



Turnitin Guide

A - What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is an Internet-based plagiarism-prevention service created by iParadigms, LLC. Turnitin has one of the most advanced plagiarism detection facilities available.

Submitted work is matched against a database of previously submitted work against more than 15 billion documents worldwide including websites, journals, books, periodicals, as well as work created by other students such as essays, dissertations, etc.

Turnitin does not detect plagiarism: it is a text-matching software which provides a report on whether a student's work is original (no matching text) or unoriginal.


Why use Turnitin?

One of the main uses of Turnitin is to help ensure that work which you submit is your own and that it is correctly referenced and uses quotations, citations and other materials written by people other than yourself correctly.

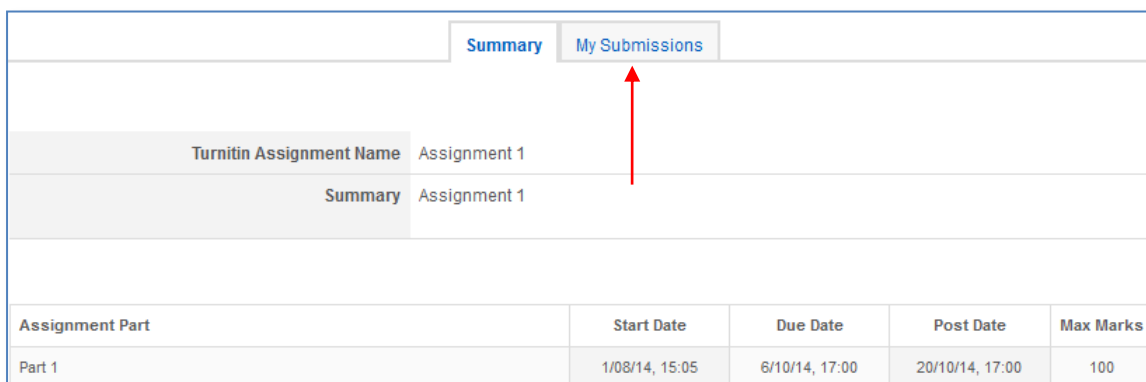
When you submit your assignment to Turnitin (via Moodle) you will receive an originality report which outlines the extent to which your assignment is original and will flag up any sections of your assignment which are identical (or similar) to items in the Turnitin database.

B - Submitting an assignment to Turnitin via Moodle

1. Once logged into Moodle locate the submission box. The  icon indicates the Turnitin

submission box, for example: 

2. Click on the Turnitin icon or the name of the assessment. Once in the submission box you will see the following screen:



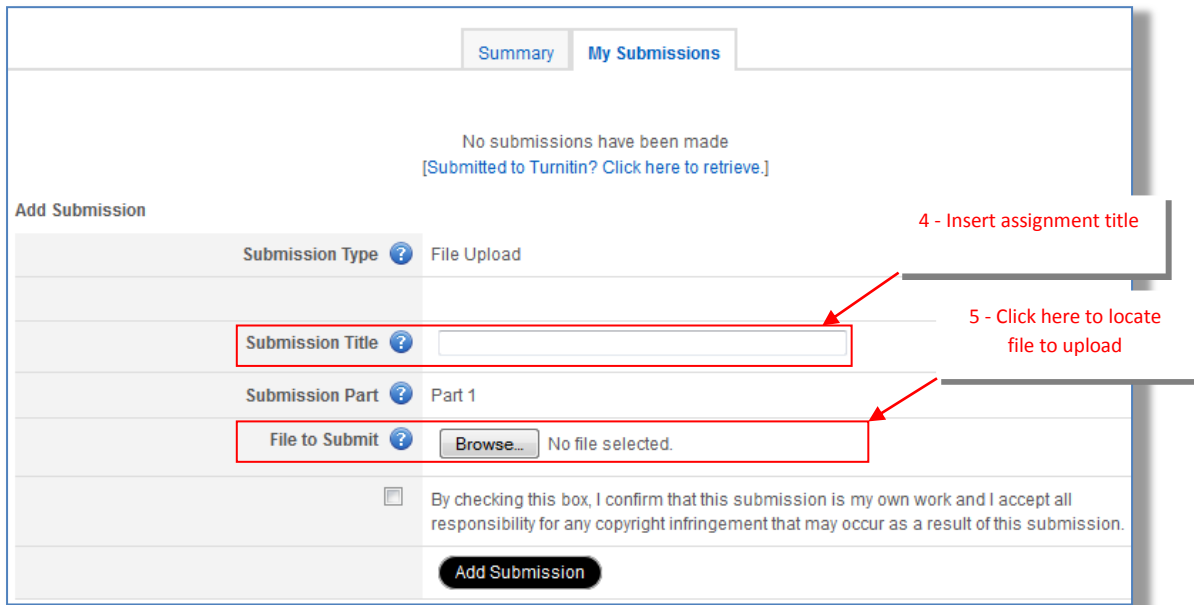
The screenshot shows the Moodle Turnitin submission interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Summary' and 'My Submissions'. Below the tabs, there is a table with the following data:

