Mathlets in Group Work, Segment 2

Mathlets: An Introduction

This is the second segment about the use of Mathlets in Group Work. It consists of a text of instructions to students as they work in a true group work setting. Many universities use a section system, in which groups of around 20 students meet with a section leader once or twice a week to discuss the course material and do problems. One strategy in these smaller classes is to stand in front of the classroom and answer questions and model solutions of problems.

A different strategy is to get the students working on problems and circulate to help them and to answer questions. A good way to organize this is to divide the students into groups of two or three and get them working together. The Mathlets lend themselves wonderfully to this form of education. This segment is designed to model this and to help you to institute it in your own teaching.