

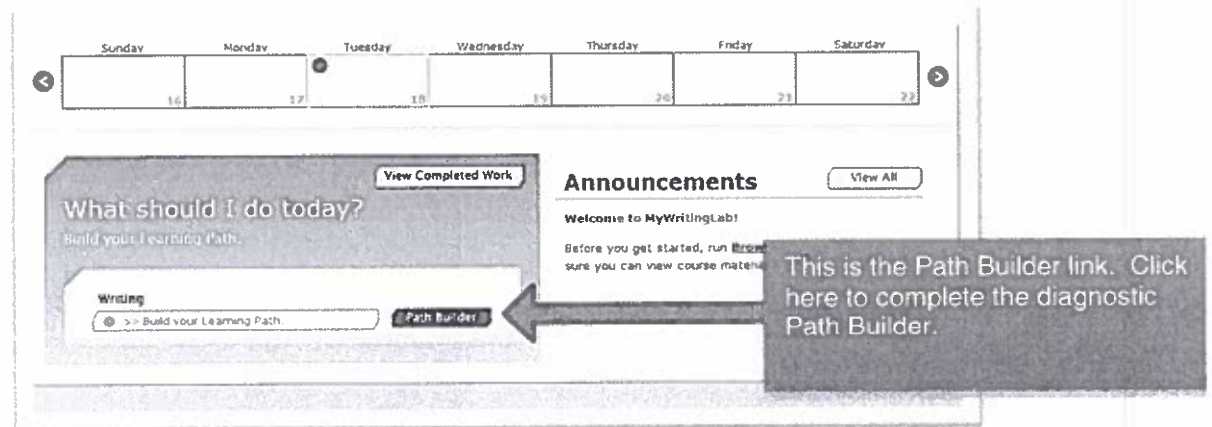
Using MyLabsPlus and Completing Your Assignments

Once you have logged in and have activated your subscription, you may begin working. Your first task is to complete the site's diagnostic Path Builder, which will assess where you are in terms of your overall writing skill level.

After you complete the Path Builder, you will have access to your personalized Learning Path—this is a study plan built especially for you, based on your scores on the Path Builder. Areas in which you did well on the Path Builder will not appear in the Learning Path; the system will give you credit, called “Mastery on Assessment” for scoring well. If you did really well, for example, on the Fragments and Run-On sentences module in the Path Builder, you will not be required to complete exercises on that topic during the semester.

Step 1: Completing the Path Builder

In the Course Home page, you will see a calendar at the top of the page, and orange box below. In the orange box, click the Path Builder link.



When you click the Path Builder link, you will enter the Path Builder tool:

Click here when you are ready to begin the Path Builder.

Test Student [Logout](#)

Are you ready to start?

Name: Writing Path Builder
 Questions: 140
 Due: 09/25/12 11:59pm

Reminders

- ☐ You have started this test 0 of 1 times.
- ☒ View a tutorial on [how to enter your answers](#) before starting.

Once you have started, **Do Not** click the "Back" or "Refresh" buttons on your browser. Use the assignment window navigation instead.

 This test has a Save for Later option. You must answer questions in order. You will not be able to go back to previously viewed questions. Complete each question before clicking Next or Save for Later.

[Cancel](#) [I am ready to start](#)

The Path Builder will then display a series of 140 questions that will assess your strengths and weaknesses in writing and language. The questions look like this:

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Path Builder: Writing Path Builder

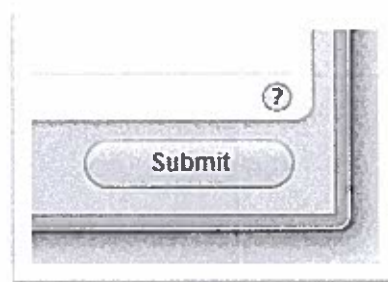
Question 1 of 140

This Question: 1 pt This Test: 140 pts 0 of 140 complete

Identify the adverbs: I'm happy that Ben is enjoying his new job so much.

☐ A. so, much ☐ B. happy, new, so, much
☐ C. happy, enjoying, so, much ☐ D. enjoying, that, so

Select your answer by clicking on the radio button next to the answer you want. At the bottom right of the page, you'll see a "Submit" button—this will move you on to the next question.

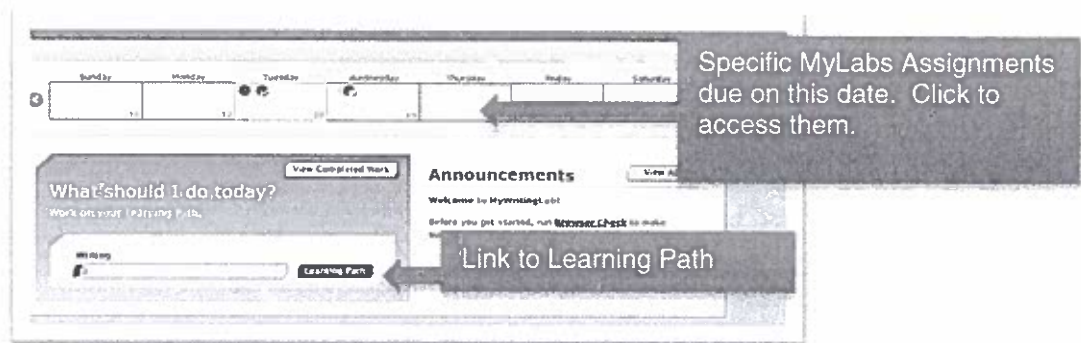


Repeat the process until the Path Builder is complete. It will take you some time to do the Path Builder (usually 90 minutes), so budget your time accordingly.

