

**ClassMarker** 

# Import “Essay” Questions with CSV

User Guide

# This guide will take you through the correct format to use for importing essay questions on ClassMarker.com

## Import “essay” questions with CSV - Key considerations

- Maximum 50 Questions per import file.
- When uploading your import file, Questions are displayed for accuracy checking before saving to your account.
- Import files must be saved as **.CVS** comma separate format, with **UTF-8** character encoding (See below).

## Let's get started

1. Download a sample CSV file from:  
<https://www.classmarker.com/docs/importquestions/classmarker-essay-question-type-template.csv>
2. Fill in your **Questions** and **Settings** into the correct columns using the below format.

**TIP:** *If you have Questions and Answers in a separate excel file, you can copy columns of Questions and Answers directly into your ClassMarker Import file.*

## Sample question

Explain how you would respond to a customer complaint over the phone?

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## Columns titles and row values

The first **row** in your CSV file will always indicate the **type of question** you are importing, followed by **column titles**. To allow ClassMarker to understand which **question type** is being uploaded:-

Cell <b>A1</b> always indicates the question type.	Question type: essay
Column <b>A</b> will then repeat the question type for each question row	essay

Key: **Required Columns**, **Optional Columns**

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Question type: essay	Parent category	Category	Correct feedback	Incorrect feedback
2	essay	Customer service	Phone support	Well done	Please review Phone support unit

Column	Column title	Question rows values	Description
A	Question type: essay	essay	Always indicates the question type.
B	Parent category	Name of your parent category	Create these in ClassMarker before uploading.
C	Category	Name of your category	Create these in ClassMarker before uploading.
D	Correct feedback	Question feedback text	Shown when answered correctly.
E	Incorrect feedback	Question feedback text	Shown when answered incorrectly.

	F	G
1	Points	Question
2		Explain how you would respond to a customer complaint over the phone?

Column	Column title	Question rows values	Description
F	Points	10	Numeric point value. Can be 1 decimal place.
G	Questions	Explain how you would respond to a customer complaint over the phone?	Create these in ClassMarker before uploading.

## Saving import files as CSV / UFT-8 format

### Import

Character set:

Language:

From row:

### Separator Options

Fixed width       Fixed width

Tab     Comma     Semicolon     Space     Other

Merge delimiters     Trim spaces    String delimiter:

1. Save your file as a .csv file
  - a. **IMPORTANT: You must insure the Character set encoding is UTF-8** (See image above)
  - b. Otherwise, single quotes, double quotes, dashes and other characters that are created in Microsoft documents may not display correctly due to incorrect character set encoding. For example you may see:
    - lõm, instead of l'm OR
    - l♦m, instead of l'm
  - c. If you see these invalid characters in your CSV file re save your files in UFT-8 Format, or upload your question and edit questions in ClassMarker to replace the correct characters.
2. Save with **comma separated** format
3. Save with **double quote** string delimiters

## Import your CVS file to ClassMarker.com

See instructions on how to upload your CSV question import files here:  
<https://www.classmarker.com/online-testing/manual/#importquestions>