



Do the Homework Problems!

A student once said, **“I discovered the secret to understanding math!”**

“Really? What is it?”

He very seriously said: **“You do the homework!”**

Shocking that this idea would be viewed as a secret, but years of experience in math classrooms have shown that **many students are surprised that they must actually work the problems assigned**. Some students have even admitted guiltily to doing the homework, thinking that meant they weren't as bright as those students who didn't appear to need to do it!

Working math homework problems is just like training for a sport. A gymnast would never just watch a skill being demonstrated, but would need to practice that skill to truly understand it and be able to perform it. And basketball players practice free throws everyday! Completing the regular homework and/or practice problems will increase your success.

Another tip—It is especially helpful to **review your class notes within 24 hours of the class/lecture**, even if you cannot sit down and do the homework then. Your brain needs to process the new material as soon as possible after class in order to effectively use and remember it.

Yet another tip—Need help? Visit the **Math Lab in SON 408**. It is a great place to do your math homework, too!

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