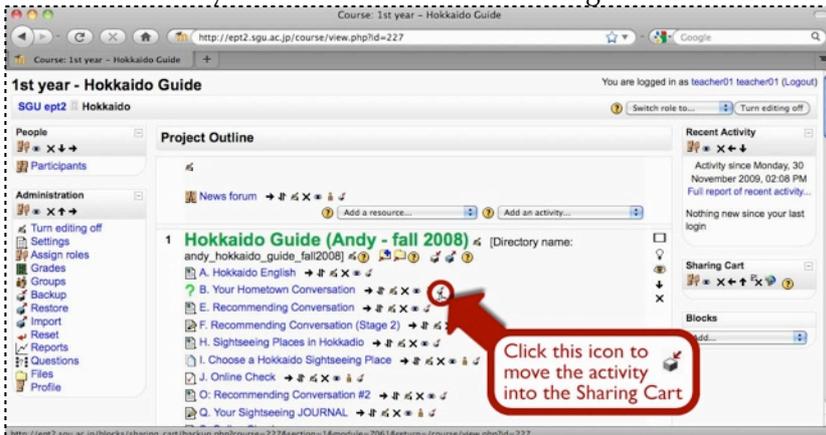
4) Turn editing on



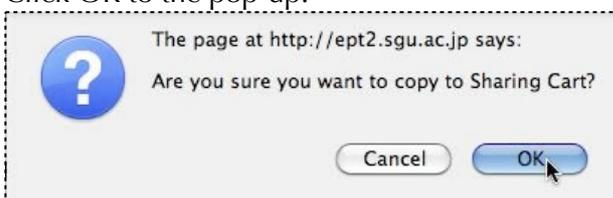
5) On the right side, you will see "Blocks". Choose "Sharing Cart" from the pull-down menu.



6) Choose an item you want to add to the Sharing Cart and click the  icon.



7) Click OK to the pop-up.



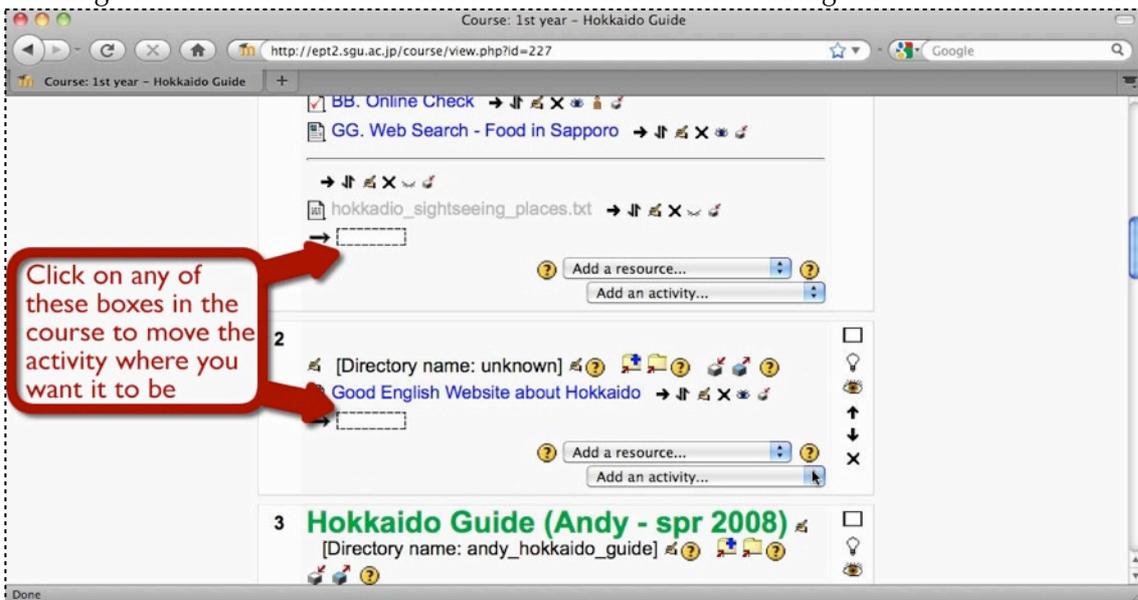
8) You will now see your item in the Sharing Cart Block on the right side of the page.



