

Phonics Workbook For Kids - Feedback

Love the overall design. Bright colors, distinct lines and adorable characters. The intro is great for kids (having a spot for them to write their names, giving a sense of their ownership of the book; something special just for them) and parents, with a detailed blurb explaining what is found therein.

My kids finished the first few pages last night and this morning (they enjoyed being test subjects), coloring in the consonant and vowel sounds. My first grader (Aiden) recognized some of the phonics from school, while my preschool-age daughter (Amelia) primarily enjoyed the flowers on page 8. Amelia a little bit of trouble fitting in the letters on page 9, for the charm bracelet activity, but not so much that it couldn't be completed.

There's a few pages where the spaces/boxes to write for the target age group is slightly too small, and could maybe be widened (length-wise), especially for letters that they tend to write overly tall (Ls, Js, Ts, etc); pages 82, 65, 64, 60, etc. Otherwise the font is large and easy enough to read for littles, with clear instructions that older kids will be able to understand on their own.

A glossary at the beginning could be help but isn't a necessity. Kids can find the page they left on, and parents would be able to quickly find a phonics component to work on. The glossary at the beginning could "group" each activity into educational components - i.e., the first few pages are consonants and vowels, then individual sounds, diphthongs, CVCs/clusters, etc.

Although I know this is mentioned in the Amazon listing, the book doesn't mention or highlight the intended age group. My four-year-old would be able to do a few of the activities before getting bored and moving onto the free coloring section (yay! I feel too many educational busy work books don't have enough free play pages) while my six-year-old would work through everything pretty quickly. Overall it's developmentally appropriate for preschoolers, kindergartners and elementary students.

Syntax-wise, I noticed the use of "you" on the back cover design, which kids probably (maybe) won't read on their own. For parents looking into this book, I'd consider writing the passages towards "your kids" rather than to the child. "It's great to see your kids enjoy these activities as much as ours do!...This is a big workbook! It was made so your kids can do all the activities they've ever wanted..."

At a little over \$7 this is a pretty hefty and developmentally appropriate activity book, full of evidence-based learning activities that not only solve boredom but impart miniature lessons on its subject. There's attention to detail, no grammar or curriculum mistakes (that I noticed), and a helpful answer guide in the back. Outside of this project I'd be apt to buy this for a long trip or a phonics/reading refresher during summer break.