

Author conversations

On the benefits of Mastering

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What is a traditional face-to-face classroom anymore? So it only stands to reason that the content materials that support those changing modalities would also evolve. And kids are using strictly digital now, too, for their course materials.

To a student who is using my book and using Mastering, I would say, 'I wish I had had Mastering when I was in school.' Just the content that you have access to in that platform is better than any study guide you'll get. It's better than any highlighting that you'll do. It's a true way to interact with the material. And I would say, practice, practice, practice in Mastering — whenever you can.

I tell my students that learning science is a lot like learning how to make spaghetti. The first time you make spaghetti ever, you're really worried about how long the water was boiling ahead, how much salt you add, how much water is in the pot. And then, of course, the more you make spaghetti, the more you realize there are some parts that are really important, and some parts that are, eh, maybe not so important. And you only learn that through practice. And that's true when you're learning your course content as well — that authentic work, authentic study is practicing.

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