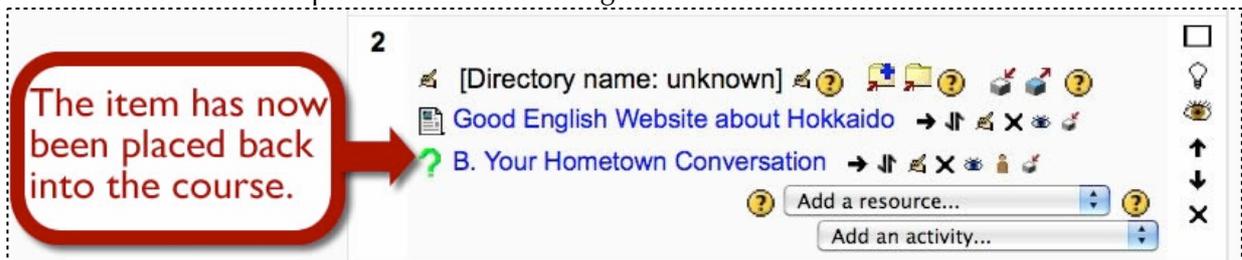
9) To move an item from the Sharing Cart back into a course, click the  icon.



10) In your course, you will now see this icon  near the bottom of each topic box. Clicking on one of these icons will move to item from the Sharing Cart to the icon's location.



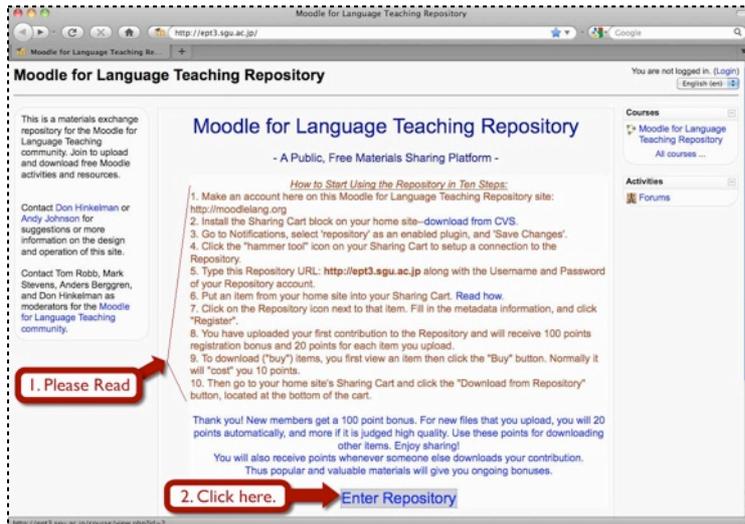
11) The item has now been placed from the Sharing Cart into the course.



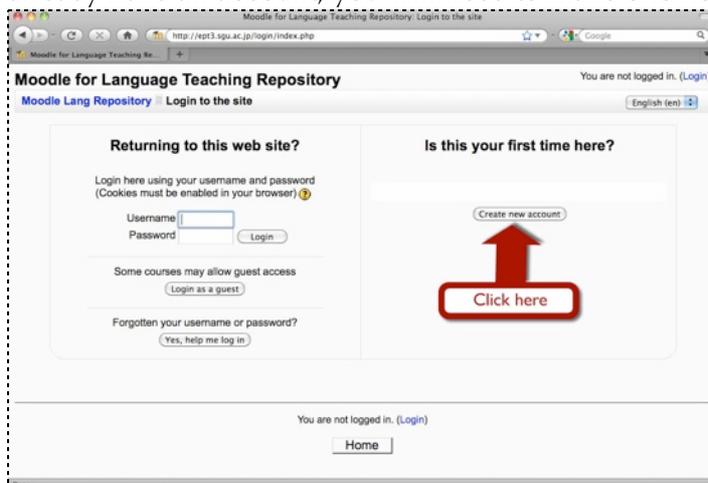
## Instructions for Using the Repository