Turnitin Assignment Name	Assignment 1			
Summary	Assignment 1			
Assignment Part	Start Date	Due Date	Post Date	Max Marks
Part 1	1/08/14, 15:05	6/10/14, 17:00	20/10/14, 17:00	100

A red arrow points to the 'My Submissions' tab.

Figure 1

3. Click the **My Submissions** tab in order to get to page to upload the assignment (see Figure 1).



Summary My Submissions

No submissions have been made
[Submitted to Turnitin? Click here to retrieve.]

Add Submission

Submission Type ? File Upload

Submission Title ?

Submission Part ? Part 1

File to Submit ? Browse... No file selected.

By checking this box, I confirm that this submission is my own work and I accept all responsibility for any copyright infringement that may occur as a result of this submission.

Add Submission

4 - Insert assignment title

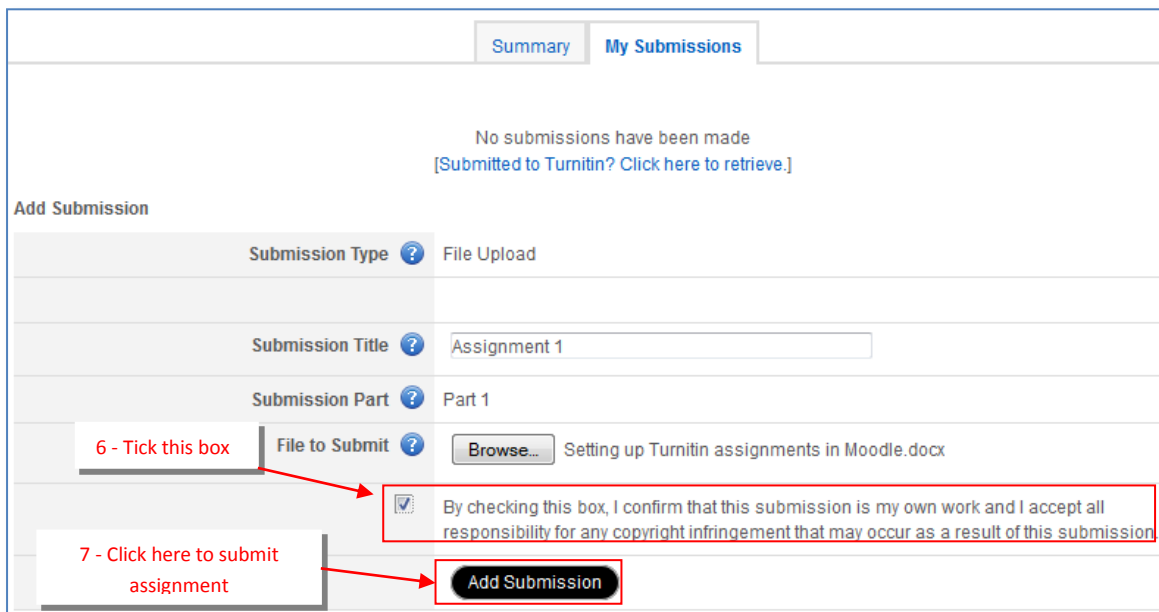
5 - Click here to locate file to upload

Figure 2

4. Complete the **Submission Title**, enter a name which reflects topic of your assignment, the faculty will usually communicate how they wish you to name the files.

