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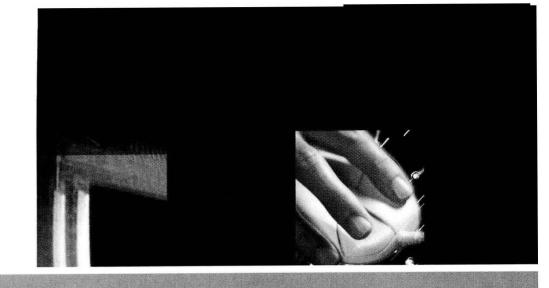
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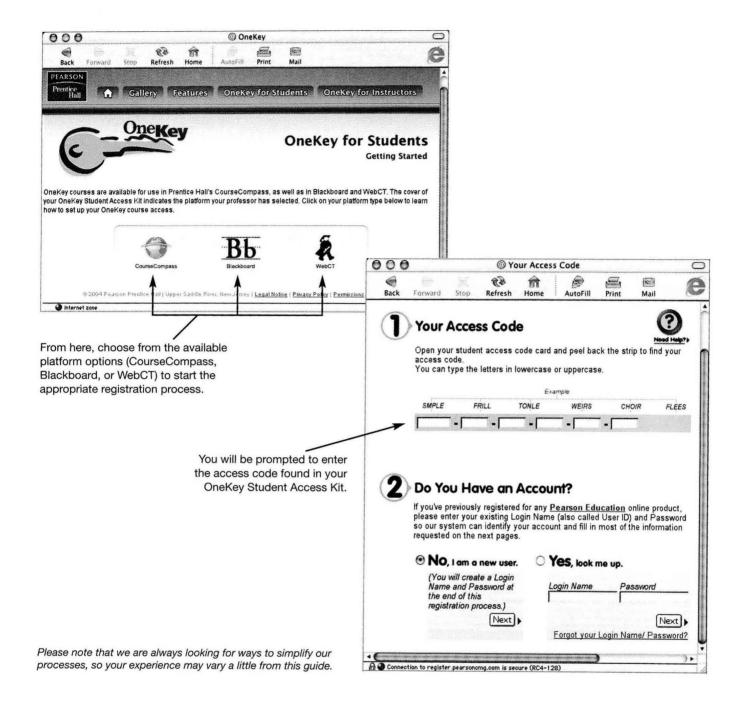
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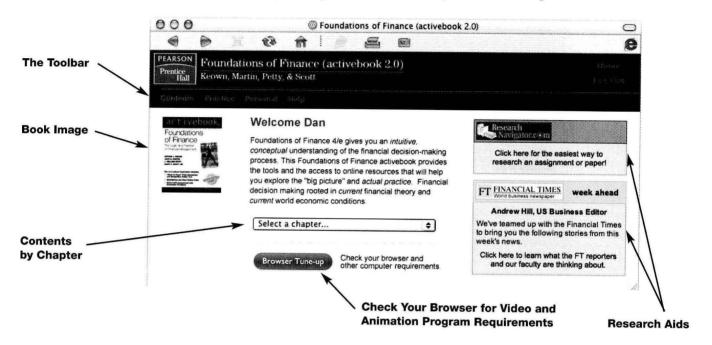
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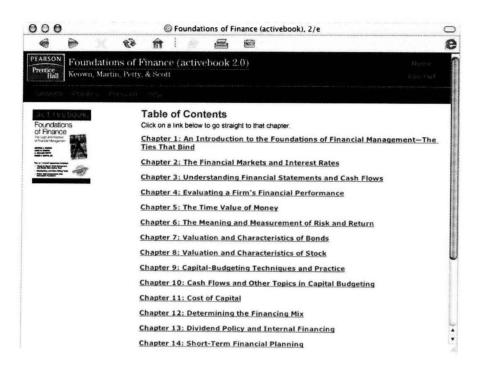
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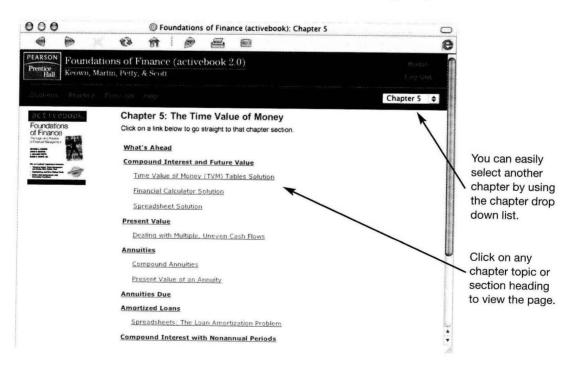
