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Pathblazer[®]

Quick Start Guide

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Introduction

This Guided Tour is designed to give you a hands-on preview of the Edgenuity intervention solution, Pathblazer, from both the student and teacher perspectives. Our innovative digital learning objects are based on current and confirmed research about the way today's students think and learn and are designed to maximize students' learning potential.

Pathblazer™ learning acceleration software™ gives teachers the tools they need to speed struggling elementary and middle school learners up to grade-level proficiency using powerful learning acceleration software. The software includes an initial student screener tool that helps teachers to identify each student's proficiency level and prescribe an individualized learning path and acceleration plan.

NOTE: With this trial account, you can use the student logins to preview assigned levels of the Pathblazer curriculum from a student point of view, and use the teacher logins to browse the entire curriculum database. Each login name can be used by ONE user at a given time. Any data compiled on this trial account, including assignments and student data, will not be saved or preserved.



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Getting Started

Let's get started by making sure your computer meets our minimum requirements.

- Go to www.thelearningodyssey.com.
- [CLICK HERE](#) to ensure your computer meets the minimum system requirements.
- If you have trouble at any time throughout your trial, please contact our support team:
 - For immediate support: 1-877-202-0338
 - For all other support: CustomerSupport@edgenuity.com.

Explore the Student Interface

In this trial, you will have the option to explore both as a student and as an educator. This guided tour will start you off in the typical path of a student enrolled in our Pathblazer solution.

Logging In and the Diagnostic Assessment

1. Navigate to www.thelearningodyssey.com and enter the **student name**, **password**, and **school name** exactly as they were provided to you into the appropriate boxes, then click the **Log In** button.

NOTE: Please be aware of spaces and the letter O verses the number 0.



2. Here you will see a student's homepage.

NOTE: You have been assigned a variety of content so you can easily explore what Pathblazer has to offer you and your students. In a typical school setting, students are often assigned to one Reading and/or Math program.



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3. Click on any **Pathblazer subject** button to begin your exploration.

NOTE: Students typically will only have one or two boxes here. Your trial account has access to multiple levels of content for you to freely explore.

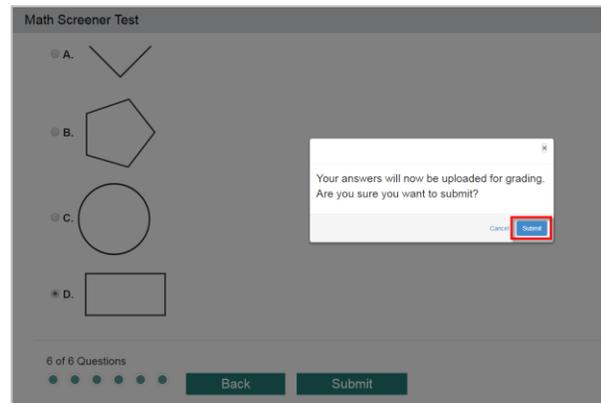


4. Complete the **adaptive screener** that determines a student's highest functional performance level.



5. On your last screener question, click the **submit button** in the assessment, then click the blue **Submit** button on the confirmation screen.

NOTE: Depending on the results, students may receive multiple screeners to hone in on their individual proficiency level.

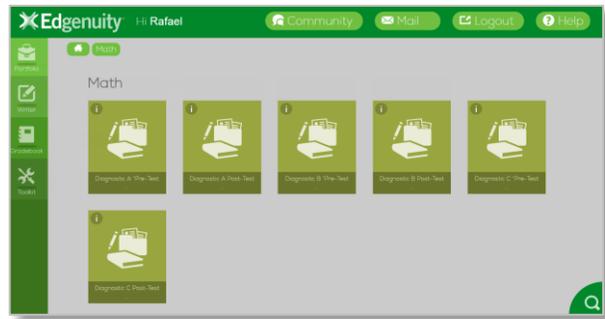


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- After submitting the screener, students are immediately assigned proficiency-level, diagnostic assessments to determine their individual skill gaps. From the home screen, click on the Pathblazer program you selected in step 3 to complete any standards-based diagnostic assessment and submit your results for grading.

For the trial exploration, we recommend answering some items incorrectly to experience how Pathblazer adapts to your personal learning needs.