5. Click on the **Browse** button to locate your assignment that you wish to submit. Once selected you will see this displayed in the **File to Submit** (see Figure 3). Please remember to upload a pdf or word file of your assignment.

6. Once you are happy that you have selected the correct file tick the box to confirm that you accept the statement displayed: By checking this box, I confirm that this submission is my own work and I accept all responsibility for any copyright infringement that may occur as a result of this submission.



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File to Submit ? Setting up Turnitin assignments in Moodle.docx

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Figure 3

7. Then click the **Add Submission** button to submit your assignment. You should then see a page **Synchronising Data** whilst your submission is being uploaded (Figure 4).

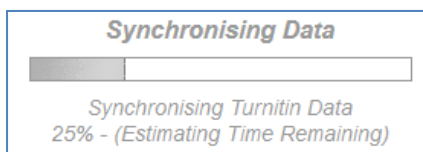
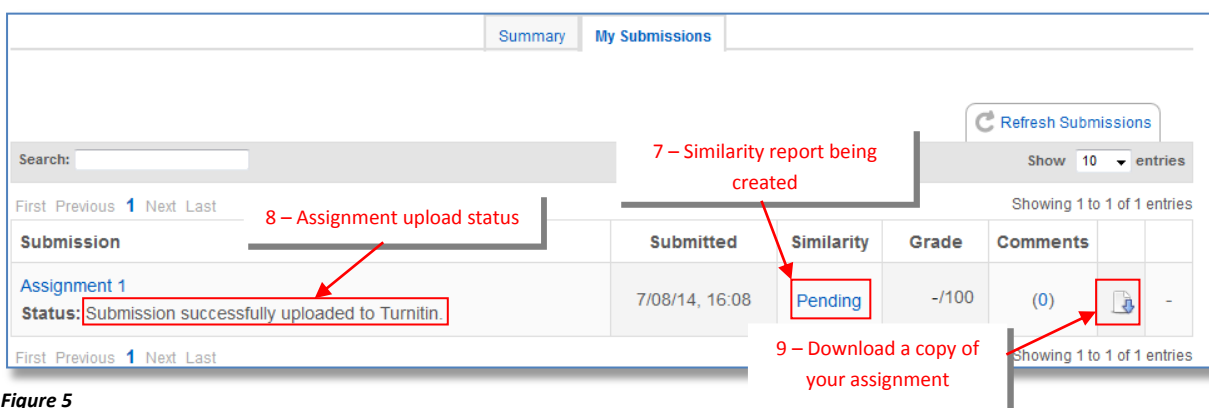


Figure 4

The originality report is usually created within 5 – 10 minutes of submission for an average paper of 500 to 1000 words. Please note that longer papers will require more time.




Summary My Submissions

Refresh Submissions

Search:

Show 10 entries

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Submission	Submitted	Similarity	Grade	Comments
Assignment 1 Status: Submission successfully uploaded to Turnitin.	7/08/14, 16:08	Pending	-/100	(0) 

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Figure 5

If the similarity index is still showing **Pending**, try selecting the **Refresh Submissions** link under **My Submissions** tab to reload the page (Figure 5).

Please note that if you have resubmitted an assignment, there may be a delay of 24 hours before an originality report is available.

8. The **Turnitin Submission Summary** page will be displayed confirming your assignment has been submitted. If the upload was successful the **Submission successfully uploaded to Turnitin** message will appear in the status section (see Figure 5).

This screen will also show the date and time you submitted your assignment.

