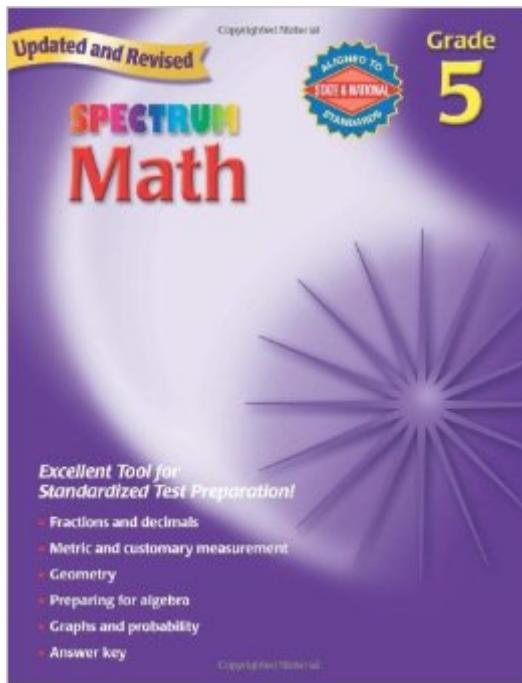


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## Customer Reviews

I homeschool my daughter and this series is great! I love using workbooks. It allows her to work independently. The answer keys make checking the work fast and easy! I just received this book for use next year for 5th grade. I am not disappointed. It appears to cover 5th grade math adequately. I used the same series last year along with "Math Made Easy-Grade 4" by John Kennedy. It supplied

a very complete math curriculum. I also ordered "Math Made Easy-Fifth Grade" for additional math practice for next year.

The workbook style structure is great for independant study of basic math concepts. There are many key concepts typically taught in 5th grade work such as geometry, probability/ratio, and metric measurment that are not covered here. Those topics would need to be supplemented for the student to meet benchmark requirments for 5th grade math.

This is a great low-cost math book for homeschoolers. We paid much more for other math programs, but have used Spectrum Math for grades four and five. I recommend this to all of our homeschooling friends. Easy to use, with an answer key in the back of each book.

From a teacher who has used this system for well over 10 years, this is a fantastic series of books! They are simple, easy to understand and very thorough, unlike most other Math books on the market today.

I chose this book because of the lay out - the lessons are laid out in a very orderly, organized manner. There is a logical sequence of math topics and it is very clear from one lesson to the next. On each page is a lesson with instructions and examples on the top half of the page. A child can conceivably just teach himself by reading the instructions and looking at the example(s). The practice problems are then on the bottom second of the page. The right hand side page is for computation problems, while a number of the left hand side pages contain word problems. Not overly complex word problems - just word versions of the math that is being targeted in each unit. Before each new lesson is a "Check What You Know" page (like a self-check to see how much you can already do) and, at the end of the lesson, a "Check What You've Learned" page. At the end of each unit is a mid-test. I believe there are definitely enough practice problems in there and, of course, you can always supplement with your own if you want your child to have even more. The one drawback which I only saw once my son started on the book is that there isn't a lot of space in which to actually do the math. Particularly in the triple digit multiplication and long division sections, there are so many problems on one page that your child has to be quite neat and write small in order to squeeze everything in. My son writes pretty big, so the workbook looks a bit of a mess. I actually have ended up just transferring problems to a notebook. The style/design of each page is quite functional and pretty much no frills, so aesthetically it is not so pleasing or easy on the eyes.

As an adult I can handle it, but I think this has contributed to my son's reluctance to use this book. Many times he's asked me to give him problems in a notebook instead because he doesn't enjoy writing in the workbook. It's not bad, just not very colorful and a bit cramped.

We used Spectrum math for our homeschooling last year. It worked well for us. This year, we are using Harcourt Math for our main textbook and Spectrum for supplemental practice. The Harcourt book is much more in depth; it's a much bigger book and a nice quality. The Spectrum book is not huge, but it goes over the basics the kids are supposed to learn in 5th grade, good for review. There are brief but clear examples and lessons to remind your child how to do the work. I wish there was a bit less practice with adding and subtracting (which is easy for my kid) and a bit more practice in some of the harder topics.

Good practice book. This book does not teach anything in detail. There is normally one or two example at the beginning of each topic and then problems to solve. Good for repetitive practice on topics that were already taught on school or at home.

This book really helped my daughter get ahead in math. She was struggling through most of the school year until I got her this. She was able to practice the same kind of math problems they were learning in class and that really helped her to start understanding the materials better in school. I would definitely recommend buying this!

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