### a) Creating an Account and Navigation

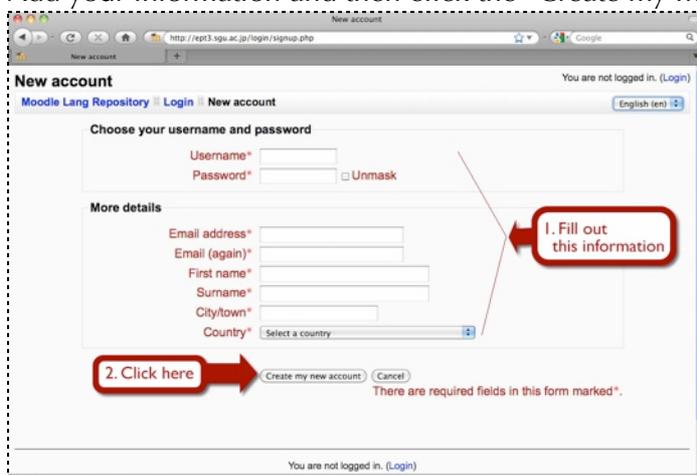
- 1) Go to <http://moodlelang.org> (which will automatically redirect you to <http://ept3.sgu.ac.jp>). You will see the screen shown below. Please read the 10 steps and then click the “Enter Repository” button.



- 2) After clicking the “Enter Repository” button, you will be taken to the log-in page. If you do not already have an account, you will need to make one now.



- 3) Add your information and then click the “Create my new account” button.



4) You will be instructed to check your email. Click the link in the email to complete your registration.

### Confirm your account

**Moodle Lang Repository** Confirm your account

An email should have been sent to your address at [redacted]

It contains easy instructions to complete your registration.

If you continue to have difficulty, contact the site administrator.

[Continue](#)

**Moodle for Language Teaching Repository: account confirmation**

Inbox | X

Admin User to me [show details](#) Nov 29 (4 days ago) [Reply](#)

Hi GLo CALL,

A new account has been requested at 'Moodle for Language Teaching Repository' using your email address.

To confirm your new account, please go to this web address:

<http://ept3.squ.ac.jp/login/confirm.php?data=QLUmNLRWK1vypvn/glocall2009>

In most mail programs, this should appear as a blue link which you can just click on. If that doesn't work, then cut and paste the address into the address line at the top of your web browser window.

If you need help, please contact the site administrator,

Admin User  
admin@ept3.squ.ac.jp



5) The link from the email will take you into the repository. You will see various sections in here:

- My points (left side) - Points are the 'currency' that allows you to download items. You automatically receive points just by joining and you can earn more by doing things like uploading to the repository.
- Latest uploads (left side) - This block shows you what's new at the repository.
- Popular (left side) - This block tells you which items in the repository are getting the most views and downloads.
- Repository Content (Middle) - Here is where you can see all the content in the repository. The search feature allows you to find specific content easily.
- My History (Right side) - This block tells you what you've uploaded and downloaded from the repository. A link for more details is also included.

Course: Moodle for Language Teaching Repository

http://ept3.squ.ac.jp/course/view.php?id=2

**Moodle for Language Teaching Repository** You are logged in as GLo CALL (Logout)

Moodle Lang Repository repository

Outline

## Moodle for Language Teaching Repository

A Public, Free Materials Sharing Platform

[Learn How to Start Using the Repository in Ten Steps](#)

Welcome language teachers! When you contribute a new Moodle activity or resource, you will receive 20 points automatically. Use these points for downloading other items. You will also receive points whenever someone else downloads your contribution. Thus popular and valuable materials will give you ongoing bonuses. Enjoy sharing!

**My Points**

Registration Bonus	100
Total Uploads	0
Total Bonuses	0
Total Reviews	0
Total Royalties	0
Total Donations	0
Total Downloads	0
Total Dividends	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Search:  [Choose...](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Upload](#)

Show [Choose...](#) entries

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 of 4 pages

Entries	Type	Contributor	Date	View
<a href="#">TOEIC Practice: Part 1-Listening with Photos</a>	Quiz	Admin User	23 Nov 2009	13
<a href="#">Some advice for high-fliers</a>	Hot Potatoes Quiz	John Kuti	9 Nov 2009	5
<a href="#">Moodle Questions and Answers</a>	Forum	Richard Penhale	7 Oct 2009	13
<a href="#">AP Terms</a>	Resource	Admin User	29 Sep 2009	10
<a href="#">KS3 ICT Skills Ladder</a>	Resource	Lewis Parfitt	16 Sep 2009	12
<a href="#">How to Make Natto Rice - 6mb</a>	Resource	Admin User	2 Sep 2009	7
<a href="#">FF1 track 11</a>	Resource	Admin User	2 Sep 2009	4
<a href="#">How to Make a Cup of Tea</a>	Resource	Admin User	2 Sep 2009	18