9. You can download a copy of your assignment by clicking on the **Download Arrow** as shown in Figure 5.

10. You will receive an automatic receipt once your assignment has been successfully uploaded (see Figure 6).

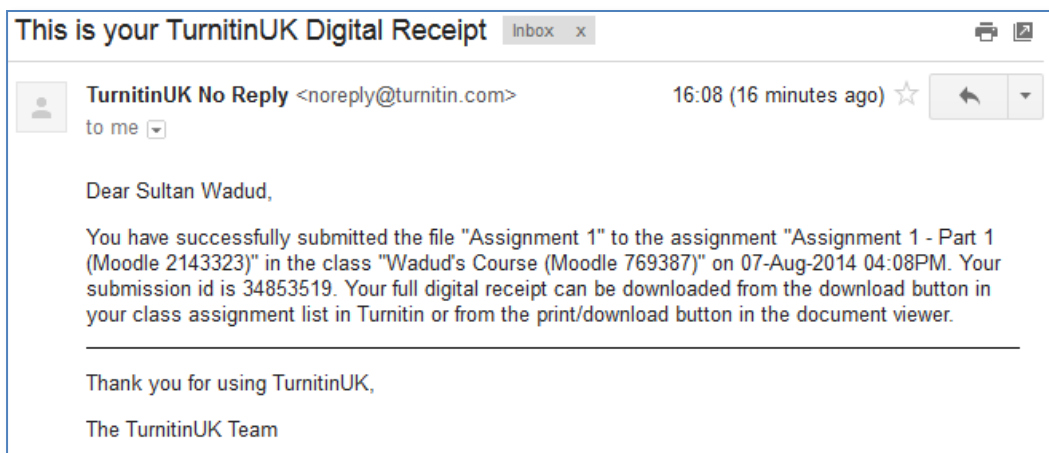


Figure 6

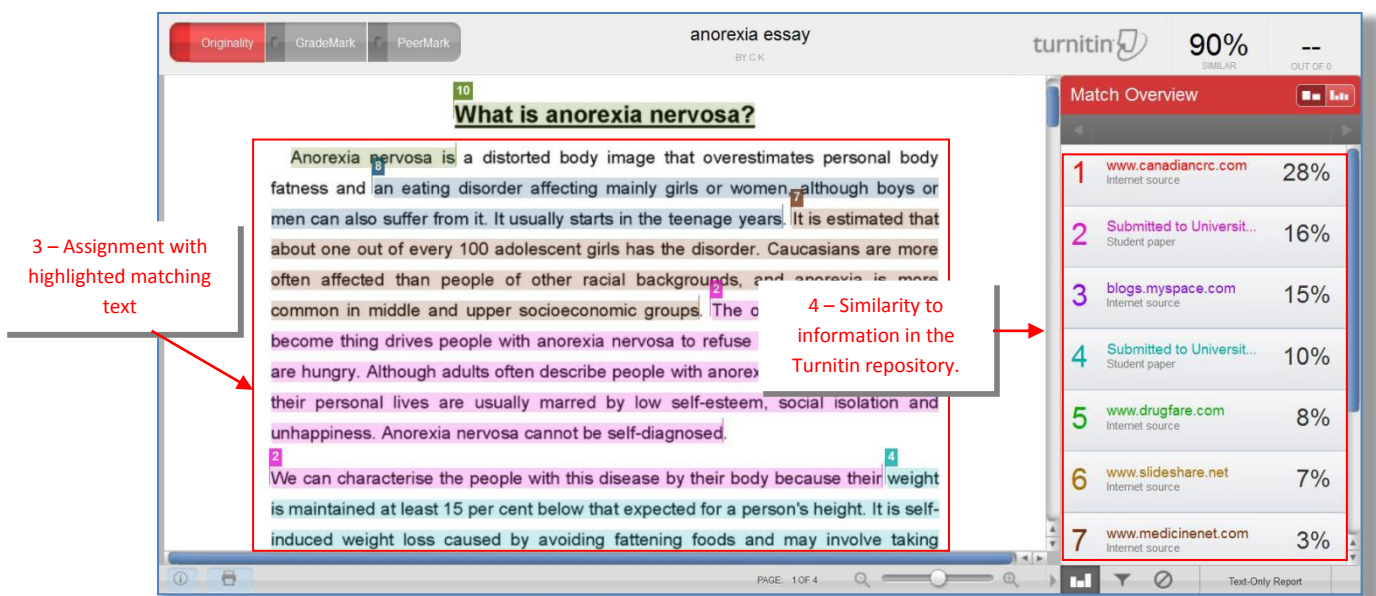
C - Viewing Turnitin similarity report

1. Once the Turnitin has produced the similarity report a percentage will appear under the **Similarity** (see Figure 7).
2. To view the Turnitin similarity report click the percentage under the similarity block (see Figure 6).

