Pitfalls Quiz How-To

PATHWAYS & PITFALLS

What Is in the Pitfalls Quizzes Folder?

✱ **Pitfalls Quiz How-To:** Instructions for creating a customized Pitfalls Quiz
  (file name: Quiz How-To.pdf)

✱ **Pitfalls Quiz Template:** Use to create a customized Pitfalls Quiz
  (file name: Quiz Template.docx)

✱ **Pitfalls Quiz Item Banks**
  • Pre-assessment items and answer keys for Units 2 and 3
  • Post-assessment items and answer keys for Units 2 and 3
    (file names: Pre-Quiz Item Bank.docx, Post-Quiz Item Bank.docx)

Suggestions for Using the Pitfalls Quiz

Math Pathways & Pitfalls provides multiple opportunities for assessment. Most important, class discussions provide feedback to teachers about their students' progress. Also, the mini lessons provide students with opportunities to articulate their understanding orally and in writing and to learn important test-taking skills. Similarly, the customized assessments that you create are not to be thought of as ends in themselves but as ways to check students' progress and to inform further teaching.

The items in the Pitfalls Quiz Item Banks are correlated with the lessons and can be used as a diagnostic tool. They may also be used as a checkup after teaching some of the lessons or for post-assessment. Use items from either the Pre-Quiz Item Bank or the Post-Quiz Item Bank to create a customized assessment.

Specific suggestions for using the Pitfalls Quizzes to motivate and assess learning are provided in the Getting Started section of the *Math Pathways & Pitfalls* teaching manual.
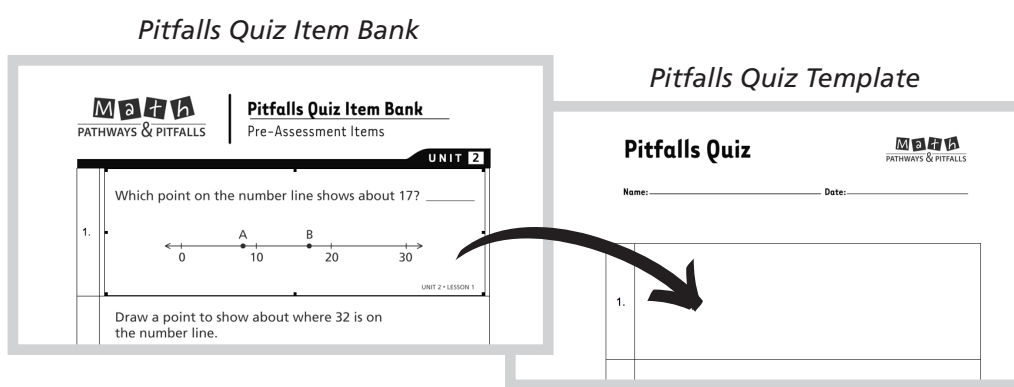
How to Make a Customized Pitfalls Quiz

Everything you need to make a customized Pitfalls Quiz is contained in the Pitfalls Quizzes Folder. Follow these steps:

Open the Files

Open the files: Quiz Template.docx and Pre-Quiz Item Bank.docx (or Post-Quiz Item Bank.docx). View both files onscreen, side by side.

Select, Drag, and Drop Quiz Items

Select and drag a problem from the Pitfalls Quiz Item Bank to the Pitfalls Quiz Template. Drop each item into the box to the right of the problem number in any order you choose.

Pitfalls Quiz Item Bank

Pitfalls Quiz Template

Change the Order or Delete

To change the order, select and drag a problem to a different location.

Delete any problem by highlighting the problem and its number, then pressing the Backspace key. The problem will be deleted on your customized quiz, but it will permanently remain in the Quiz Item Bank.

Create Your Own Items

The items in the Pitfalls Quiz Item Banks cannot be modified, but you can create your own items by typing a new problem into an empty item box in the Pitfalls Quiz Template.

Expand the Number of Items on the Quiz

If there are not enough boxes for items on the Pitfalls Quiz Template, you can add more. Simply click in the box of the last problem, then press the tab key. A new box will appear and will be automatically numbered in sequence.

Save Your Customized Quiz

To save your customized quiz, select Save As from the File menu, name the file, then click Save. Don't worry! The information on the original quiz files cannot be permanently changed.