

Primary Math — Student Textbook

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Series	Primary Mathematics (Singapore Math Approach), Singapore Math Inc.
Subject	Mathematics
Levels	Primary 1 to 6 (about ages 6 to 12). Two textbooks per level: A and B, one for each half of the school year
Format	Paperback, non-consumable textbooks used with matching workbooks. Teacher's or Home Instructor's Guides, tests and answer keys sold separately
Best for	Families who want a clear, step-by-step maths programme that builds understanding and fact fluency
Editions	U.S. Edition (close to the original Singapore programme) and Standards Edition (adds probability, data analysis, negative numbers and coordinate graphing)

What it covers

- Number and operations, from counting and number bonds in Primary 1 through to fractions, decimals, ratio and geometry in the upper levels. For example, level 2A units include Numbers to 1000, Addition and Subtraction, Length, Weight, Multiplication and Division, and the tables of 2 and 3.

How it teaches

- **Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract:** learners handle objects first, then draw pictures, then move to numbers and symbols.
- **Number bonds and bar models:** simple drawings that help learners see how quantities relate and solve word problems.
- **Mastery and review:** topics are taught until secure, with regular reviews, mental maths and fact fluency.
- **Adult plus independence:** the books are designed for adult supervision alongside independent practice. The publisher recommends a Teacher's or Home Instructor's Guide.

Using it at home

- **Plan:** aim for one lesson a day, four or five days a week, with the workbook for practice.
- **Start with objects:** use bottle tops, sticks, coins or beans before the textbook pictures.
- **Check often:** use a quick exit ticket or short quiz from our Assessment Tools after each lesson.

Things to consider

- **Not mapped to the CBC.** Topics follow the Singapore sequence, so you may need to match them to your child's CBC strands or exam plans.
- **Local contexts.** Some examples use US money and settings. Swap in Ksh and local items; our [Counting at the Market worksheet](#) is a good start.
- **Adult time.** The method works best when a parent or tutor teaches the new idea first.
- **Supplies.** Check availability in Kenya, and consider buying the Home Instructor's Guide and answer key with the first textbook.

Where to find it

- [Publisher: Singapore Math Inc. \(singaporemath.com\)](#)
- [Amazon: search Primary Mathematics textbook](#)
- [AbeBooks: example listing \(Primary Mathematics 5A, new and used\)](#)
- [Classical Education Books \(Canada\): sets with workbooks and guides](#)

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