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Introduction

Math Mammoth Australian Money is a worktext that covers money-related topics usually encountered during years 1-3. The book contains both textbook explanations and exercises, and is designed to be very easy to teach from, requiring very little teacher preparation (you do need to find practise coins before the lessons).

The book starts with year 1 topics such as counting coins with cent-amounts and easy problems about change. For the most part, these lessons use "c" as a symbol for cent.

While these initial lessons use pictures for the coins, practising with real coins is, of course, even better, and you should have real money on hand to practise with.

From there, the lessons advance toward year 2 and finally to year 3 topics, such as practising with dollar amounts, and figuring out total amounts owed and change. Therefore, you can also let your child work the pages of this book in different time periods, and not go through it all at once, depending on your child's current level.

Making Change explains two basic ways of working out the change: counting up, and subtracting (working out the difference). This is all done with mental math. The next lesson also practises money problems using mental math.

In the last lesson we solve money problems by adding and subtracting money amounts vertically (in columns).

On the next page you will find a list of money activities and games on the Internet.

I wish you success with your math teaching!

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