

## Initial iLrn (Thompson Now) Hints for Lesson 3

### In general:

#### **In general, use an ITAP computer to avoid configuration problems.**

If you register and log in, it might be possible that you get an error message about the Flash Test failing or Flash Not Available. If this happens, just enter Thompson Now anyway as this will not interfere with any features you will be using.

Starting this Friday, you can go to [www.math.purdue.edu/MA 153](http://www.math.purdue.edu/MA_153) and use the discussion board to post questions and/or read responses. Kristin (our Thompson Now help person) will be live on that board MWF from 8-10pm all semester. If you post a question at a different time, she will respond as soon as she is able. She will not help you with the mathematics but rather with inputting questions. If your answer is wrong, she may provide a hint but do not expect her to solve things for you. If you post after 10pm on a due date, you will not get an answer until after the assignment is due.


Once you are finished answering the questions you are able to, click on “submit assignment for grading”. Any questions you got correct are counted as correct and you never need to redo them. You may retry those you did not answer or were incorrect by taking the assignment again (you do NOT do the correct ones again). You can take the assignment as many times as you wish until the due date. Once the due date has passed, the assignment is not accessible.

If you log out and come back to an assignment later, the questions that were incorrect will be regenerated with new values. It will be the same type of question with different numbers. If you ask about a Thompson Now question in class, your instructor will do the textbook version of the problem which will be close to yours but not exact.

Once you submit an assignment for grading, you have the option to click on “view details”. It will show you each question and what your answer was (twice). It does NOT give you the correct answer.

### Lesson 3 Hints

#1, 2, and 3: You have a palette of choices. The top row is really a menu with pull-down options. You can choose which mathematical symbols you would like to work with by choosing the template of your choice.

The side choices are common usage buttons. For example, to enter  $6x^3 + 7x$  as an answer, you will type  $6x$  then click on  button to enter the exponent of 3. Click

next to the exponent to continue on entering more terms or press the right arrow button on the keyboard.