Rubrics in peer-review assignments

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Open a student's final draft

When you open a student's final draft for a peer-review assignment, the Tools bar lists two rubrics: Grade & Rubric and Peer Reviews. (Peer-review assignments are not available in all courses.)

- **Grade & Rubric**: Expand this option to display the writing, or grading, rubric.
- **Peer Reviews**: Expand this option to display the peer-review rubric that shows the peers' comments and ratings for this student's draft, and shows the student's ratings of the peers' comments.
Use the peer-review rubric

You expand Peer Reviews in the Tools bar when reviewing a student’s final draft. The Tools bar displays an abbreviated rubric that list each trait, its possible scores, peer reviewers' comments, and the student's rating of each comment.

1. Each trait has a grid, and the grid's cells are the trait scores. (You can point to a score to display its description.) The highlighted (green) cells show the student's average trait score based on the peer reviewers' scores. For example, if the grid has scores from 0 to 6 and the cells 0 to 5 are highlighted, the student's average score is 5.

2. Each trait displays the peer reviews the student received for that trait. Click the Hide Comments / Show Comments toggle to expand and collapse the peer reviewers' comments. For each comment, the rubric also displays the peer reviewer's name and the trait score assigned by the reviewer.

3. The Helpful column, to the right of the peer-review comments, displays the thumb up and thumb down icons. The student clicked an icon to rate the peer reviewer's comment as a thumb up or down.

Note: You cannot edit or change the comments, scores, or ratings in a peer-review rubric.
Grade a student's draft

You expand **Grade & Rubric** in the Tools bar to grade the student’s final draft. As with the peer-review rubric, the Tools bar displays an abbreviated version of the grading or writing rubric.

The rubric lists each trait and its weighted value and score. The grid, below the trait's name, represents its rating scale or levels. You can point to a grid cell to display the trait's description for that rating.

To assign a rating scale, click its cell in the grid. The rubric recalculates the trait's score and the grade.

The caret ▲ above a rating grid shows the class average for that trait. The average is based on a range of 0 to the highest level. For example, the average for levels 1 through 4 is based on a range of 0 to 4. The leftmost position in the grid is 0, and the rightmost position is 4.

You can turn the display of the caret on and off by selecting or deseleting the **Show Class Average** check box below the rubric.