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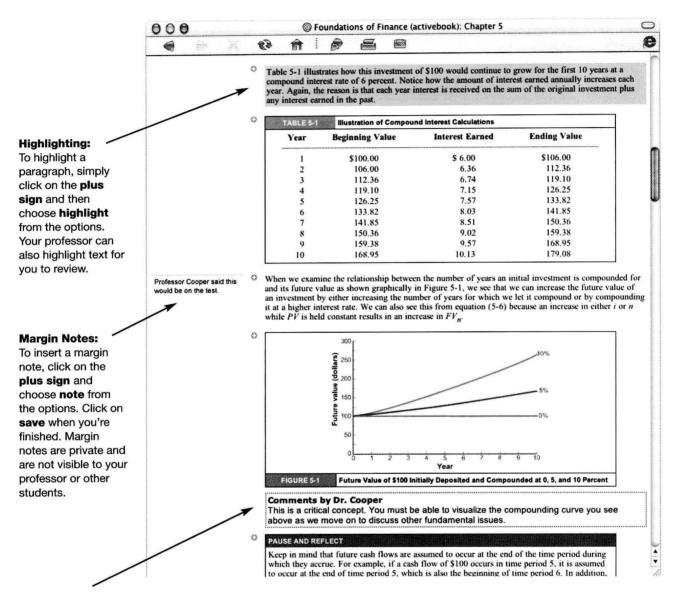
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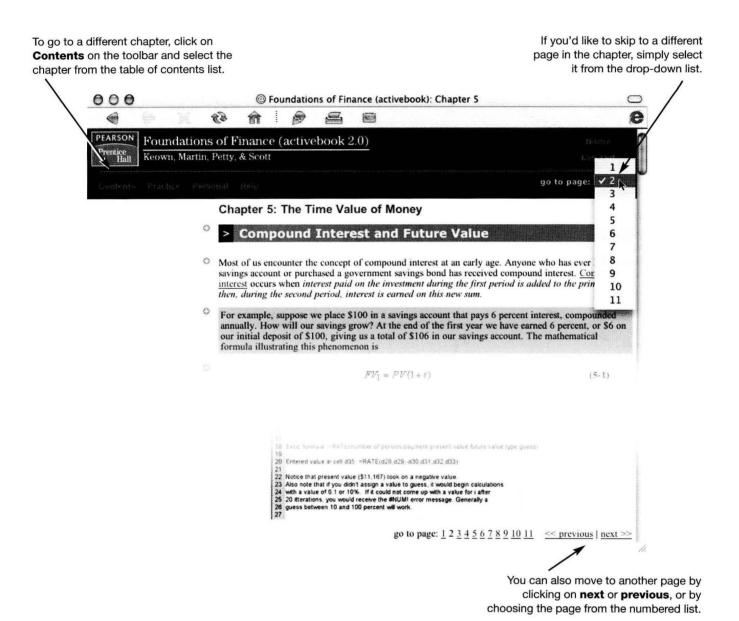
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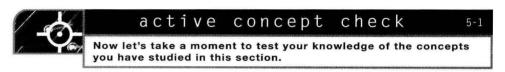
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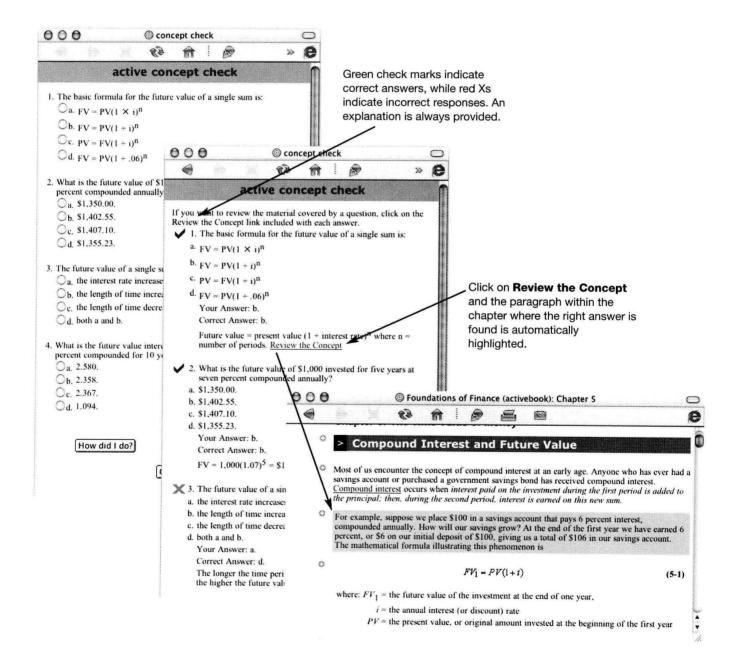