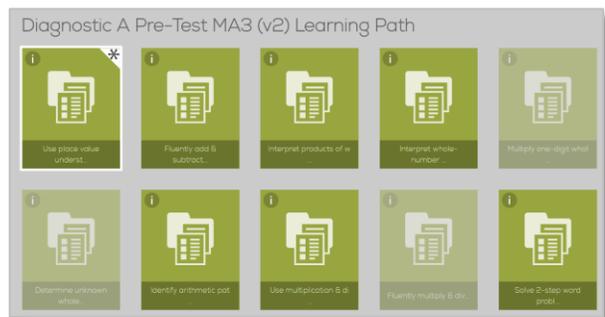
NOTE 1: This diagnostic will be used to determine the appropriate standards-based learning path. When multiple diagnostics are assigned, we recommend students start with A first, then complete that learning path, then continue on with B, C, etc.



Students will see both pre and post test diagnostics at this point in Pathblazer. Only the pretests generate learning paths and should be completed prior to the post tests.

Students are not required to complete the diagnostics in one session. The Stop button can be used to pause progress and return later. Unanswered questions will be locked upon return, so before they click Stop, they should answer any questions that were viewed but not answered.

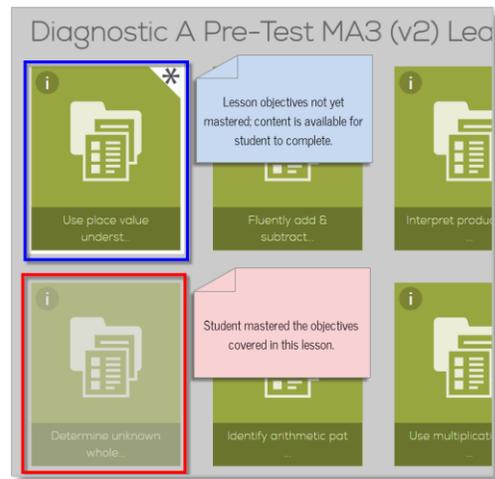
- After submitting the diagnostic assessment, students are assigned a personalized learning path based on the data from the diagnostic assessment.



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- Click on any **activity icon** to explore the prescribed activities. The next lesson will have a star in the upper right corner. Students must complete the lessons in order.

NOTE: Some content will display, but is not available. Data from the diagnostic indicates those objectives were mastered, maintaining focus on only the lessons needed for intervention.



Digital Learning Objects

The curriculum in Pathblazer is fun, engaging, and rigorous. It is both Common Core, and additionally state-aligned, and encourages critical thinking and 21st century skills. The following are some examples of the digital learning objects (DLOs) that you will encounter throughout your exploration of Pathblazer.

Important Features



INSTRUCTION

Explicit skill instruction in an accessible, conversational tone, with thoughtful, visual support.

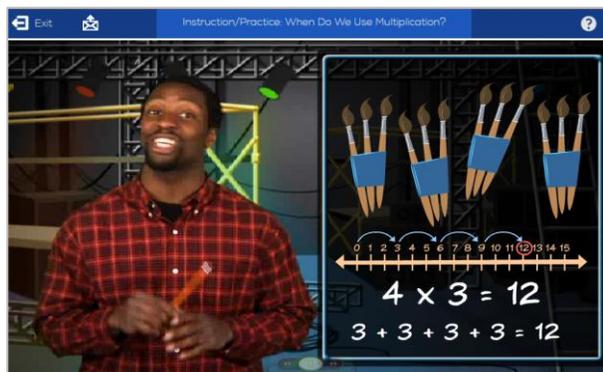
Much of our direct instruction is delivered in short, three to six minute segments in alignment with current brain research on how students best build and retain new knowledge.



B SUPPORTED PRACTICE

Practice with “training wheels” that includes passage audio and re-teaching based on each student’s performance.

Non-repetitive, re-teaching opportunities with effective error correction provides immediate, relevant feedback to students as they respond to questions, promoting critical thinking skills and helping students develop a deeper understanding of concepts.



C INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Practice with minimal support, but with immediate feedback.

