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## Math Homework Answers On The Web?

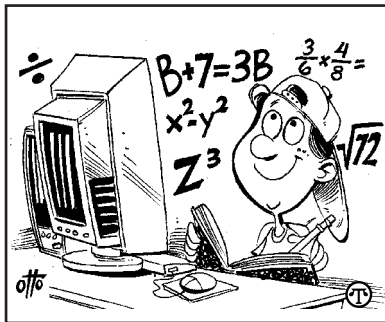
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(NAPSA)—When students search the Internet for math homework help, they may be pleasantly surprised by what they will find. There are lots of free, helpful sites.

Textbook publishers are offering more and more Internet resources for their textbooks. Glencoe/McGraw Hill shows extra worked-out examples for one of its texts at [www.pre-algebra.com](http://www.pre-algebra.com). You might search the Web for your math textbook publisher and browse its site.

Also, [www.hotmath.org](http://www.hotmath.org) has tutorial explanations for homework problems in popular math textbooks. A student (or parent) can click on the textbook, and then select the troublesome page and problem number from a list on the screen. The site will begin an interactive session for that exact problem. The session is a self-paced sequence of explained hints and steps, right up to the final answer. Hotmath shows solutions to odd-numbered problems only, so teachers may assign problems with and without Hotmath solutions available.

For homework that does not come from textbooks, there are other helpful sites. For example, math bulletin boards, such as [www.mathgoodies.com](http://www.mathgoodies.com), let stu-



**Students can now find help for actual math homework problems on the Web.**

dents post math questions. A Web teacher will respond, perhaps within an hour or so.

Automatic problem-solver sites, such as [www.quickmath.com](http://www.quickmath.com) and [www.calc101.com](http://www.calc101.com), let students enter an equation or formula and get an instant answer. This can be helpful for confirming long calculations.

Finally, [www.sosmath.com](http://www.sosmath.com) maintains a database of math problems with solutions where students can search for a problem similar to their homework. This site also has math concept explanations that may help students complete homework.

The Web has become a valuable, 24/7 tool for students learning math.