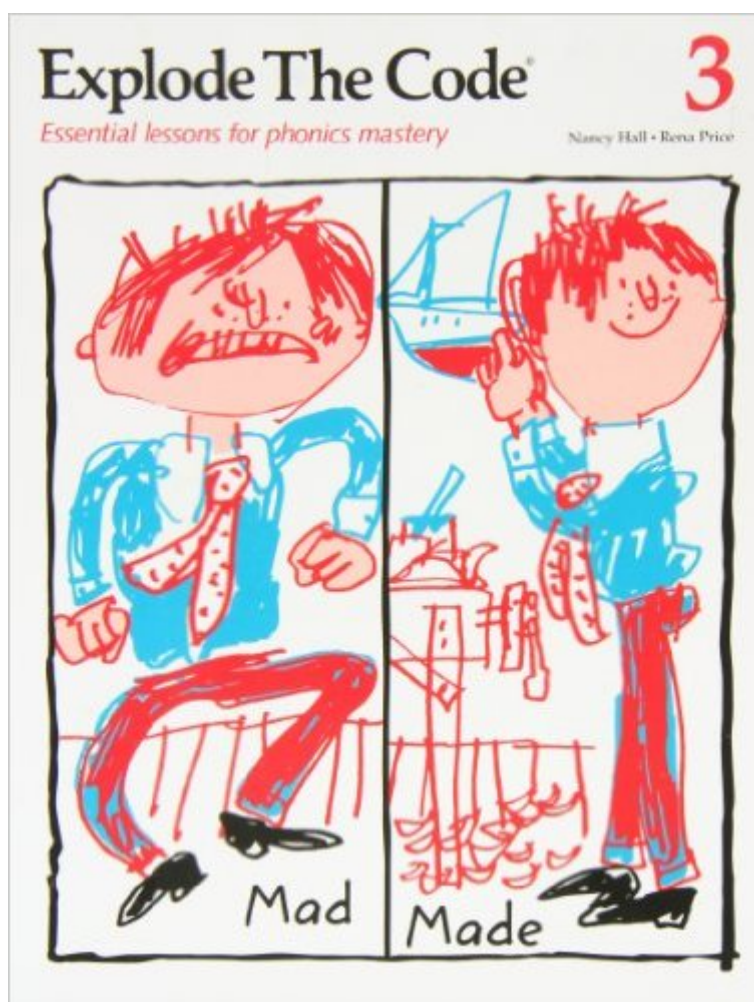


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Explode The Code 3



Synopsis

Explode The Code provides a sequential, systematic approach to phonics in which students blend sounds to build vocabulary and read words, phrases, sentences, and stories. Frequent review of previously

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Customer Reviews

If you are looking for a workbook based phonics program, this is a good one. I personally love the phonics approach to reading, and this program is definitely that. It is also relatively inexpensive compared to other phonics programs on the market. However, as a homeschooler, this is not my first pick in phonics programs. I personally think the more teacher intensive programs that use the Spalding method are stronger. In our homeschool we have so many teacher intensive subjects that I needed something more workbook based that my kids could work independently on and then review with me. This foots the bill and I have been pleased with our progress. For a non-homeschooler who is looking to supplement outside of school, I think this is a perfect program. It is very user friendly and the work pages do not take a ton of time to complete. I do not recommend this as a sole spelling program as it does not focus on spelling rules, only phonics rules. Book 3 starts to incorporate the long vowel rules and assumes the child is familiar with consonant blends and the short vowel sounds in small words. My favorite aspect of this book is that it gives the child opportunity to be "tricked", allowing the teacher/parent to assess a thorough understanding of the rule. For example, it may have the word `cute' with directions for the child to

circle the appropriate picture to match, and then have pictures of a "cute" animal in addition to scissors cutting. The first half of the book is primarily dedicated to teaching the silent 'e' at the end of the word makes the first vowel say its name. The second half starts on vowel digraphs, e.g. 'ee', 'ea', etc. The hand drawn pictures can be a downside as there have been several instances where it took my help determining what the picture was trying to portray. There is a moderate amount of writing involved as some worksheets require nothing more than circling and others require writing and spelling full words.

I know that Explode the code has been a round for a while. But to me this is new as my oldest is in Kindergarten now. I was unsure which book would be appropriate for him and I guessed that 3 would be the right one for him. I was right. I took a picture of the explode the code series content so you too - new parent- know what is in each book. I am not sure why the specifics of the contents of the book is not written on the product description. I am homeschooling and we have a very nice phonics program. However, it is nice to have extra practice that includes some writing and other little activities already there for me to pick through and for my child to complete. I think parents with kids struggling in school or looking for summer practice could also benefit of a workbook like this one. The pages are of decent quality. The child can erase a few times without ripping the page. All the pictures are black and white. In some activities the pictures will help kids know which word they are looking for. The book includes activities where the child has to read the words to match a picture or read a little sentence. There are explanations written in simple language for the kids. For example here's a quote: "If a little word ends in y, the y says /Ä«/." I bought a "used" workbook from one of the vendors. It doesn't look used to me. I did pick one that was described as excellent condition and I'm very happy with the purchase.

Simply the best language/phonics book for young kid. I found out a little late about this book, so based on my kids reading abilities I start with Explode the code(ETC) 3. My daughter reminds me to sit with her to do atleast 1 Lesson everyday. I am usually very lazy to write reviews and take time to do it. But I am really very thankful to the makers of this product and currently back at for buying further version. I am on the fence to buy ETC 1 and 2 as well, definitely 4 and above for sure. If in doubt, I would say just buy one and not the whole series until you are really sure, thats the way I go. For now, I am having difficulty to make my kid stop at one lesson everyday. I dont believe in rushing the book in 1 day. Practice makes perfect. I like the way the lessons are structured as well. Before this I used to purchase kumon workbooks for my kids, but I guess I will stop that, as kumon is

colorful but not result oriented compared to ETC, just my honest opinion.

The progressive phonics introduction, the engaging little drawings, the repetitive tasks, the systematic skill progression, among other educational objectives, all boil down to one fact ~ THIS WORKS! I've tried several other methods to assist my special child in spelling and reading. While these workbooks are marketed more as a supplement to a reading program, nothing has been more influential in my daughter actually GETTING IT! She is always eager to pull out her Explode the Code book first. The progress is consistently steady. My friend's child who is not learning challenged feels the same enthusiasm. The publisher of this series also produces the wonderful Wordly Wise 3000 workbooks which are equally successful and well-received by my students.

Love love love Explode the Code series. We homeschool and this is what we use for phonics. Just enough repetition so as not to be boring. My daughter has really done well with this series and we will continue to use them.

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