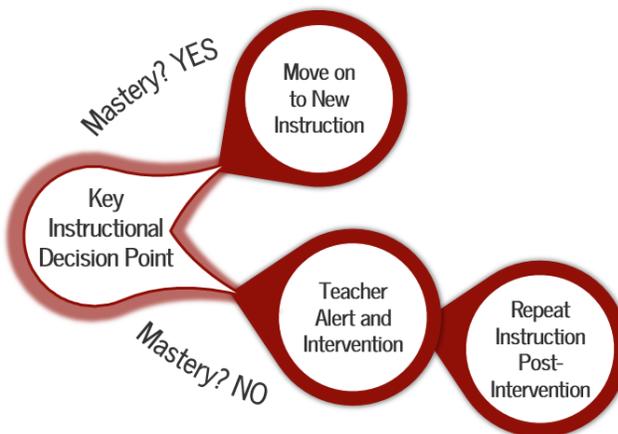
Students have a number of opportunities for success within a scaffolded learning path containing embedded hints, tips, options, and re-teaching.



D ASSESSMENT

Quizzes capture student mastery of each skill.

Students encounter regular checks for understanding throughout the learning path. Once students reach a key concept, automatic decision points are built into the system so that teachers can evaluate whether students are ready to move forward to the next objective, or if students require additional interventions, such as student conferencing. Pathblazer will automatically reassign activities students haven’t mastered at those decision points.



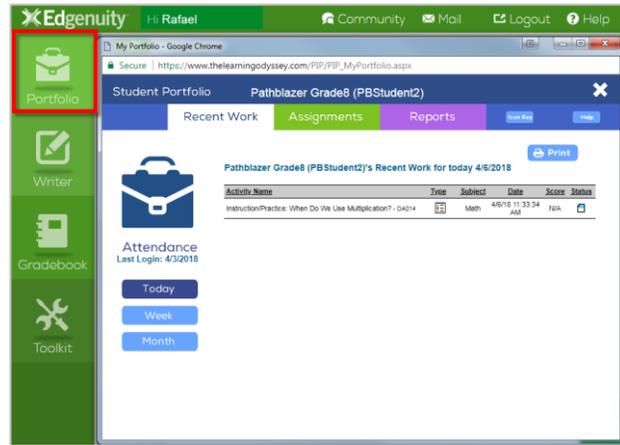
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Explore Student Tools

Return to the **Homepage** to explore the tools available for students.

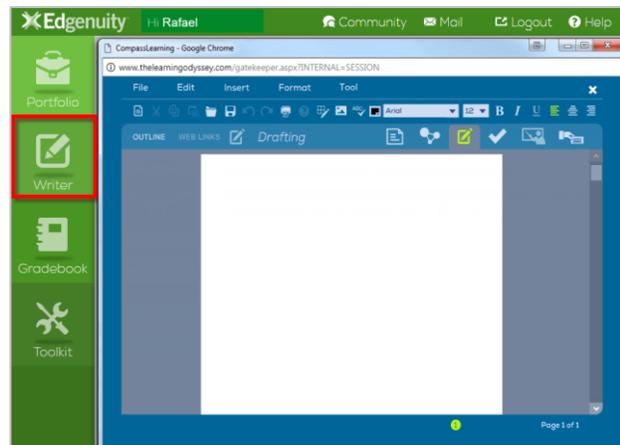
PORTFOLIO

As students complete their assignments in Pathblazer, they can view real-time data on completed scored activities to quickly and easily track their progress. Many quiz scores are hyperlinked revealing further details on student performance and providing a valuable tool for discussion and intervention. The Reports tab provides students/parents full access to student progress information including activity scores, quiz scores, and time on task data.



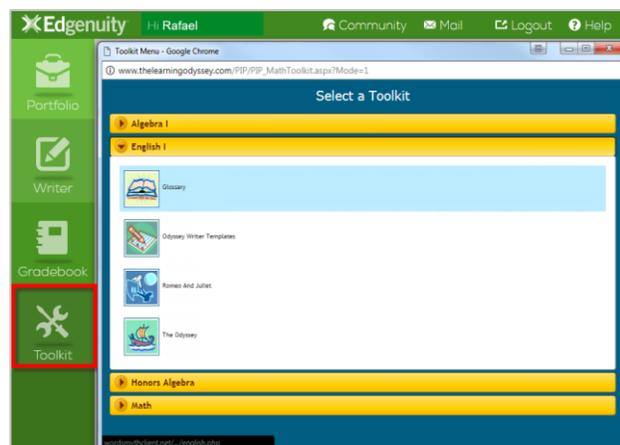
WRITER

Students have access to a stand-alone, writing tool that can be used independently or via embedded prompts in lessons across the curriculum. It includes scoring rubrics and many other features that facilitate the writing process.



