A rubric maker alternative: where to rebuild your rubrics before 2027

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Rubric-maker.com says it will be offline at the end of 2026. How to rebuild your rubrics in Peabody's free rubric maker, with no account, and what it doesn't do.

If you keep rubrics on rubric-maker.com, its own site said on 30 October 2026 that it is no longer accepting new accounts and will be offline at the end of 2026. One free place to rebuild them is Peabody Teach's rubric maker: no account, no sign-in, no ads. Paste the text of each rubric into the maker's cells, or start from one of its 80 premade rubrics, then print it or copy it into Google Docs. Peabody is free through the end of 2026.

This post is about our own tool, so read it as that. We have nothing to say about the other site beyond what it says itself, and we're not affiliated with it. Everything about Peabody below comes from the maker's code and pages as they stood on 30 October 2026, including what it doesn't do.

What rubric-maker.com says

On 30 October 2026, rubric-maker.com said on its own site that it is no longer accepting new accounts and will be offline at the end of 2026. It had a free tier and a $20-a-year tier, and rubrics were kept behind a login. That is all we know, and all we'll say. If you have rubrics there, the useful thing is to get their text out while you can still sign in.

Before the end of the year: get your text out

Whatever you move to, start by keeping your own copy of every rubric you use.

1. Sign in and open each rubric you want to keep.
2. Copy its text into a document of your own, or print the page.
3. Keep that copy somewhere you control, such as your school drive.

Once the words are yours, any tool can take them.

How to rebuild a rubric in Peabody's maker

There is no import button: the maker doesn't read files from other sites. You rebuild a rubric by putting its words into the cells, which for most classroom rubrics takes a few minutes.

1. Open teach.peabody.kids/make/rubric. It opens on a six-trait writing template.
2. Set the shape to match your old rubric. Choose 3, 4 or 5 levels and 1 to 8 criteria with the buttons. New rows and columns appear blank; cells you've already written stay.
3. Name the levels and set their points. The defaults are Exceeds (4), Meets (3),

Approaching (2) and Beginning (1). Rename any of them (up to 24 characters) and change the points.

4. Paste each criterion name and each cell. Copy a cell's text from your saved copy and paste it into the matching cell. Each cell holds up to 220 characters, and the maker warns you when text would print very small.
5. Set the weights. If a row counted more in your old rubric, give it ×2 or ×3. The maximum score is added up above the grid.
6. Keep it. Copy the page's link, which carries the rubric, or press "Copy as a table" and paste it into Google Docs or Word, or print to PDF.

If your old rubric was a single-point rubric, switch "Kind of rubric" to Single-point. Each criterion then has one standard, with space on either side for "Areas for growth" and "Evidence of going beyond."

Or start from a premade rubric

You may not need to rebuild at all. The premade rubrics are 40 finished rubrics, each written in three grade bands: K–2 with three levels (Wow! / Yes / Not yet) and no points by default, and 3–5 and 6–8 with four levels, points, and one row that counts twice. They include presentation, essay, project, speaking, art project, group work, poster, lab report, debate, reading aloud and more.

Press "Open in the maker" under the band you teach, and the rubric loads into the maker, ready to reword. Changing three cells of a close match is often faster than retyping a whole grid.

What the maker does, and doesn't

- It does: Analytic rubrics, 3 to 5 levels, 1 to 8 criteria · It doesn't: Save to an account (there are no accounts)
- It does: Single-point rubrics · It doesn't: Store anything on Peabody's server
- It does: Weights of ×1, ×2 or ×3, with totals worked out · It doesn't: Write a rubric for you with AI when you press a button
- It does: A K–2 levels button: Wow! / Yes / Not yet · It doesn't: Store student names, scores or grades
- It does: Landscape print with name and date lines · It doesn't: Import a file from another site
- It does: "Copy as a table" for Google Docs or Word · It doesn't: Add standards codes for you

A few of those deserve a plain sentence each.

- No account, so no cloud saving. Your rubric is kept in this browser and in the page's link, after the # sign, which our server never receives. Clear your browser data or switch

computers and it is gone. To keep it, copy the link, paste the table into your own document, or save a PDF. For anyone used to a login, this is the biggest change.
- The share link is the rubric. Send the link to a colleague and it opens the same rubric on their screen. Because it rides after the #, it never passes through our server.
- No AI drafting at request time. Nothing is written for you on the spot. The templates and the 80 premade rubrics were written ahead of time and checked by a person, so the same page gives the same rubric tomorrow.
- No grade book. You circle on paper or type scores in your own document.

Try it tonight

- Rebuild the one you use most first. If you only move one rubric before winter break, make it that one.
- Compare with a premade one. Open the premade rubric closest to yours. You may keep your wording and borrow a row, or the other way round.
- Print the "I can" checklist. Every premade rubric page prints its rows as student "I can" lines, which a typed-in rubric doesn't have unless you write them.
- Bookmark the link after your last change. Since the link carries the rubric, a bookmark is a simple way to find it again.

Peabody is also a free reading site for kids: the stories your students can read at home are in the library. There is more on the maker itself in the rubric maker post.

Questions

Is rubric-maker.com shutting down?

Its own site said on 30 October 2026 that it is no longer accepting new accounts and will be offline at the end of 2026. Check rubric-maker.com for its latest word, and save copies of your rubrics while you can still sign in.

Can I import my rubrics into Peabody's rubric maker?

Not as a file. You paste each criterion and cell into the maker, after setting the number of levels and criteria to match. Or open one of the 80 premade rubrics and change the cells that differ.

Where does Peabody save my rubric?

In your browser on that computer, and in the page's link after the #. Nothing is sent to Peabody's server and there is no account. Copy the link, paste the table into a document, or save a PDF to keep it elsewhere.

Is it free?

Yes. The rubric maker and all 80 premade rubrics need no sign-in and show no ads, and Peabody is free through the end of 2026.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/rubric-maker-alternative