Student Submission	Paper ID	Submitted	Similarity
Part 1: Assignment 1	34853519	7/08/14, 16:08	15%
O'Sullivan, Linda - (0 Submissions)		1 – Similarity report result	

Figure 7

3. A new window will open and will show you where the similarity is contained in your assignment. Matching text is highlighted in a colour that corresponds to the matching source listed on the right side of the Originality Report (see Figure 8).



3 – Assignment with highlighted matching text

4 – Similarity to information in the Turnitin repository.

Match	Source	Similarity
1	www.canadiancrc.com Internet source	28%
2	Submitted to Universit... Student paper	16%
3	blogs.myspace.com Internet source	15%
4	Submitted to Universit... Student paper	10%
5	www.drugfare.com Internet source	8%
6	www.slideshare.net Internet source	7%
7	www.medicinenet.com Internet source	3%

Figure 8

4. **Match Overview** lists of all areas of the paper which have similarity to information in the Turnitin repository. Matches are colour coded and listed from highest to lowest percentage of matching word area to the submission.

D - Turnitin grades and feedback in Moodle

1. Navigate to the Turnitin assignment and the **Submission Summary** screen and then **click My Submissions** (see Figure 9 and also refer to Section B Tasks 2 and 3 in this guide).

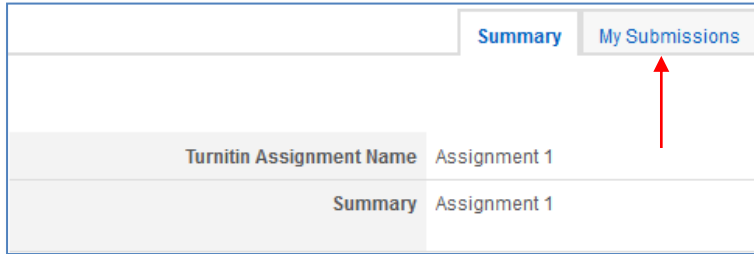


Figure 9

2. Figure 8 illustrates the Turnitin Submission Summary screen once your submission has been graded by the tutor.

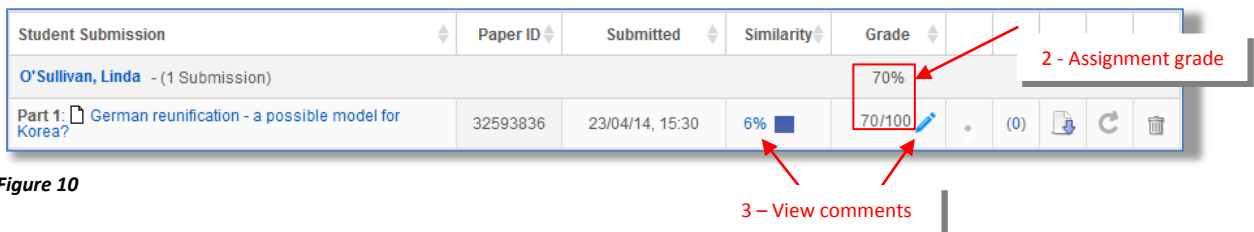


Figure 10

3. To view comments and feedback made by your tutor by click on the similarity percentage or the blue pencil (see Figure 10). Please note that Feedback can be viewed after the Post Date.

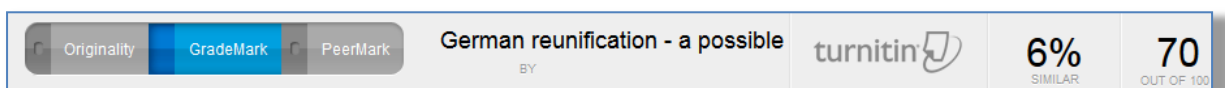


Figure 11

4. Once the similarity report is displayed select the **GradeMark** option (see Figure 11), which is situated top left of the similarity report. This will make **QuickMark Comments** visible directly on the pages of your assignment. These are shown as blue speech bubbles. Hover your cursor over the comment to see the full text.. Also along the top of the similarity report you will see your grade / mark.

