

Having Trouble...

... keeping up while taking notes in class?

- Try taking photos of the boards.
- Invent more abbreviations. If necessary, keep a list at the front of your notebook.
- Write more sloppily and correct details after class, using photos if necessary.
- Try using the online notes from the class website.
- Try pairing up with a buddy – “I’ll write the evens, if you write the odds.” Or “Can I copy your notes, please?”

...doing homework from an online screen?

- Use the “print this assignment” option, then work the problems on paper. Later, type your answers into the website. You can punch these pages and use them to make a “homework” section in your notebook.
- Hand-write a “homework” section in your notebook. Write a header for the section, write the question number, and write the keep details of the question, including the instructions.
- Put stars by any questions that give you trouble and get help with those.

...doing homework from work, the bus, or other places without good internet access?

- Use the “print this assignment” option, then work the problems on paper. Type your answers into the website later.
- Plan more time on campus when you can use any of the many computer labs.

...knowing what to study for today’s PQ?

- Check the class calendar in the Syllabus, on the class website. The column labeled “PQ” tells you what to expect.
- Check what sections(s) were due in MathXL/MyMathLab today. Those are the same section(s) as today’s PQ(s).
- Look at your class notes two lessons ago. [If you have a 2-day per week class, you’ll have PQs on each of the lessons.]

...remembering what you practiced on homework while you are taking the PQ?

- Save 3-5 homework problems as “warm up” to do right before class.
- Re-read class notes (yours or those on the class website) before class.
- Do the odd-numbered homework problems using all the help buttons, class notes, or other websites that you need to learn how to do the problems. Then do the even-numbered problems without help, as if each one were a quiz or exam. Notice what you don’t remember, and make a study card.
- Use the “Study Plan” in MathXL/MyMathLab to “quiz me” before class.
- Work to get 9/10 or 10/10 on every homework assignment. In the “Homework” section of your notebook, write stars next to hard problems and get help or practice them again later.

...finishing PQs or exams?

- Practice half of each homework assignment while working for speed. Notice what errors arise because of rushing, and plan strategies to avoid them. Then try the problems again.
- Do problems without additional help to test yourself.
- Review every week, make study cards.
- Do all the chapter review or chapter test problems in MathXL/MyMathLab, or your textbook.