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Introduction

Math Mammoth South African Money is a worktext that covers South African money-related topics usually encountered during grades 1-4. 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 some practice coins before the lessons).

The book starts with first-grade topics such as counting five-cent, ten-cent, twenty-cent, and fifty-cent coins. While the lessons use pictures for the coins, practicing with real coins is, of course, even better, and you should have real money on hand to practice with.

From there, the lessons advance towards second, third, and fourth grade topics. Therefore, you can 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.

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

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

I wish you success with your math teaching!

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Helpful Resources on the Internet

Use these free online resources to supplement the “bookwork” as you see fit.

Disclaimer: *These links were valid as of the writing of this book, and to the best of our knowledge we believe these websites to have what is described. However, we cannot guarantee that the links have not changed. Parental supervision is needed.*

Counting South African coins worksheets

Create free worksheets for counting all South African coins and some notes. You can choose the number of coins, the maximum total amount, and the number of problems.

<http://www.homeschoolmath.net/worksheets/south-african-money.php>

South African Mint

See specially minted collector coins, such as the 2010 Natura Coin series with the black rhinoceros, the Krugerrand Series, the Protea Series with Nadine Gordimer, and others. You will also find information about coin making and the current circulation coins.

<http://www.samint.co.za>