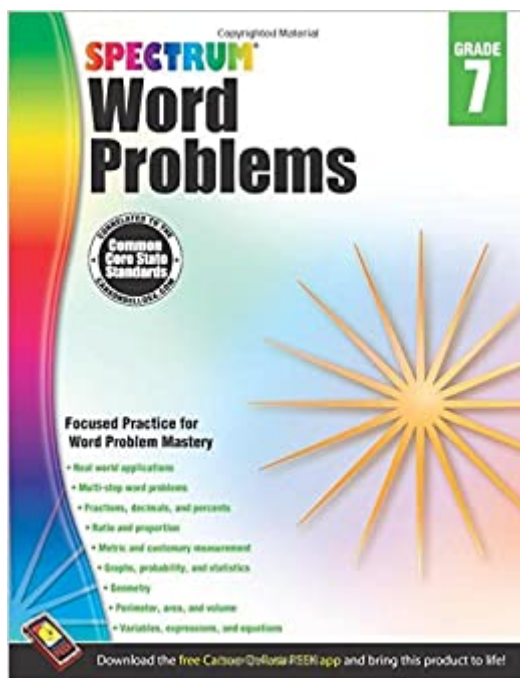


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# Word Problems, Grade 7 (Spectrum)



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## Customer Reviews

Spectrum Word Problems is the perfect reinforcement of the problem solving skills students are learning in the classroom and for standardized test preparation. It provides clear examples of how the math skills students learn in school apply to everyday life with challenging, multi-step word problems, skills that are essential to proficiency with the Common Core State Standards. Grade 7

Spectrum Word Problems includes practice for essential math skills, such as: real world applications; multi-step word problems; fractions, decimals, and percents; ratio and proportion; metric and customary measurement; graphs, probability, and statistics; geometry; perimeter, area, and volume; and variables, expressions, and equations.

I bought several Spectrum books to help my kids with bridging gaps in knowledge and to help them transition to homeschooling (I have another curriculum I will be using). While I am not using this particular book just yet, spectrum books, in general, are clear, concise and logical to adults and kids alike. Each lesson starts with a pretest and will really help determine where your child needs help. This particular book is really just a supplement to curriculum as it only has word problems and relies on previous knowledge on how to compute and execute a particular type of math problem (like percents, ratios, metric conversions, line plots etc). In my opinion, the first 33 pages match well to their 5th grade math workbook. Pages 34-roughly 53 match to their 6th grade workbook, and the rest are really 7th grade and up. Do not let my breakdown deter you. My rising 7th grader who is struggling with math, hasn't really been exposed to many of the problems found in this book despite her having survived public school common core 4-6th grade curriculum. Right now, going into 7th she would struggle through this book. I think even an advanced math 7th grade student would find this book challenging. Here is why: One of the reasons I love these Spectrum books is because they provide REAL world content. For example, on page 30, the lesson has word problems relating to "Simple Interest" (Depositing money into a savings account and calculating interest earned after one year based on percentage and time). You can't do this problem and solve for the answer unless you have a solid understand of the math AND the concept. I have never seen any core curriculum come home with this type of content. So while the math lessons rely on knowledge at an earlier level, it encourages your child to really think about solving the problem instead of worrying how to do the math. I say it offers review, but that is sort of an understatement for the reasons stated above. The next "finding percents" lesson talks about Bill ordering supplies for his family store...The content is not dumbed down and it makes sense to both parents and children as a result. It offers a way to teach your child how to APPLY what they have learned in a regular curriculum. So note - this book does not necessarily teach the math needed for the problems. It offers a way to apply various learned concepts to everyday problems. My kids CAN NOT work through these books on their own. That is NOT the fault of how the books are written/constructed. The information is scaffolded well in all the books, but I guarantee your kids will have questions how to do various problems since pieces of the content are just not offered in a general math curriculum. I find that using the Math 5 book

(and working up) is helping to effectively prepare and teach my kids how to use this book when they are ready. I would like to point out that the entire book is not going to be impossibly hard either. If your child is an 8th grader, this would serve as a solid review. If your child is rising 7th, this book will have content they need to master and serve as a nice supplement for their school year.

When purchasing an item I always search for great quality, great reviews, without putting a dent in my wallet. Item arrived promptly with Prime. The workbook gets the job done. My daughter has not complained that it is boring yet, though I find it to be quite dry. I am giving it a four star review based on her being happy with it, I wouldn't give it that high if I had to use it.

Good starting point to make sure that your child is prepared. The word problems aren't convoluted with bad wording, too much information, or misdirection of what is actually wanted for the solution (i.e. a simulation of real-life problems that today's math emphasizes.) For such, I'm still looking.

Has incorrect answers and some wording is incorrect and makes the problem more confusing. I read the word problem with my child and I interpreted the problem incorrectly. An example problem is as follows: The recipe calls for  $6 \frac{1}{2}$  cups of flour, but Emilio plans to divide this amount by  $\frac{3}{4}$  because he is serving fewer people. How much flour will he use? What makes the word problem confusing is that the word divide is in there with  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Dividing by  $\frac{3}{4}$  will make you use more flour. But in the same sentence, it states he is serving fewer people. I concluded that it must mean multiply by  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The actual answer was  $8 \frac{2}{3}$  flour. I can see why my daughter was frustrated and confused with this word problem.

I'm very excited to use this book as a foundation for my RTI class this upcoming year! The lessons are aligned to standards and aren't overly complicated. There are approximately 5 questions per lesson, and also includes pretests and post tests for every chapter, a mid-book test, and a final test. Answer keys included and a data tracking page for students.

I actually liked this as a summer review. I work with my daughter on math in the summers, and this was pretty good.

Great!

As expected. Will help my son to master his 8-th grade math and independent, critical thinking.

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