

# Fix the "Not part of a Group" Error

In discussion forums, sometimes a student will get an error that says they cannot post because they are not part of a group. There are two ways to address this problem.

## If the Discussion Forum **IS** Using Groups

- Add the student to one of the groups being used in the discussion forum by following [these instructions](#).

## If the Discussion Forum is **NOT** Using Groups

- Turn on editing in your course if it isn't already turned on.
- Check the small blue icon next to the forum's edit button. Make sure that it's a solid blue person icon without a circle. This is the "No Groups" icon in the image below.
- If it is a different icon, either the "Separate Groups" or "Visible Groups" icon in the image below, click the icon until it is a solid blue person.



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