**My History**

[+ Uploads](#)

[- Downloads](#)

[View details](#)

**Administration**

[Enrol me in this course Profile](#)

**Latest Uploads**

Title	Date
1 TOEIC Practice: Part 1-Listening with Photos	Nov 23
2 Some advice for high-fliers	Nov 9
3 Moodle Questions and Answers	Oct 7
4 AP Terms	Sep 29
5 KS3 ICT Skills Ladder	Sep 16

[» Mail notification triggers](#)

**Popular**

Done

### Downloading Items from the Repository

6) In this example, I will click on the name of the item / entry called "Some advice for high-fliers".

The screenshot shows the Moodle repository interface. On the left, there's a 'My Points' sidebar with various statistics. The main area displays a table of items with columns for 'Entries', 'Type', 'Contributor', 'Date', and 'View'. The item 'Some advice for high-fliers' is highlighted with a red circle. Below the table, there's a 'Latest Uploads' section with a list of recent items.

7) On this screen, you can see and do lots of things regarding the item / entry you clicked.

The screenshot shows the details page for the item 'Some advice for high-fliers'. The page includes a 'My Points' sidebar, a 'Preview' button, a 'Buy' button, and a 'Download the item (costs you points)' button. The item details are listed, including Title, Type, Contributor, Creator, Subject, Description, Language, Student Level, and Rights. There are also 'More' and 'Donate' buttons, a 'Reviews' section, and a 'You can rate the item' button.

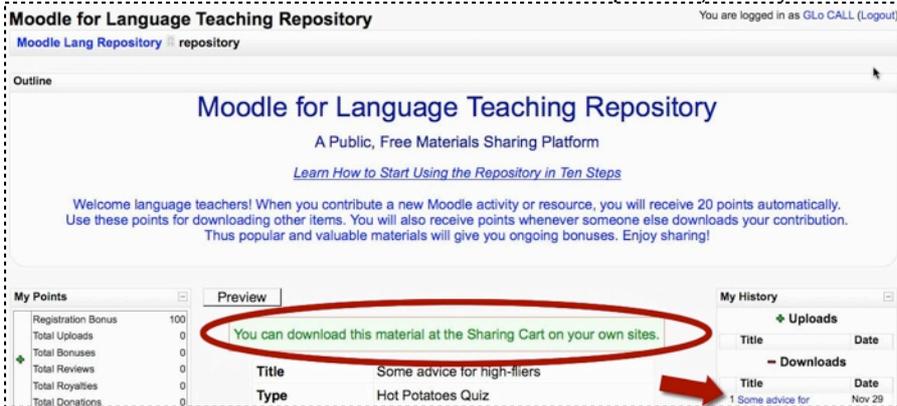
8) If you click the "Preview" button, you can see what the item / entry looks like.

The screenshot shows the preview of the item 'Some advice for high-fliers'. The preview displays a gap-fill exercise with instructions and several sentences with missing words. The instructions are: 'Fill in all the gaps, then press "Check" to check your answers. Use the "Hint" button to get a free letter if an answer is giving you trouble. You can also click on the "[?]" button to get a clue. Note that you will lose points if you ask for hints or clues!'. The sentences are: 'You'll need to [?] a lot of effort.', 'You'll probably have to train and practise for years, but don't let that [?]', 'If you're not successful at first don't [?] ... [?].', 'Set yourself an ambitious target - it's good to [?] yourself.', 'Don't get distracted, you need to really [?] your mind in the right way and focus on the task.', 'If you are successful and manage to [?] your ambition - be dignified and don't [?].'. There are 'Check' and 'Hint' buttons at the bottom.

9) If you want to download the item / entry (i.e. buy it with your points), click on the “Buy” button.

