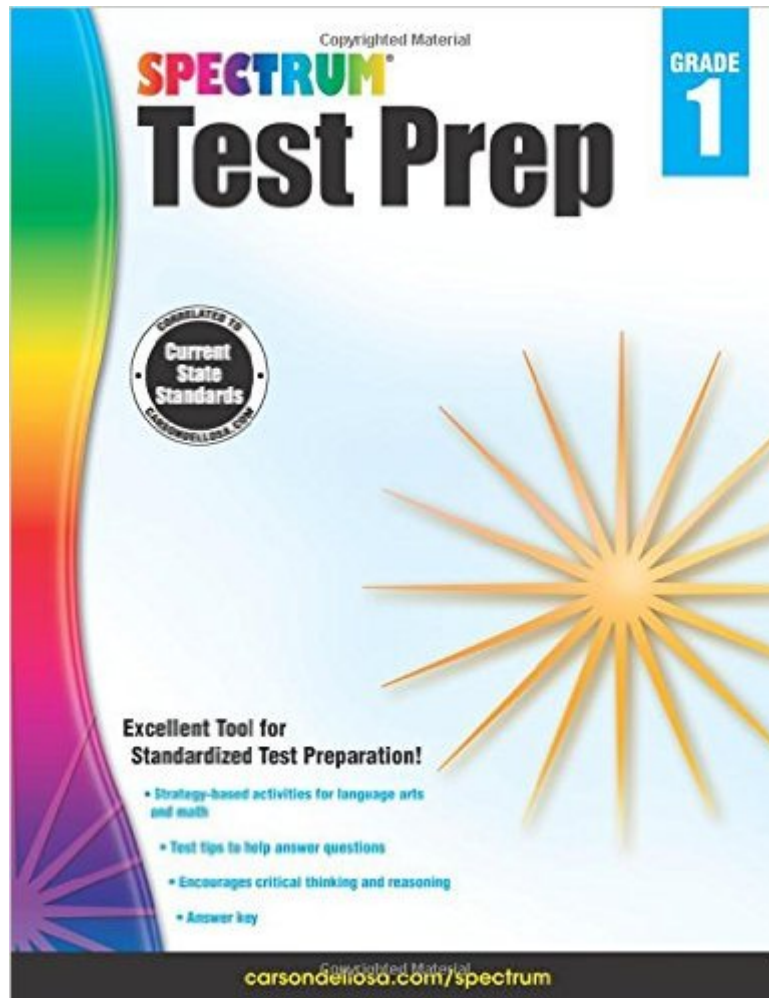


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## Customer Reviews

Did anyone proofread this in even a cursory way? It's absolutely full of errors. My eighth grader's found about seven in the first six pages she's worked on, and these aren't just typos in the text. They're actual errors, so that you can't select the right answer or the right answer isn't there (or --and this one really made us laugh -- it's there twice). We're double checking everything, then

returning this. Ridiculous.

We have been using the previous version of Spectrum to prepare for the end of the year testing for our homeschool year. I have always been very happy with them, so when I saw this newer version I thought it would be just as good. Boy was I wrong, this is nothing like the others. I do not have experience with common core, but for what I have heard this seems to be right in line with those standards. I have tried several pages in this book because I did not want to go through the process of return, but I am really regretting it. I wish I would have gotten the older version. If you are a homeschooler, you will most likely find no value in this book. We take the Iowa or the Stanford tests each year. This book will be no help for that. It is not set up like a test like the other book is. This is set up more like a tutoring session giving strategies and testing tips, which you would think would be helpful, but it is useless.

I agree with the other reviewer. This seems aligned with the Common Core, which our state has NOT adopted thankfully. We use the Iowa testing as homeschoolers and I don't feel this revised edition will work for us. I just ordered the older version to use with my first grader. I am a college graduate and I had trouble determining correct answers without looking at the answer key. The write-in questions are especially nebulous and confusing. Disappointed that they changed the new version in the ways they did. I have use the older version with my older child for years happily. I do NOT recommend this revised version at all.

I homeschool and purposefully steer clear of the common core curriculum that is taught in public schools. In our state, we are not required testing for homeschooled children, so any grade level tests wanted, have to be taken and evaluated on your own. This book aligns itself with common core and the schools statewide standardized testing. If you are unfamiliar with common core, your going to hate this book, as it won't do you much good for any other tests your state might require. However, if you have or have had a child in a public school that taught this style, you'll do fine. Regardless of what our teaching methods are, I like to purchase this for my daughter at the end of each school year so we can see if she is at minimum, where the rest of her school age pupils are. This book prepares them with problems that are below, at, and over grade level; giving you an understanding where you child's education is at. It also offers strategies for your child to use when finding answers for each problem. I have found it to be helpful enough and will continue purchase.

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Ok, listen up: You must work with these worksheets carefully. They are created for you to check if the answers are really correct. While the literature does provide clear instructions, it is not good enough for teachers, students or parents to restrict themselves to checking if the answers match. SOME OF THE ANSWERS/QUESTIONS ARE JUST ODD. I realize that a lot of people will not like this but it actually stimulates individual research there is plenty out there that is just "different." When it comes to literature, or math, it is better to keep an open mind. Sometimes, the simplest is the right choice, at other times, it is better to be aware of the fact that there are various ways to understand meanings. Grammar is extremely important. I really wish I would have access to the actual submitted state exams in order to go over what my little student has to go over but these practice tests will do since they really do reflect plenty of the drama in real life and better to learn this earlier than after feeling stupid for no good reason. BOTTOM LINE: If you have time to sit with your child and work out the problems and check on your own if the key is correct, this is a great resource. However, if you are going to use this as a sole substitute for a good tutor, I suggest you try something else.

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