TOOLKIT

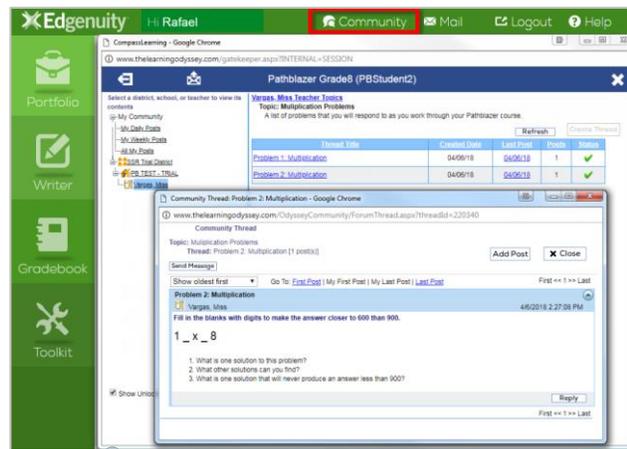
The student toolkit contains a variety of resources to facilitate understanding and problem solving for various courses.



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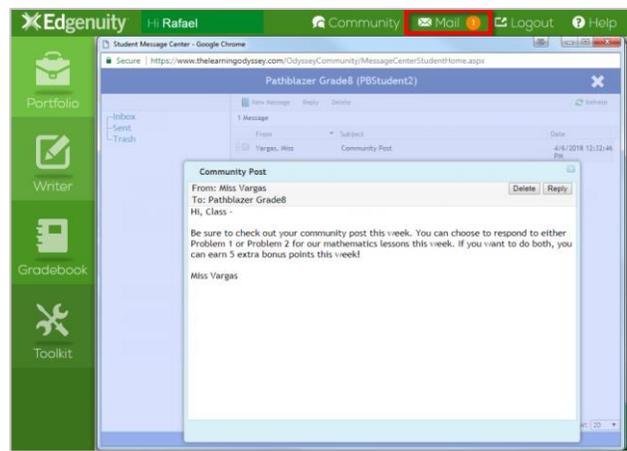
COMMUNITY

Students can join class discussion forums created by the teacher to support learning activities.



MAIL

A closed-system, communication tool that allows students to read and/or respond to emails from the teacher.



Explore the Educator Interface

Throughout your trial period, you also have access to sample teacher accounts. With these accounts you can monitor student progress, explore the curriculum, and view important reports.

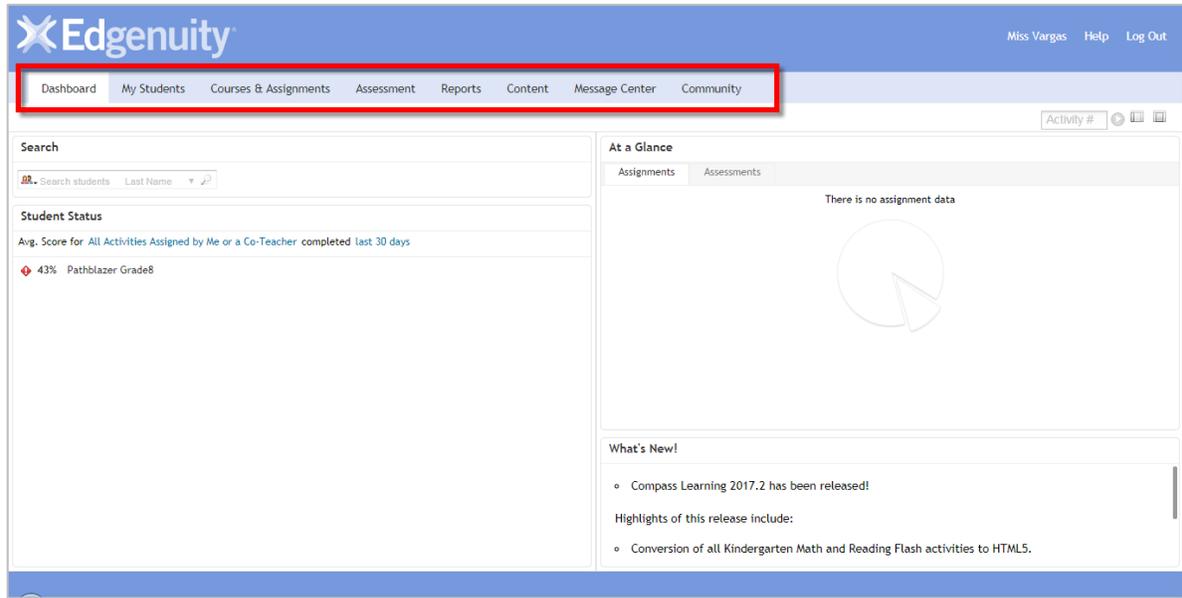
1. Navigate to www.thelearningodyssey.com and enter the **teacher name**, **password**, and **school name** exactly as they were provided to you into the appropriate boxes, then click the **Log In** button.
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The Teacher Homepage