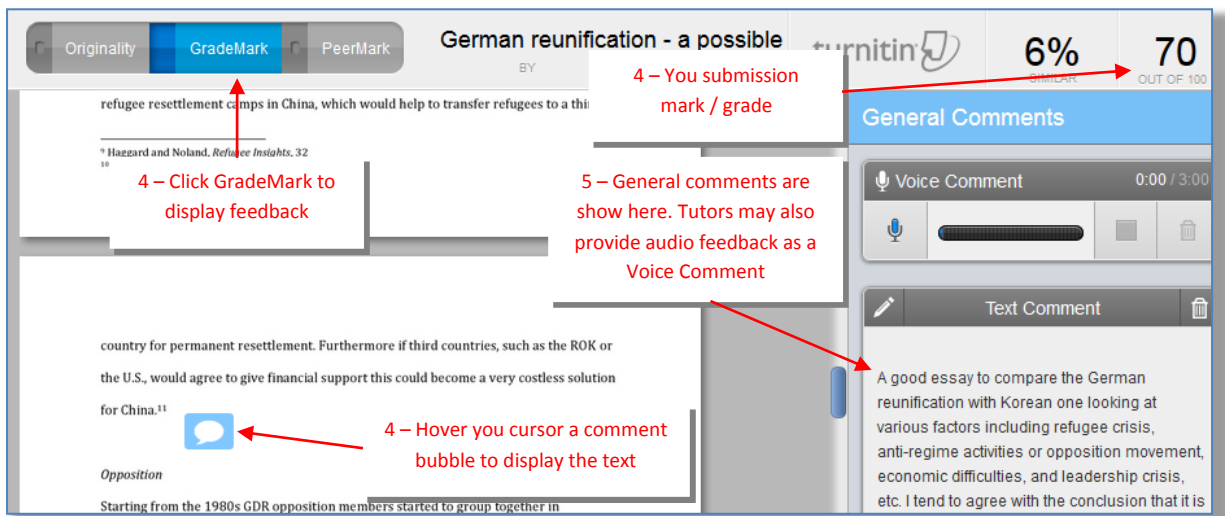


Figure 12

5. Click **General Comments** icon (see Figure 13) to display the overall feedback from tutor (see Figure 13).

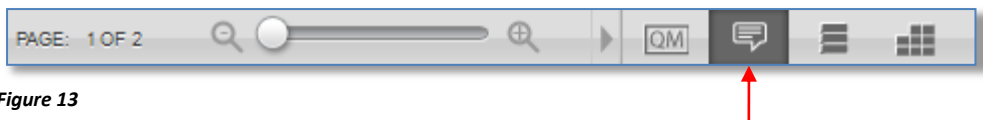


Figure 13

6. You can download a copy of your graded submission to keep on your computer or print out. This will include the written feedback and comments contained in the marked assignment.

To print a submission with the comments click on the **Printer** icon (see figure 14) at the bottom left of the page in the Document Viewer then select **Download PDF of current view for printing** from the menu that appears.

Please note that when viewing the PDF file of your assignment, the feedback is listed at the end

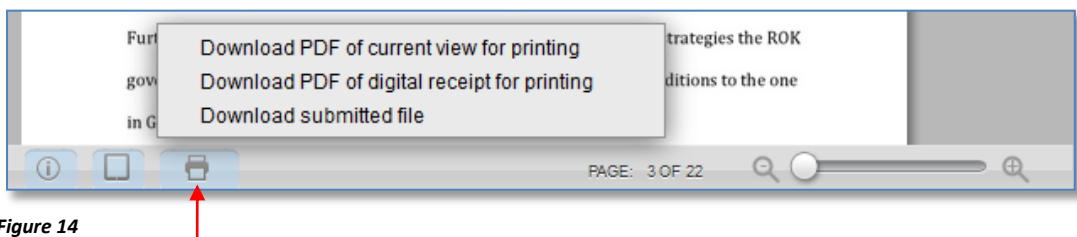


Figure 14

Further information and training please visit the Turnitin Student Training pages which can be found here: http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/student-training