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First Language Lessons For The Well-Trained Mind: Level 3 Instructor Guide



Synopsis

The third volume in the First Language Lessons series, this scripted guide uses the classical techniques of memorization, copywork, dictation, and narration to develop your child's language ability in the formative first years of study. The Level 3 Instructor Guide for First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind reinforces the grammar and writing concepts introduced in the previous levels. It also introduces new material, including sentence diagramming. This instructor book has the same simple-to-use, scripted format as the previous levels. (The Level 3 Student Workbook is available separately; the workbook makes it easier for busy parents to spend more time teaching, and less time preparingâ€”you don't have to hand-draw any diagram frames!) First Language Lessons Level 3 is designed to follow Levels 1 and 2, but can be used as a first grammar text for older students. The optional end-units on writing letters, dictionary skills, and oral usage allow you to tailor the instruction to the needs of your child. Grade Recommendation: Grades 2-4.

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Customer Reviews

I used "First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind" for grades 1 and 2 and was thrilled that Jessie Wise came out with a book for grade 3. I wasn't, however, thrilled that I now had to purchase a second "workbook", but I did it anyway and BOY! am I glad I did. This workbook makes grammar a breeze. It is well worth the money. Trying to duplicate everything on paper would be more headache than I am prepared to put up with (I homeschool more than one child and time is treasured). The text itself is very comprehensive and challenging. We are into our second week of school and I am loving this product. I highly recommend.

This program has GREAT RESULTS. Let me tell you one way to tweak it. Make a spiral notebook with page protectors. Write down each rule as you learn it, then go over them all for a second every time before the lesson. This way when the program does review and tells you to say it 3 times, have student say it 3 times, then say it 3 times together you don't have to. It is better to take a teaspoon of something daily than drink a cup every couple of weeks.. ya know? My kids knew everything rock solid this way and did not get bored with the multiple repeating. Great program.

We bought this after my first grader's successful results with the first book. It is systematic, comprehensive, and the language is not overly simplified. The author doesn't condescend to my third grader, a voracious reader who recognizes "dumbed down" speech and writing and is turned off by it. New material is presented in a no-nonsense, sequential manner, and as each new part of speech is studied, it is also diagrammed. My analytical son really likes that. The emphasis on dictation and narration was a useful surprise. I didn't realize he had a tough time summarizing until we encountered these lessons. This book both diagnosed and addressed weaknesses I didn't know he had due to his extremely high reading ability. I'm very pleased with this one. Note: I tried to use the teacher edition only, but it was a hassle. I broke down bought the workbook and it made things much easier.

Four lessons into this curriculum, I'm very pleased that my reluctant 3rd grade homeschooler seems engaged and willing to move ahead. It feels properly paced for a child and the instructions for both teacher and student are incredibly clear. So far so good!

I am a homeschooler and have tried several grammar books and programs before purchasing this one because this level did not exist when I originally started searching for a language program for my children I'd previously used level 1 & 2 of this program. I purchased Easy Grammar Daily Guided

Review grade two and the author of that great program said to use it for grammar warmups. The search was on and I discovered that this book exists. Volume 4 is in the stage of being created now. I give it 5 stars because it is an exceptional language arts program, it teaches the 8 parts of speech, alphabetization up to the third letter in a word, dictionary skills, letter writing and many other important skills. For a comprehensive list and overview see [...]. If you go to [...] they have a 50 page student book and a 89 page instructor's manual so you can try before you buy. For variety I sometimes use worksheets from softbasics software and find that I will have more than enough materials to last two or more years. When I combine that program with this book I know that I am giving my children a well rounded language arts program that I can be proud of for years to come.

I am a homeschooling granny and have tried numerous Language Arts Programs. Out of all the programs I have tried this is the best by far in my opinion. In addition to the 8 parts of speech this program also covers the following. Parts of a book, Initials, Titles of Respect, Punctuations, Direct/Indirect quotations, Diagramming of Sentences, Contractions, 6 Nonfiction Narration Exercises, 6 Poem Memorizations, Writing Letters, Dictionary Skills, Alphabetizing by first, second, and third letter, Syllables and phonetic spelling, Synonyms and antonyms (using a thesaurus) and Avoiding double negatives. I would say this is a pretty comprehensive program. The only complaint I have about this program is that in order to use it effectively. For variety I sometimes use worksheets from softbasics software and find that I will have more than enough materials to last two or more years.

This book is a good foundational way of introducing all the grammar lessons. It's not too labor intensive, yet it repeats enough to achieve mastery.

This curriculum has been a lifesaver for me. It gives young children an excellent foundation for grammar. I just wish the curriculum went past the 4th grade. After 4th grade, we transition to 5th grade Rod and Staff with no problems at all. This is a fun grammar curriculum for younger children.

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