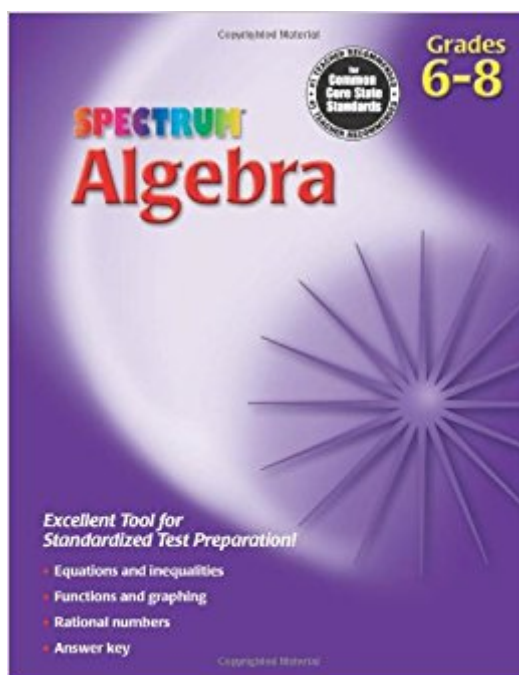


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# Spectrum Algebra Workbook, Grades 6-8



## Synopsis

Spectrum Algebra helps students apply essential math skills to everyday life! The lessons strengthen math skills by focusing on factors and fractions, equalities and inequalities, functions, graphing, proportion, interest, and more! The variety of activities also helps extend problem-solving and analytical abilities. Spectrum Algebra features easy-to-understand directions, is aligned to national and state standards, and also includes a complete answer key. Today, more than ever, students need to be equipped with the essential skills they need for school achievement and for success on proficiency tests. The Spectrum series has been designed to prepare students with these skills and to enhance student achievement. Developed by experts in the field of education, each title in the Spectrum workbook series offers grade-appropriate instruction and reinforcement in an effective sequence for learning success. Perfect for use at home or in school, and a favorite of parents, homeschoolers, and teachers worldwide, Spectrum is the learning partner students need for complete achievement.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: 6 - 8

## Customer Reviews

I have tried several different math books for my homeschooled children and this is the one book that all three children have succeeded with to date. The instructions are clear enough that my children rarely need extra assistance to understand a concept and sufficient practice that they gain confidence without it becoming too repeat active and boring. Also, the mastery style of the spectrum books allows the children to learn and practice a concept until they are confident without the

distraction of learning something else the next day. We have found that spiral learning doesn't work well for us because the child doesn't get to a point of confidence before moving on to a new concept then requiring assistance doing the future problems with it never completely sinking in. The price of the spectrum books is definitely a plus point as well since every homeschool specific option I have found has been 6-10 times as expensive with poorer results. This would also be an excellent choice for after school practice as it is in overwhelming, explains well and is not intimidating.

A great, I mean GREAT! workbook for kids just starting algebraic concepts. Each chapter has pre and post-tests. Each page has about four different concepts, so there is a great variety for students who don't understand something or need variety, they won't get bored, at least not by doing the same thing over and over again. Also, the book keeps reviewing skills already taught so it keeps students current with all skills. I must note that I am an academic tutor by profession, so I already know how to do these skills. For a parent or someone just wanting to learn, but has no background knowledge, I really can't say if this would be useful or not. They do explain how to do each concept, but I can't say for the un-initiated how easy it is to understand if this is your first time being exposed to the material. Answers are in the back of the book, but no explanation of how they got the answer. Hope this helps ya'll.

I bought this for my child who is finishing up middle school and wanted to review basic algebra skills before moving on to the next level. We are really pleased with the quality of this book. I really like the approach that Spectrum uses to build skills and to review while building. Each chapter has a pretest to see what you already know, a lesson with practice problems and then a post-test that incorporates previous skills so that you are always adding on and still working on what you learned. You are not just thrown problems and then never shown them again, this has a good balance of learning with review. I would recommend this to anyone wanting to help their child with an extra boost or needing a bit more review as well as a supplementary curriculum.

I have recently pulled my children out of school to home school. The one and only area one of my daughters was struggling in was math. My daughter was left behind and was never able to catch up. I love math and I did not want her to hate it anymore. I pulled her out in her 8th grade year and we are going back to the basics to see where it is that she first started struggling. This book is one of many that I have been using to bring her up to speed. I like the way the book presents the material. It is very easy for her to understand and if she has a problem, I am here to help her. The book is

building up her confidence in her mathematical abilities. I am sure I will have to use other Algebra books to go into further detail, but for now this book is giving her the building blocks and helping her understand what she had already learned make a little more sense. Thanks for reading my review.

Just what I hoped for. It's a good challenge for my rising 6th grader. Good examples, she's able to figure out concepts that she hasn't been taught yet in school. Great practice for over the summer to keep her sharp.

I use all of the Spectrum materials as support material for my grandson's school work, and have found them to be the best I have used for that purpose, money well spent. These books come with tear-out sheets that can easily be scanned for doing work on the computer.

Great workbook

Bought this for my son who is lagging behind in pre-algebra. It's horrible.... the book that is. If you are a fan of common core, this is the choice for you. Emphasizes names and classifications way too much imo. Needs less classifying and more practice problems.

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