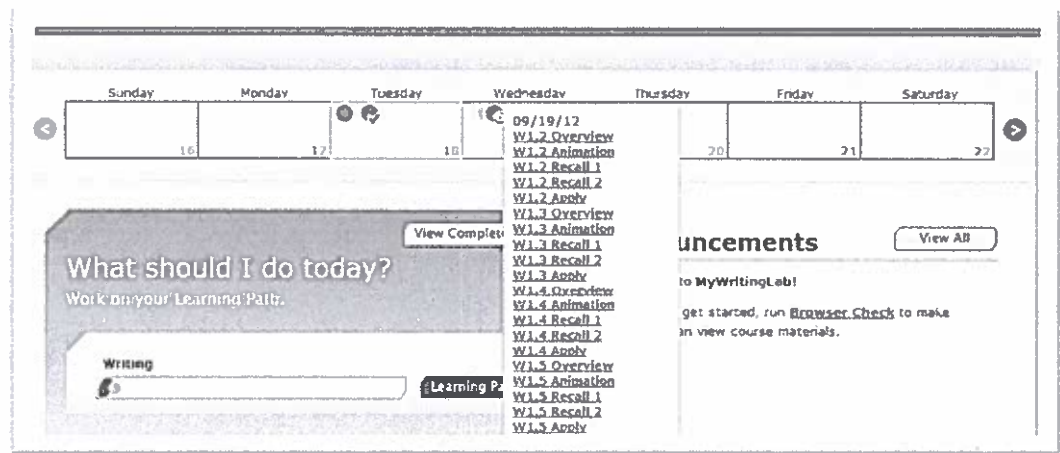
Step 2: Your Learning Path

Your MyLabsPlus Learning Path for the semester is generated by your answers on the Path Builder. The more areas you score well on in the Path Builder, the more credit—"Mastery on Assessment"—you will be awarded. For areas in which you scored lower, the system will provide exercises through which you earn "Mastery Through Working."

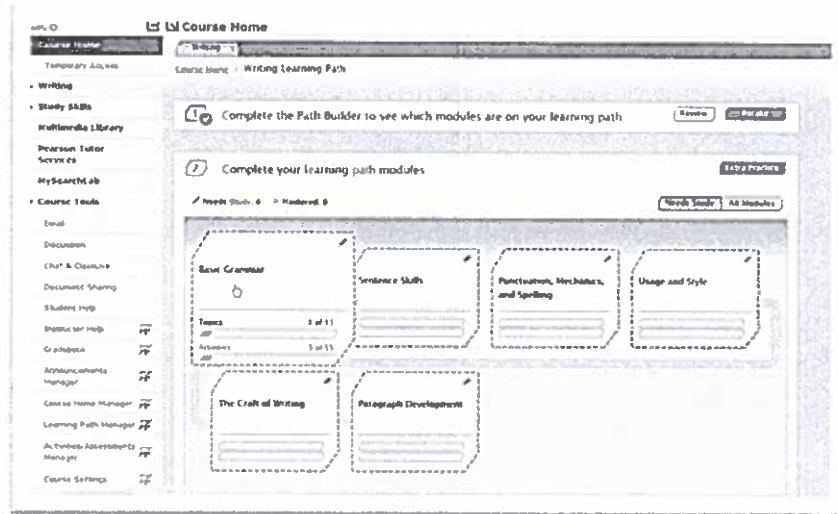
When you return to your Course Home after completing the Path Builder, you will see a slight change to the home page. In the orange "What should I do today?" box, you will have a link to your Learning Path, rather than the Path Builder. In the calendar above the orange box, you may see some blue dots as shown below. These indicate that work is due on that date (ask your instructor to see if he or she is using this feature in MyLabsPlus).



When you click on the MyLabs assignment calendar entries (the blue dots) you will get direct links to the assignments that are due on that day. Again, check with your instructor to see if he or she is using this feature of MyLabsPlus:



When you click on your Learning Path, you will see the modules you have been assigned:



Click into each module (as shown) to access the topic exercises in each one. Each module contains between 1 and 11 topics, with 5-6 activities within each one. Complete the Overview, Animation, Recall, and Apply Exercises, and then take the Post-Test to demonstrate that you have mastered the material.

Handwritten notes on lined paper:

1. Complete the Path Builder to see which modules are on your learning path.

2. Complete your learning path modules.

3. Click into each module (as shown) to access the topic exercises in each one. Each module contains between 1 and 11 topics, with 5-6 activities within each one. Complete the Overview, Animation, Recall, and Apply Exercises, and then take the Post-Test to demonstrate that you have mastered the material.

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