

Student Brief Start Guide to MindTap

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Introduction

Welcome to MindTap. It's a customized Personal Learning Experience. Your instructor has set up this MindTap course so that everything you need is included: readings, study tools, videos, homework, quizzes and other Activities. MindTap is browser-based, so you can use it on a computer that has a recent version of Google Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer on a PC, or Safari on a Mac. This guide explains how to get started in your MindTap course.

Logging into a MindTap Course

Whether you're logging in for the first time or returning to your course, navigate to the course registration URL your instructor gave you.

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	This agreement is between you and Cengage Learning, Inc. ("Cengage") and describes the terms that apply to the provision and use of MindTap. You and Cengage (collectively, the "parties") agree as follows:
	1. Agreement Structure.
	 Cengage is willing to provide MindTap (and the MindTap Offerings) to you only on the condition that you first accept this agreement. YOU ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT BY (1) SIGNING AN OFFLINE ORDER, (2) CLICKING THE "I ACCEPT" BUTTON (OR FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT) WHERE THIS OPTION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU AS PART OF AN ONLINE ORDER, (3) OPENING A PACKAGE THAT STATES THE OPENING OF THAT PACKAGE WILL INDICATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR (4) ACTUALLY ACCESSING OR USING MINDTAP (IN WHICH CASE, YOUR USE OF MINDTAP CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT FROM THAT POINT ONWARDS). IF YOU ARE ACCEPTING THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTION, COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY, YOU REPRESENT THAT YOU ARE DULY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THAT ENTITY TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT AUTHORITY, OR IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, YOU MUST NOT ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT (AND YOU MUST CLICK THE 'I DECLINE" BUTTON (OR FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT) WHERE THIS OPTION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU AS PART OF THE ONLINE ORDER) AND YOU SHALL NOT ACCESS OR USE MINDTAP. All capitalized terms used in this agreement have the meanings stated in section 21 (Definitions) unless stated otherwise. Access to MindTap is void where prohibited. MindTap is intended solely for use by (1) individuals who are 13 years of age or older and (2) individuals under the age of 18 who are currently in high rebeal or collegoe. Any expectation but we are for excessed to MindTap to any agreement 12 or but
	12. The term "including," whenever used in any provision of this agreement, means including but without limiting the generality of any description preceding or succeeding that term. Whenever reference is made in this agreement to "days," the reference means calendar days, not business days, except as otherwise specified. The headings of this agreement are for reference only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this agreement.
	23. Contact Information. Except as otherwise stated on MindTap, MindTap is offered by Cengage Learning, Inc., a Delaware corporation, located at 200 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902. If you notice that any user is violating this agreement, please contact Cengage at the notice address stated in section 20.
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	Accept Decline



Inside Your MindTap Course

Once you're in your MindTap course, here's how it looks:





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Navigating a MindTap Reading



There are several ways to navigate a Reading Activity:





Homework and Quizzes

Assignments can display on the MindTap Learning Path or embedded inline in Reading Activities.

Information about Assignments

An assignment can display the following information:

- Available date: The instructor can set a date to make the assignment available. Students cannot take the assignment before that date.
- Due date: The instructor can set a Due date.



IMPORTANT: MindTap submits an Activity on the Due date automatically if you made the first attempt at an assignment but did not submit it for a grade.

• Whether the assignment is for practice or counts towards the grade:



The number of attempts remaining:



No attempts remaining:

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The score:



Viewing Assignment Status and Scores

Instructors can configure assignments to allow you to attempt them multiple times. Some assignments allow multiple takes of each question. After an assignment submission, the score displays:

•	Chapter 1: Biology: The Scientific Study of Life
۲	Blue Whales This video introduces the main organism of the chapter, and the topics you will learn about.
ш	Chapter 1: Biology: The Scientific Study of Life This chapter introduces you to the major themes of biology through amazing and inspiring organisms. You will learn that biology is an evidence-based science that requires critical thinking.
¢	Flashcards Review these flashcards to see how well you remember the key terms from this chapter, and make your own cards to help with your studies.
	Tutorial Quiz Chapter 01 Take this quiz to check your understanding of this chapter. Due on Mar 23 at 2:59 AM EDT Unlimited Attempts COUNTS TOWARD GRADE

You can take the assignment again to raise your score if there are attempts remaining.



Inline Assignments

Some Reading Activities contain inline assignments. When you look at the Learning Path, you can see whether there are inline Activities.

\sim	Chapter 2: Life, Chemistry, and Water
ш	Organisms are composed of atoms and molecules. This chapter discusses the basic concepts of chemistry – chemical bonds and interactions – that play an important role in the study of Biology.
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Click the arrow to see a list of the inline Activities.



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Beginning an Assignment

Your course contains homework and quizzes. Follow these steps to begin an assignment:



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Progress App

The Progress App enables you to track your scores on homework and assessments taken in MindTap. You can access Progress from the App Dock. Follow these steps view your scores:



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Support

If you have questions during a MindTap session, click the link to **Customer Support** from the dropdown arrow next to your name.



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