On your Homepage, you have a variety of tools and reports available. The following provides information on common tasks and tools.



DASHBOARD

The Teacher Dashboard will give you a quick and efficient overview of student data. This helps you get a basic idea of your students' daily learning progress.

NOTE: Data in the dashboard is updated every night, so data reflecting completed work will NOT appear in the dashboard until the day after the work was completed.

MY STUDENTS

Create and modify classes, create student accounts, and assign students to classes. You can also view and maintain student and class information and subject level access. All class information can be easily imported and exported.

COURSES & ASSIGNMENTS

Pathblazer automatically assigns content to your students based on their unique learning gaps. However, you always have the option to build and manage the content of your courses based on your own classroom needs. You can also review class and student progress, and create, edit, save, and assign assignments. This section also allows you to view assignments created for your school or for all schools in your district.

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ASSESSMENT

Test Builder allows you to customize and build diagnostic-prescriptive tests and assign them to students and classes. You can create tests from Explorer or state objectives, from custom standard sets, or by modifying prebuilt tests. For each test, you can change the order and number of objectives and the test item property settings.

Administrators also have some tools available to them as well. Using the Item Bank, admins can browse test items for use in creating custom objective-based tests. Using Objective Builder, admins can create custom standard strands to meet individual district or school needs. **Your trial account does not include these admin tools.*

REPORTS

Generate a variety of report types (such as Administration, Progress, Assessment, and Writer) to see how your students are progressing.

CONTENT

Use the Curriculum Index to browse all Pathblazer curricula. Use the Resource page to find details on scope and sequence, descriptions of subjects, as well as other user support information like instructional videos for teachers.

MESSAGE CENTER

The internal messaging function allows teachers to send simple text messages to students within the system. The Message Center is a “closed” messaging tool, meaning that messages sent do not travel outside the school or via the public web. Students cannot send messages to other students, but can reply to a teacher’s message or compose a new message to a teacher.

COMMUNITY

The Community is an online forum designed to facilitate focused discussion between teachers and students. Teachers and administrators create topics and threads, then use access controls to allow students to post comments. Teachers can also create customized learning activities based on Community topics, then assign, track, and report on those activities. All topics and threads must be created by school teachers or administrators; students are restricted to post-only privileges.

HELP

Here you can find directions for all Pathblazer tasks and functions.

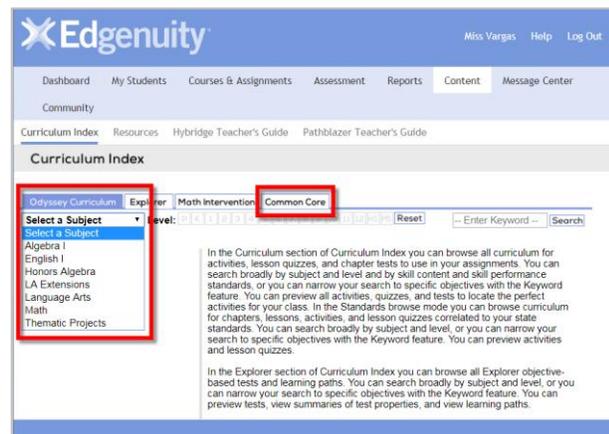
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Exploring the Curriculum as a Teacher

1. In this demo account, you have access to our entire Pathblazer curriculum. To browse the curriculum, click **Content** in the menu bar, then click **Curriculum Index**.

