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Amazing Mazes (Kumon's Practice Books)
Synopsis

This book builds on foundational pencil-control skills by tracing lines through increasingly challenging mazes. The exercises have many three-dimensional illustrations, such as towns, streets, and parks, which engage children's curiosity. This amusing practice will also help children acquire the ability to concentrate, a crucial study skill for the emerging student.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

This book is perfect for your preschooler!!! Hours of fun. Much different than typical books of mazes. My son (4 years), loves these because there are streets in maze shapes and many different themes of mazes. This is great practice for pre-writing skills. We always trace with out finger, then a pencil, and then a highlighter! This tip provides extra practice and makes the book last longer. This is one of my son’s favorite activities. He would complete the book in one sitting if we let him. It is that much fun!

This book of mazes is recommended for ages 4-5-6, but we got it for my son when he was 3 years old. He had previously worked through "My Book of Easy Mazes" (for ages 2-3-4) and "My First Book Of Mazes" (for ages 3-4-5), so we were confident that this book - the next in the series - was
the appropriate level for him. I think if you're looking for a maze book, but aren't sure which level book to get, go with the one for which your child's age is the middle number, e.g., if your child is 4, try a maze book for ages 3-4-5. I think it's okay if the mazes are too easy at first. For my son, it was nice to see his confidence build as he had a sense of accomplishment after every maze he finished. I like mazes because they encourage my son to pause in the thinking process to look ahead to see which path will pan out - this seems like a good cognitive ability to have. Also, it gives him a chance to practice his pencil grip, which is something I think about because I never corrected my daughter's pencil grip when she was a pre-schooler (I didn't think it mattered!) and now, as a 7-year-old in first grade, she still holds a pencil incorrectly (which makes her writing messy, and her hand hurts after even short writing assignments). My only complaint about this book - and all Kumon workbooks - is in regards to the workbook's binding. The spine is thick enough so that when the workbook is open, the book and pages do not lay flat, making it difficult to write on them. For every new page my son works on, I have to REALLY press down on the binding to open up the pages and keep them down. My son could easily be self-sufficient while he works on his mazes, except that I have to be always nearby to push down the pages for him, otherwise he gets frustrated. I don't know if the binding is a function of the paper quality - which is very good - or what, but I just wish the pages would stay flat when opened, or at least be perforated so they could be easily removed and used as worksheets.

I just got my 5 year old this book and she loves it. Almost half of the mazes are rendered in a beatiful isometric view with decorations, while the other half are not as decorated but offer more challenging and complex mazes, so it has a really nice learning curve. The quality of the paper is great

They are easy to medium for my 4 year old daughter. The ages says 4-6 on the cover of the book. I would say 3-5.

My son is almost 5 and he breezed through this book way too fast though it was nice to see that he had to think about these before he did them. I bought a really big book of preschooler mazes at a wholesale club but he was able to cruise through that 200+ page book in a month of off and on use on the weekends. Both books cost the same. This book was definitly harder but after a week he had already gone through most of the whole book. I have twins so I had another book - yes, I buy two of everything - so this time I took that one apart (after boy #2 rejected it for the most part)
didn't give him the whole book at once. Made that one last much longer. A good choice and the mazes definitely made him think about how to work them out before doing them - something he didn't have to do much of in other books we tried. A good and fun book. My other son didn't seem to have the patience to want to put much time into thinking about the mazes before he did them so he had no interest in it after a few uses. He found it a bit frustrating which I found odd because he is my "must color within the lines perfectly kid". I would recommend this book but it makes me wonder if it might be a bit too easy for a 6 year child.

Our children are homeschooled for Kindergarten. We study several different subjects.. with different workbooks.. by different publishers! We use Kumon, DK series, What Your Kindergartener Needs to Know, Brain Games, education.com, ABCmouse.com, etc. I want to make sure our kids can handle having questions & problems presented in different ways so they can learn to answer even if it's new to them. Our girls LOVE mazes. It's a great way for them to warm up for homeschooling and it's fun for them. Exercising their brain via problem solving, fine motor skills as well as their visual motor skills. They are also learning to start at the beginning of the maze or the end of the maze.

We homeschool and I needed some extra stuff for my 4 year old to do. He loves mazes and this book is fantastic. The mazes look simple at first glance but there are many that require a few tries. We tore out the pages and put them in page protectors so he can do them with dry-erase. It holds his attention well and has a nice mix of easy confidence building mazes as well as more challenging pages as well.

My kids love the Kumon books. My 3 year-old does these puzzles. I'd say he's maybe a little on the advanced side, so I would say probably on average 4-5 year-olds would love this and it would be a little easy for the average 6 year-old. I had to sit with him and really show him how to do them the first couple of pages, but after that he could do them on his own. I really liked that this particular book seemed like a challenge for him. Some other activity books for little little children are so easy that they can flip through it in minutes and be done! My son would do 3 or 4 mazes a day and then be done and each maze took him a couple of minutes at least. Really great for concentration, motor skills, critical thinking, etc. Excellent product.

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