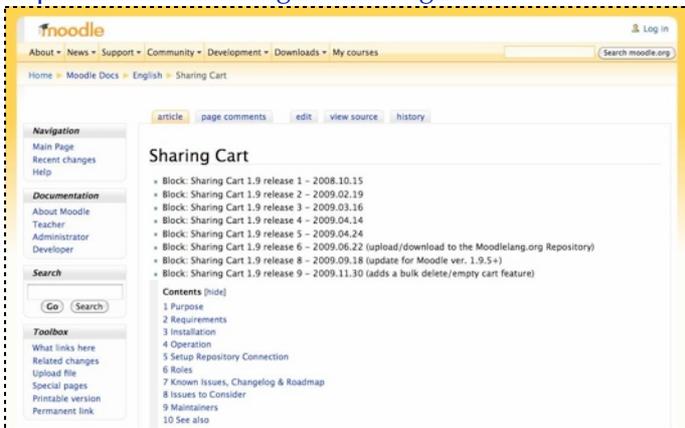


10) After you “buy” it, you will see a confirmation screen and the item will appear in the “My History” block on the right side. However, you haven’t actually downloaded the item yet. To do that, we need to establish the connection between the repository and your Moodle.



11) This example assumes you already have the Sharing Cart installed. If you do not, you can see instructions on how to install it (and the latest download file) here:

[http://docs.moodle.org/en/Sharing\\_Cart](http://docs.moodle.org/en/Sharing_Cart)



12) We must set up our Sharing Cart of our own site (i.e. <http://ept2.sgu.ac.jp> in this example) to communicate with the repository. To do this, we click on the hammer (🔨) icon. Doing so will take you to this screen:



You only need to do this step one time. Once it is connected, your Moodle and the repository will be able to transfer files between each other.

13) When we look at our Sharing Cart now, we see that we are connected. Click on “Moodle for Language Teaching Repository”.



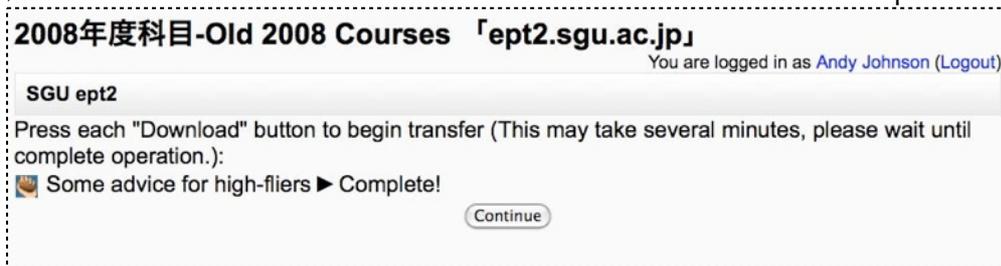
14) If everything worked as it should, you will now see a screen like this where you can download the items from the repository to your Moodle:



15) If you click “Download” in the previous screen, you’ll see:



16) Click the “Download” button and then the download should be complete soon:



17) The item is now in your Sharing Cart on your Moodle and you can place it anywhere on your site that you like.