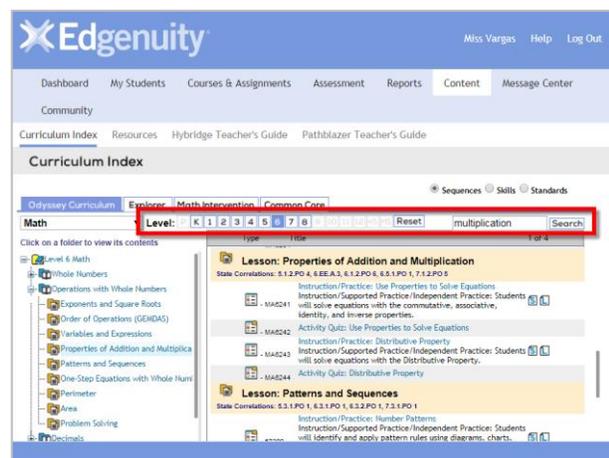


2. Select the subject you wish to preview under the **Curriculum** or **Common Core** tab.



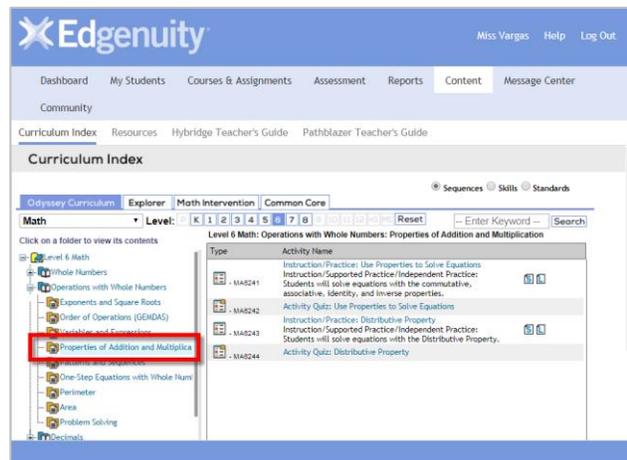
3. Select a **grade level** to view available lessons. You can also use the **Search** box to filter the lessons to a specific topic.

NOTE: Use the radio buttons at the top right to customize your view of the content by sequence, by skills, or by standards when working with your district planning guides.

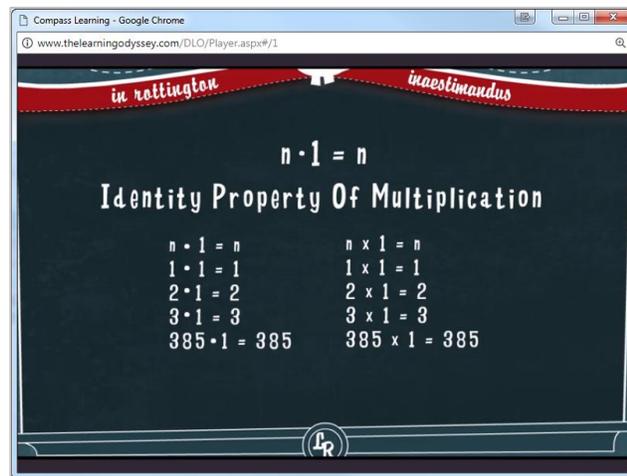


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- You could also click on a **lesson folder** to see the activities within a specific lesson.



- Preview the learning activity by clicking the **blue activity title**.



The **S** **L** icons indicate offline resources available for students to extend learning beyond the online activity and to increase the levels of Bloom's Taxonomy to student analysis and evaluation.

Edgenuity® provides personalized digital learning solutions for intervention, blended learning, credit recovery, and project-based learning. Our approach combines rigorous, research-based instruction with fun, engaging digital content and real-time actionable data to produce greater student progress faster.