

Follow Your Money

Grade 4

5 skill lessons · 5 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

5 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Printable workbook pages and teacher keys are not available for this book yet.

1. What's Left: Reading a Price Down to the Last Line

Fluency · Adding a column of money amounts and subtracting to find what is left

2. Same Jeans, Double the Price: Where the Extra Forty Dollars Goes

Reasoning · Comparing two tables line by line and subtracting to find a difference

3. The Parts Line: Six Prices That Have to Add Up

Concept · Adding a list of whole-dollar amounts to test a total stated elsewhere

4. Four Prices for One Shirt: Reading a Markdown Line

Application · Finding successive differences in a falling sequence and comparing each to a fixed amount

5. One Piece Out of Ten: What the Cashier Adds

Representation · Finding one tenth of a whole-dollar amount and reading it as ten percent

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. The Word That Tells You to Subtract

Integrated · Students find the one word that turns a column of prices into a subtraction, swap it for its opposite, and show the table stops balancing while every digit stays the same.

7. Four Prices, One Debt: Telling the Shirt's Story in Order

Integrated · Students order the shirt's seven events, compute the gap between price and debt at each stage, and retell the story so that every step names the number it changed.

8. The Number the Cashier Says

Integrated · The book prints the price and prints the tax and never adds them; students find the total the shopper actually pays and prove it is the only answer the page allows.

9. Would You Pay the Extra Forty?

Integrated · Students match two identical cost columns, compute the forty-dollar gap twice, and argue aloud to the shopper the book addresses about whether that gap is worth paying.

10. Twice as Much, Half as Much: Saying the Jeans Both Ways

Integrated · Students build two bar strips for the two jean prices, discover the longer folds exactly onto the shorter, and say the relation in both directions using words the book never uses.

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.

11. Who the book thinks you are

Author's craft · Identifying who a text speaks to and what it assumes about them

12. Where the book stops to explain

Text features · Recognising how an informational text defines a term as it goes

13. One link in the chain

Text structure · Following a numbered sequence and retelling it in order

14. Where the book takes a side

Author's craft · Separating what a text reports from what it argues

15. Three kinds of question

Text structure · Explaining what a question is doing in an informational text