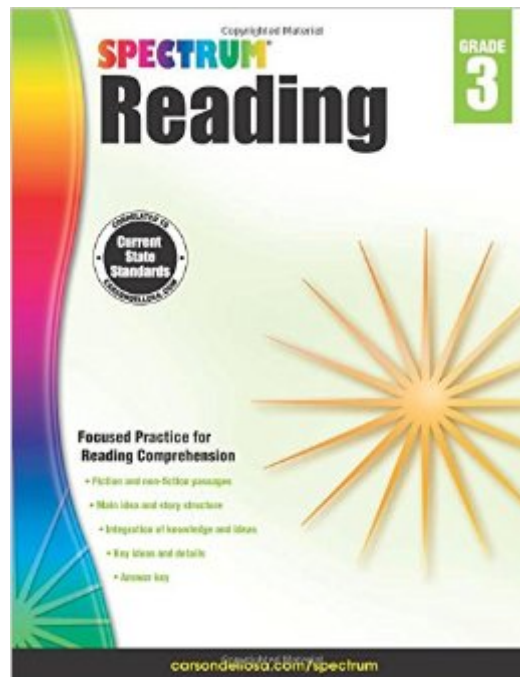


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# Spectrum Reading Workbook, Grade 3



## Synopsis

Strong reading skills are the basis of school success, and Spectrum Reading for grade 3 will help children triumph over language arts and beyond. This standards-based workbook uses engaging text to support understanding key details, knowledge integration, story structure, and main ideas. Spectrum Reading will help your child improve their reading habits and strengthen their ability to understand and analyze text. This best-selling series is a favorite of parents and teachers because it is carefully designed to be both effective and engaging; the perfect building blocks for a lifetime of learning.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 9 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

Ugh! Spectrum sold out to CC like everyone else! I homeschool my 7th grade son, and we used the 6th grade reading workbook last year. It was one of his favorite things to work on. We both liked the format that was in 2 columns and briefly explained the skill before asking a few questions about it. The work was broken down into sections like Reading Skills, Study Skills, Vocabulary, etc. I really felt like he got a well-rounded education in reading using this workbook. When we finished it, we were so sad that Spectrum did not make a reading book past 6th grade. However, over the summer, we found out and were so excited that Spectrum was indeed coming out with a 7th and an 8th grade

reading book!! Unfortunately, after previewing it, we realized they ruined it by changing the format to a common core fill in the blanks style. The WORST part is they ask students to do things that are not introduced first. For example, the student is asked what text structure is the story written in without ever teaching text structure or even giving any explanation. For us, this is a deal breaker. This causes the workbook to be a supplement, not complete enough to use as a real reading book. The skills page listing what skills are covered on which page is also missing. We had such high hopes for this workbook. What a disappointment!

I have been looking for a vivid and interesting reading workbook for my son for quite some time. This book came as a great help. It contains fiction non-fiction passages, each with an explanatory picture related to the content of the passage. My son really liked the stories and the pictures, especially A Morning in Maine, Birthday Breakfast, A Natural Beauty, and E-mail Advice. The questions of the passages are well developed as well. They integrated a lot of knowledge and ideas, which can greatly improve children's critical thinking. This book also provides specific support in the reading skills and standards that my son is learning in his classroom. My son has already seen how the techniques help him in his normal reading work. He is now probably the top language student in his class. In the Beestar online reading tests (a nice web site [beestar.org](http://beestar.org)), he is ranked high in the honor roll. I'm very pleased with this book. It makes reading fun to my son.

Spectrum workbooks is well made. I already owned the previous version of each of the Spectrum Reading workbooks (each grade) but decided to order this since it's been updated for Common Core standards. I'm glad I did. The lines were a bit small to write full sentences in previous versions. Now there's plenty of room.

My son likes doing reading comprehension practice, so I gave him this inviting workbook. This book includes focused practice for reading comprehension. It has fiction and non-fiction passages, theme and summarization, and integration of knowledge and ideas. The questions are open-ended, and they can help kids to prepare for the year ahead. My son really liked the interesting passages in this book, such as poetry slam, art school, planet of dreams, and moon mystery. This book truly helped my son to reinforce classroom learning and prepare test-taking skills. For more practice, we simply use the online writing exercises on the Beestar website. The worksheets are well-designed and have interesting real-life questions for your child to practice. If you are like me, you will be surprised that kids nowadays are pretty quick and smart in online learning.

Just wanted to point out something about this book. There are places along the way that asks your child to answer questions to topics that aren't spoken of prior to the question. Example: My daughter read a story and went to answer all of the questions for the story and out of the blue it asks her to write an example of some of the dialogue in the story. She asked me about it and I figured I could look back on the page to see if it gave her examples of what dialogue meant, so I could go over it with her, but I never found it, so when I come to a situation like this, I just have to do a little more research to give her examples. We have started writing down these words into a list and I have her look up the definition and then we have a test on all of these words and what they mean. That is the only way that I know to remedy the problem. Most people know that dialogue is the sentences in quotes, but for a second grader, it would be nice if they provided words with definitions. Maybe I'm picky, but I like to make sure my kids have good descriptions of things before they have to answer questions that have never been presented to them before.

This is a great addition to your studies if you are homeschooling your child. It is also very helpful if your child needs a little extra help with comprehension. Very easy to use and to explain instructions.

It is a great study tool for comprehension work. We have been using the Spectrum books for the past 5 years to help by 2 kids enhance their reading skills. It is easy for them to work on, especially in the car while traveling.

It's alright though but once you read a story on the left page and have to answer questions on the right. You commonly get some of your answers wrong because of the answer key. But, I'll recommend it to those who are taking Reading classes in college to improve their grade.

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