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With the release of Moodle 3.8, forums have a new look and function a little differently. See this <u>complete guide to participating in forums</u> (<u>accessible version in Word</u>) if you are new to Moodle. The illustration below shows how you can:

- Star a post to move it to the top of your display (note that this applies only to your view, not everyone else's).
- Click on the button on the right of a post to *subscribe* to that thread. You'll get an email any time someone replies to it.
- New replies are highlighted in the **Replies** column.

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To attach a file to your post or to format the text in a forum reply, click on **Advanced**. Click on the **Permalink** link to copy a post's URL so that you can refer to it in another post.

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Your instructor may assess your participation in a discussion forum with a rubric. To view your feedback, open the forum, then click on **View grades**:

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One other change you may see is a notice in forums of due dates for participation. If an instructor adds a cut-off date, you will be able to review forum posts, but you will not be able to make any additional replies.

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Another new feature in forums is your instructor's ability to reply privately to students. If you receive a private reply, no one else will see it or know that you have received it. Students cannot make private replies.

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