Guide to Resource Types

Resource	Description	Possible Uses
Book	The Book module makes it easy to create multi-page resources with a book-like format. Previously created websites can be imported directly into the Book module. Books can be printed entirely or by chapter. The book module allows you to have main chapters and sub chapters, but it goes no deeper. In other words, sub chapters cannot have their own sub chapters, as the module is intended to be a simple resource for teachers and students. The book module is not interactive. You can, however, link to choices, forums etc., from within a book. Also, Flash movies and other multimedia may be included in a book (http://docs.moodle.org/23/en/Book_module)	You can use the book module to present information in a well-structured, user-friendly format. But there are other possibilities. Because this module allows you to import individual web pages or folders of web pages, it is useful for group work. Example: Each student creates a simple web page about your school and the teacher, (that's you!) uploads the pages to the book. *Voila!* You and your students have created a useful, interesting resource for new students and their parents. You could do this to create a class cook book and nutrition guide, a resource about local civic organizations, *triangles in our daily lives*, world leaders, you name it. Alternatively, you could enable students to upload pages to the book (http://docs.moodle.org/23/en/Using_Book)
File	When you wish to share with your students a simple file such as a Word-processed document or slideshow (eg created in MS Word, Powerpoint, or Open Office) you use the File resource type. It allows you to upload and display a variety of resources on your course. How your students access them depends on your choices in File module settings. Note also that they will only be able to open your files if they have the appropriate software on their own computers. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/File)	Examples: • A hand-out used within the class • A module handbook • A power point / resource used within a class • Templates / writing frames • Stimulus material • Worksheets & homework • Answer sheets

Folder	A folder allows a teacher to display several course resources together. The resources may be of different types and they may be uploaded in one go, as a zipped folder which is then unzipped, or they may be added one at a time to an empty folder on the course page.
	
	When the folder icon is clicked, the resources it contains are displayed for the student. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/Folder)
		A folder would most commonly be used to store a bank of resources which you wish your learners to have access to. If, for example, you use a significant number of resources with in lesson a folder could be created for each lesson:
		Topic / Outline
		  |-Lesson 1 (folder)
		     |-Power Point.pptx
		     |- Activity Sheet 1.docx
		     |- Activity Sheet 2.pdf
		     |- Final Hand-out.docx
		  |- Lesson 2 (folder)

IMS Package Content Package	IMS is a body which helps define technical standards for various things, including e-learning material. The IMS Content Packaging specification makes it possible to store chunks of material in a standard format which can be re-used in different systems, without having to convert the material into new formats. The IMS content package in Moodle enables such content packages to be uploaded and included in Moodle courses. There are various options for displaying content in a pop-up window, with a navigation menu or buttons etc. In addition, the resource type supports an optional repository, enabling content packages to be shared between courses. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/IMS_content_package)	

Label	A label serves as a spacer on a Moodle course page. It can be used to add text, images, multimedia or code in between other resources in the different sections. It is a very versatile resource and can help to improve the appearance of a course if used thoughtfully. Banners or descriptions may be added to labels to distinguish between and highlight different areas. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/Label)	Example: Labels have been used in the Quick Reference Guides topic in order to separate the individual resources and the guide packs, providing a title to each sub-section.
Page	A page resource creates a link to a screen that displays the content created by the teacher. The robust Text editor allows the page to display many different kinds of content. In certain cases it might be preferable to use the page resource instead of uploading a word-processed document, particularly if the document contains text that is just to be read and not downloaded. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/Page)	To create a page with embedded multi-media or instead of a word document to expand accessibility. Example: Each of the videos on this page have been embedded using the Page resource
URL	A URL (Uniform or Universal Resource Locator) is a link on the internet to a website or online file. Teachers can use the URL module to provide their students with web links for research, saving the student time and effort in manually typing out the address. The URLS can be displayed in various ways - see URL module settings for example, opening in a new window so a student can access and use the URL, close it and return easily to their original Moodle course page. (http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/URL)	