

Dinosaur Deals

Grade 3

5 skill lessons · 2 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. Four for One: What a Trading Rule Really Says

Concept · Equal value in a stated exchange rate

2. The Price of Two Triceratops

Application · Pricing several cards at a stated exchange rate

3. Enough or Not Enough: Reading a Price Against Your Hand

Reasoning · Deciding whether a hand of cards covers a stated price

4. Rows of Four: Drawing What a Trade Costs

Representation · Representing an exchange rate as equal rows

5. Count the Price: Fours and Threes at Speed

Fluency · Skip counting by fours and by threes to price a trade

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. Change One Word, Pay a Different Price

Integrated · Students swap a single word in the book's own trading sentence, build both results in counters, and say each result back in a sentence that uses the word correctly.

7. Which Card Is Harder to Buy?

Integrated · Students build both prices from the book, take a side on which card is harder to buy, and defend it to the pair who took the other side using the numbers that put them there.

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.

8. Two Brothers, One Thing in Common

Concept · Comparing and contrasting two characters using the text's own words

9. How a Fossil Is Made, in Order

Concept · Sequencing and retelling the steps of a printed explanation

10. Dodged, Stumbled, Pounced: Verbs That Do Work

Concept · Explaining what a precise verb tells a reader that a plain verb does not

11. Cool Mask, Cool Hat, Cool Sunglasses

Reasoning · Noticing a repeated phrase and explaining how the repetition makes a joke

12. Why Mike Gave the Card Away

Reasoning · Inferring a character's motive from what he does rather than what he says