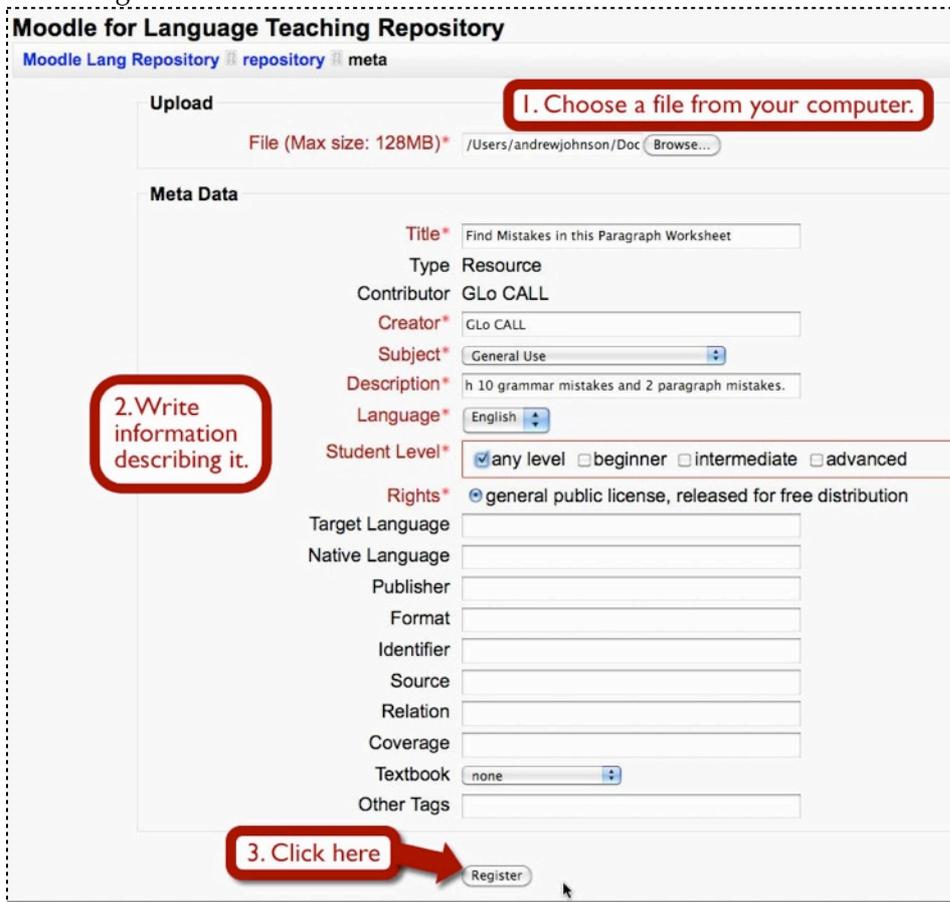


## Uploading - Adding Content to the Repository

18) There are 2 ways to add content: 1) from your computer and 2) from your Sharing Cart. First, let's look at add content from your computer. To do this, click the "Upload" button:



19) Follow the instructions on the screen to upload your file and describe it. When you are done, click 'Register'.



20) You will then see that your materials were uploaded successfully.



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Total Dividends	0
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Latest Uploads	
Title	Date
1 Find Mistakes in this Paragraph Worksheet	Nov 29
2 TOEIC Practice: Part 1-Listening with Photos	Nov 23
3 Some advice for high-fliers	Nov 9
4 Moodle Questions and Answers	Oct 7
5 AP Terms	Sep 29

Edit metadata	
<b>Title</b>	Find Mistakes in this Paragraph Worksheet
<b>Type</b>	Resource
<b>Contributor</b>	GLO CALL
<b>Creator</b>	GLO CALL
<b>Subject</b>	General Use
<b>Description</b>	There is a paragraph with 10 grammar mistakes and 2 paragraph mistakes.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Student Level</b>	any level
<b>Rights</b>	general public license, released for free distribution

My History	
+ Uploads	
1 Find Mistakes in this Paragraph Worksheet	Nov 29
- Downloads	
1 Some advice for high-fliers	Nov 29

21) The 2nd way to upload to the repository is from your Sharing Cart. Click the  icon next to the item you want to upload.

**Sharing Cart**

B. Your Hometown Conversation

Some advice for high-fliers

**Repository** ?

Download from Moodle for Language Teaching Repository

22) Click the "Upload" button:

**Upload to Repository**

B. Your Hometown Conversation

Are you sure you want to upload this item?

Upload

23. You will then be asked to fill in some information about your upload. Click 'Register' to upload it.

**Meta Data**

**Title\***

**Type** feedback

**Contributor** GLo CALL

**Creator\***

**Subject\***

**Description\***

**Language\***

**Student Level\***  any level  beginner  intermediate  advanced

**Rights\***  general public license, released for free distribution

**Target Language**

**Native Language**

**Publisher**

**Format**

**Identifier**

**Source**

**Relation**

**Coverage**

**Textbook**

**Other Tags**

The material you had uploaded was successfully registered. You got 20 point(s)!

That's it!

You've now successfully

- Used the Sharing Cart to move files in a Moodle Course
- Created an account at the Moodle for Language Teaching Repository (<http://moodlelang.org>)
- Downloaded content from the repository and used the Sharing Cart to place it in another Moodle site
- Uploaded content to the repository from your computer
- Uploaded content to the repository from another Moodle site using the Sharing Cart