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 What's up with this "Available but not shown on course page" option? It's a nice feature, but a little confusing!

The example on the right shows an **Announcements** link that is hidden from students. To make an item visible to students, be sure to click on **Show** in the **Edit** options. If you click on "**Make available**," that would enable students to interact with that item **only** if you linked to it from somewhere else.

If you've selected **Make available** by mistake, open the item in edit view and open the **Common module settings** options area. In the **Availability** field, select **Show on course page** and **Save**.

Why would you want to hide something and still make it available? Let's look at an actual use case for this new feature.

We've crafted a book resource with orientation materials for online students. We want to be sure that they: a) read the book and b) do some practice activities. "Available but not shown on course page" enables us to link to these activities from the book while at the same time preventing students from skipping the book and going straight to the practice activities. Providing a link back to the book from the practice activity makes going from the book to the activity and back to the book a seamless transition.

See these instructions for [setting up an item that's available but not shown](#). [This 6-minute video](#) describes how to do this and offers examples of when you might like to use it.



Contact the CIS for assistance with this new feature!