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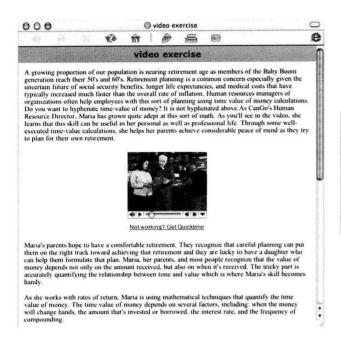
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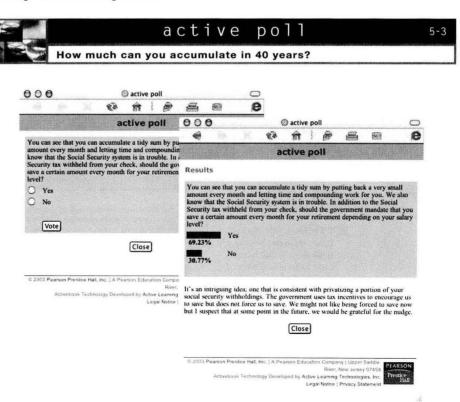
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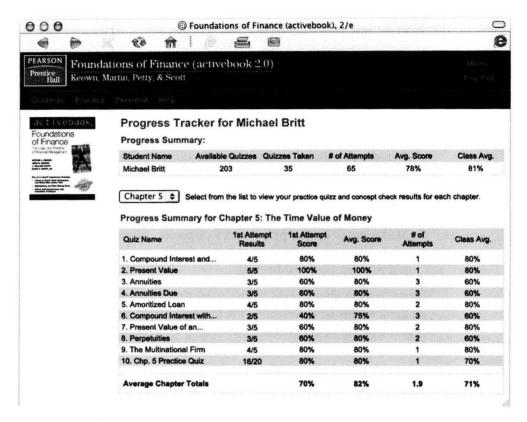
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As a student in a principles of economics course, you face many of the same challenges as a wandering traveler. You have registered for the course, but you face the hurdle of learning a new language that includes many new terms and concepts. You also face the challenge of learning how to read and interpret graphs. *Macroeconomics: Explore & Apply, Enhanced Edition*, was written to help you learn the language of economics. We use familiar real-world examples and applications that bring economics to life. Our goal is to help you apply the concepts you learn in this book to personal, business, and social issues that will face you long after your economics course is over:

- Should I stay in school, or quit and get a full-time job?
- Which major should I select?
- Should I worry about the budget deficit?

To help you find the answers to such questions, we emphasize both economic tools and the application of those tools. Many of our applications deal with recent events that underscore the importance of economics, such as: the rise in government spending; budget deficits; and the effect of immigation on a nation's economy. Such economic issues make it all the more important for you to understand the market economy and the principles that underlie effective public policy.

We end each chapter with an in-depth *Explore & Apply* section that looks at one of today's important policital and social debates. These sections include *Thinking Critically* questions that place you in the position of analyzing a current policy issue using the economic tools presented in the chapter. Whether in class or over coffee, debating these policy issues can be both interesting and instructive. Sample topics include:

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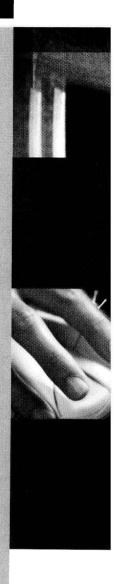
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