

Equal Shmequal

Grade 1

5 skill lessons · 3 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

5 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Each lesson has printable workbook pages and a separate teacher key.

1. Two Groups, Same Number

Concept · Making two groups with the same number

2. Two Tests for Equal

Application · Comparing two groups by count and by weight

3. Straight Across Means Equal

Representation · Reading a balance as equal, heavier or lighter

4. Will It Make Halves?

Reasoning · Deciding whether a total splits into two equal groups

5. Parts of the Team

Fluency · Number pairs that make five, six and seven

Math through the reading

The mathematics is reached through a sentence the book prints: change one word in the reading and the numbers change with it. These carry their own standards, matched against these lessons rather than inherited from the skill ones.

6. One Word, Two Tests

Integrated · Students swap numbers for weights in Mouse's sentence and produce both verdicts on the very same two piles.

7. The Number the Book Never Says

Integrated · Students work out how many animals are playing once Deer joins, a number the story never states, and say it together with the sentence that proves it.

8. Were the Teams Equal?

Integrated · Students build the last two teams, test them by counting and by weighing, and argue to a partner whether the teams were equal, with both numbers in the sentence.

Reading and language lessons

5 lessons on the reading and language the book carries - what a word means in its sentence, how a character is shown, how a text is built. No mathematics: these are matched against the English language arts curricula, which are a different and smaller set than the mathematics ones.

9. Equal Shmequal: How English Makes an Echo Word

Language · Word Play: Echo Words

10. Called, Squeaked, Exclaimed: Finding the Voice Behind the Line

Reading · Dialogue and Speaker Tags

11. I Want to Keep an Eye on Wolf: What Characters Say They Want

Reading · Character Motive from What Is Said and Done

12. What Does That Mean, Anyway? Questions and the Sentences That Answer Them

Reading · Asking and Answering Questions About a Text

13. First, Then, Next, Last: Retelling the Rope Game

Reading · Retelling Events in Order