

Welcome, Helena, to Math Expressions Technology Inservice

General Overview of Think Central

Address:

<http://www.thinkcentral.com>

When logging into ThinkCentral.com, if you are a teacher, you will fill in the State, District, and School drop-down boxes. It is NOT recommended to check the “Remember Password” option, but you may want it to “Remember My Organization.”

The first time a user logs into thinkcentral.com, they will be directed to a screen that requires them to select and answer 3 Password Questions. This is a standard procedure for many internet-based programs that require usernames/passwords. In the event you ever forget your username/password, Tech Support will assist you if you can answer those questions correctly. Examples include: Mother’s Maiden Name, Father’s Middle Name, Your Birth City, Favorite Pet, etc. **Be sure to select and answer the questions on that page!**

This site requires Pop-Up windows. If your computer does not seem to be opening windows within Think Central, it probably wants you to “Allow Pop-Ups.” Near the top of the window is a message regarding Pop-Ups. **Choose to “Allow Pop-Ups from this Site.”**



Once logged in, it might be a good idea to click on the “Account” button to update your information. This is where you can change your password, email address, grade level, etc. **Note: you cannot change a username, even for student usernames.**

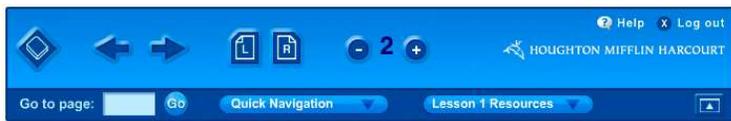
Once logged in, **Teachers** will want to click on “Start Here” or “View Resources” to access online materials available through their school subscription.

Viewing Teacher and Student Resources

On the main page, click on Start Here; then View Resources. Your resources will begin to appear like the screen below. Spend some time looking through your Math Expressions Teacher Edition.



When opening your Teacher Edition, buttons and menus along the top of every page in the eTeacher's Edition let you navigate the book and access its features.



 Click the **Contents** button to go to the Table of Contents. When you click the **Contents** button from a lesson page, you will go to the Table of Contents page for the Unit that you are in. Click the **Contents** button again to go to the first page of the Table of Contents. Anywhere the Table of Contents displays this dolphin icon,  a professional development video is available for viewing.

 Click the **Previous** button to go to the previous page. Click the **Next** button to go to the next page. When viewing the book in both-pages mode, these buttons will navigate forward or backward two pages at a time.

 Click the **Left** button to display only the left page. Click the **Right** button to display only the right page. These buttons are displayed in both-pages mode, in which two pages are displayed at once.

 Click the **Both pages** button to see the left and right pages of the book at the same time. The **Both pages** button will appear when viewing one page at a time in single-page mode.



Many icons are live links, including MegaMath

 The - and + buttons control the size of the displayed page. Click the - button to decrease the size, and the + button to increase the size. Pages can be viewed in four different sizes, as indicated by the number between the - and + buttons.

 In the **Go to page** box, type the page you would like to view and then click the **Go** button. Pages can be entered as numbers (e.g., "213"), letters (e.g., "xxiv"), or a combination of both (e.g., "16A").

 The **Quick Navigation** menu offers quick access to the different sections of the book. Click an item in the menu to jump to that part of the book. The contents of the menu will change depending on your current location in the book.

For example, if you are viewing a lesson in Chapter 3, the Quick Navigation menu will provide links to the other lessons in that chapter, as well as the chapters in that unit. By using the Quick Navigation menu, you can also jump to a variety of book resources, including the Table of Contents page that corresponds to the page currently being displayed.

 The **Resources** menu provides access to three types of resources. Click an item in the drop-down menu to open that resource in a new window. The three types of resources available are:

- Activity sheets: These resources support the unit, chapter, or lesson currently viewed. When viewing pages at the beginning or end of a unit, unit-level resources, such as Unit Tests, will be available in the **Resources** menu. Also accessible on these pages is the Unit Resource Index, which provides thumbnail-image access to all of the resources for that unit. On pages at the beginning or end of a chapter, chapter-level resources, such as Chapter Tests, will be available. Similarly, lesson-level resources will be available in the **Resources** menu on lesson pages. The Chapter Resource Index, which provides access to all of the resources for the chapter, is available on all pages within the current chapter.
- Pupil Edition pages: Links to corresponding pages of the Pupil Edition are shown here. The links change depending on the pages you view in the Teacher's Edition.
- Education Place: This link provides access to the Education Place website, where online resources are available.

The Pupil Edition pages and many of the Activity sheets can also be opened by clicking on their facsimiles on the Teacher's Edition pages. Education Place can also be accessed by clicking the highlighted links that appear on several of the Teacher's Edition pages.

When opening the Pupil Edition text, many links are identical to the Teacher Edition, however the Pupil Edition allows for the student to have it read to them and there is built-in vocabulary/glossary.

When you are finished with a resource/ text you have opened, close **ONLY** that window; not all of Think Central.

Open the student eBooks, practice books, etc. This is exactly what your students will view. Unless it opens as a .pdf, it is not designed to be a printable page.



iTools are another resource listed in your. What a great opportunity to teachers/students to use manipulatives!

When finished with ThinkCentral, be sure to logout.

If time allows, consider visiting eduplace.com or harcourtschool.com (The Learning Site) for additional activities and teaching suggestions.

