

Customer Reviews

I have never posted a negative review before but I'm so dumbfounded after reading all the 5 star reviews. I thought I should share my point of view to help others weigh the pros and cons to see if this book is really a good fit. I learned it certainly was NOT a good fit for us after reviewing this book in whole. I bought this book because my son tested on the low end of average on a test, so not a serious problem, just in need of some focus and learning test taking skills. I spoke to my mother about this book as she worked for an excellent school system writing the actual reading tests given to kids, then for a publisher of text books. She stated that kids at this age need to learn both strong reading comprehension as well as good test taking skills... that the writers of these tests try to fool kids into wrong answers, in a way. They do this by making the answer options all similar to things mentioned in the paragraph in question, leaving the correct answer not clear to those that either didn't bother to fully read the relevant paragraph or to those that are truly having trouble retaining the facts as represented in the paragraph. However, this book (in my opinion) is full of questions so simple, little or no reading let alone comprehension seems to be necessary to find the correct answer. This might even actually teach kids that it is often ok to skip or skim the segment and that common sense can often answer questions correctly. This could be devastating if a parent is hoping to improve test taking skills and help teach a child to focus and retain important information they have read and once the child takes a real test, is lost in the weeds. On the other hand, this may be good for kids that have a major reading and vocab issue that needs attention.

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