



## A Basic User Guide to Doing Homework on MathXL

To do a homework assignment or a quiz:

1. Click on **Homework and Tests**
2. Choose the Homework Assignment or quiz you want to work on
3. Choose **Exercise 1** (or any number)

Note: putting curser over an exercise shows which problem it corresponds to in the book.

4. Complete the problem and enter answer. Click on **Check Answer**

Note: You may have to use the **math symbol palette** on the left of the problem to type in your answer.

5. If answer is correct, a **green check mark** will appear next to the number along the top of the screen. Now click **Similar Exercise** to do another one like it OR click **Next Exercise** to move to the next problem

Note: Or you may choose from the list of problem numbers on the top by clicking on the number.

6. If the answer is incorrect, you may have another try or two to get it right. If you get it wrong, a **red X** will appear next to the number along the top of the screen. At this point, you may click **Similar Exercise** to try to get the question right or click **Next Exercise** to move to the next problem.

Note: If you rework the problem and get it correct, a green check will appear by the number.

7. If you are not sure how to work a problem, click **Help Me Solve This** or **View an Example** for tutorial assistance with the problem. **Ask my Instructor**, **Textbook Pages**, and **Print** options are also available.

8. When you have completed the last exercise (Next will no longer be an option) or you need to stop for the session, click **Submit Homework**. You may continue to work on the homework and submit it multiple times up to the due date. Only the highest grade counts.

**Note:** If you don't click **Submit Homework**, you will receive no points for that assignment.

9. To see all your homework scores, Click on **Results** and choose Homework.
10. Click on **Calendar** to see when other homework assignments and quizzes are due.

# MATHXL HOMEWORK

MathXL homework is worth 25% of your course grade

This is the online assignment (Note that there are also questions assigned from the textbook as well). **Watch the due dates!** Only for extended illnesses will they be changed – don't even ask for any other reason. You are given sufficient time to complete the assignment. If you choose to procrastinate, then you also choose to take responsibility for all reasons (computer problems, hurricanes, illnesses) that might inhibit your completion of the assignment.

# MATHXL QUIZZES

MathXL quizzes are worth 10% of your course grade. The questions on the quizzes are questions from the homework assignment(s). So, it pays to print the homework assignment, solve the problems, and then use your work to help solve the quiz questions. Unlike the homework, quizzes **MUST BE TAKEN AND COMPLETED IN ONE SITTING**. You cannot work some problems and then come back and work others. Be sure you have enough time to work a quiz before starting it or you will waste a try. You will have 2 tries at each quiz, but you will not be able to review the first quiz before taking the second. Feel free to copy the questions by hand and study before the second try. The second quiz will not be an exact duplicate of the first – it will however be similar. When the due date for the quiz has passed, you can then print the quiz. The printout will show both your answer and the correct answer. *MathXL can be very picky, so if you missed a quiz question do to an input error, show me and I will change your grade if necessary.*

Since these quizzes are taken outside of class, use all materials at your disposal (notes, homework, the Math Lab, tutors, and your instructor) to help you master the material and succeed.

# How to Get the Most from MathXL

## TAKE A TOUR

- ✓ At the top of the login page, click “Tours and Training” or after logging in, click “Take a Tour”.
- ✓ Take the tour “How to Enter Answers in MathXL”.

## PRINT THE ASSIGNMENT

- ✓ At the first question, click “Print...” Then choose “Print Homework Assignment” to print the collection of questions.
- ✓ Now you have a printed copy from which you can ask questions in class.
- ✓ Do your written work on the print-out (if there is enough room) or notebook paper.
- ✓ As you work the assignment, highlight any questions that you *immediately* do not know how to do or get incorrect and must use the “help functions” to solve. These will then be easily recognizable as questions to redo again when studying for the exam.
- ✓ All Homework is fair game for exam questions. You will want to study the printed assignment before an exam.

## HELP FUNCTIONS

- ✓ **“Help Me Solve This”**  
This function walks you through the given problem. It will ask you key questions that you must answer which will help you get to the final answer. When you return to the homework assignment, you will have a new problem – similar, but new numbers.
- ✓ **“View An Example”**  
This function shows you a similar example. You can solve the given problem by following the steps of the example.
- ✓ **“Video”**  
Not all questions have a video option. If so, you will see an actual person solving a similar problem on a white board.
- ✓ **“Animation”**  
Similar to a power point presentation, this function shows and tells the step-by-step solving process of a similar example. You press “continue” or “next” when ready for the next step.
- ✓ **“Textbook Pages”**  
Go to the textbook pages of the Section in which you are working.
- ✓ **“Ask My Instructor”**  
This function e-mails your instructor a link to the problem that is causing you trouble. You will have to wait till he/she checks their e-mail and replies, but you will get a hint from a real live person.

## WORKING PROBLEMS AWAY FROM YOUR COMPUTER/ENTERING ANSWERS LATER

- ✓ You do not have to do the problems in front of your computer. Print the assignment and then work the problems at your leisure (but before the due date) at home. You can then enter the answers later. **HOWEVER . . .**
- ✓ You **MUST enter ALL THE ANSWERS for every question you have completed** before using any of the help functions. If you use a help function, the problems after will regenerate with new numbers and your current answers will be incorrect for the new problem.
- ✓ SO . . . Print, Solve, Enter all Answers  
THEN . . . Go Back and Use Help, Ask for Similar Questions, etc.