



Math Mammoth South African Version

Math Mammoth South African Version (Light Blue series) constitutes a **full elementary mathematics curriculum** for grades 1-7 (U.S. grade levels).

Some of the main features of the curriculum are:

- It is **mastery-oriented** and organized into chapters by topics. Thus, in each chapter the curriculum concentrates on one theme and its connecting topics (such as place value, multiplication, or geometry). Each grade level typically contains 8-10 chapters.
- The curriculum focuses strongly on **conceptual understanding**.
- **Visual models and exercises** are used a lot.
- **Mental math and number sense** are emphasized.
- The curriculum is **nearly self-teaching** for many children, since the full explanations of concepts are included in the student books. Thus it requires fairly little preparation time from the teacher.
- There are [free videos](#) that are matched to the curriculum.

What is provided?

Each grade level in Math Mammoth Light Blue series consists of **two student worktexts** (A and B), which contain both the teaching (explanations) and all the student work (exercises). Also included are answer keys, tests, cumulative review lessons, and a versatile worksheet maker (Internet access required).

There are also lots of [videos \(available online\)](#) that are matched to the curriculum.



The download version also provides these "extras":

- files to replace the chapter on money in grades 1, 2, and 3 in U.S., Canadian, British, European, Australian, and New Zealand currencies. This South African version of Math Mammoth uses rand as a default currency in the student worktexts.
- bonus software [Soft-Pak](#)
- user guide

Please read more details at the [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) page.

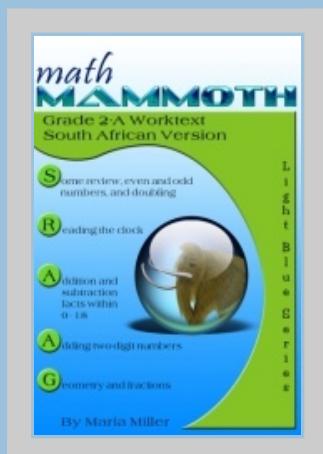
Pricing

At the time of this writing (October 2020), a single grade level costs \$37.50 USD (digital version). Discounted bundles are available for grades 1-3 and 4-7. Please check the website for current pricing.

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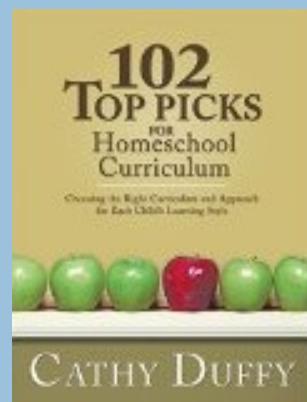
Math Mammoth South African version has been **customized to South Africa** in the following manners:

- The names used are South African names (such as Ansie and Jali).
- The currency used in word problems is rand. The money chapter teaches both rand and cents.
- The material is "all metric". In other words, the US customary measuring units are not used.
- Spelling is British English instead of American English.
- Paper size is A4.
- Geographic locations used emphasise South African locations (such as Pretoria, Johannesburg).



Please note that the curriculum is not following the South African official syllabus. Instead, it is simply a copy of the US version of Math Mammoth Light Blue series (aligned to the US Common Core Standards). For the most part, Math Mammoth is exceeding South African standards. Some standards may not be covered.

Math Mammoth Light Blue Series is included in [Cathy Duffy's 102 Top Picks!](#)



"I particularly liked the [free math videos](#) where you can actually see Maria explain each of the math concepts! There are a ton of videos for your kiddos to follow along with her as they do the problems. This allowed me to get more work done and enabled my son to work on his own. Win, Win!!"

Sharla at [Minnesota Country Girl](#) blog

More information by grade levels

Please follow the links below to read a full description of each grade level, download samples, and find specific purchasing information.

[Grade 1](#) (South African version)

[Grade 2](#) (South African version)

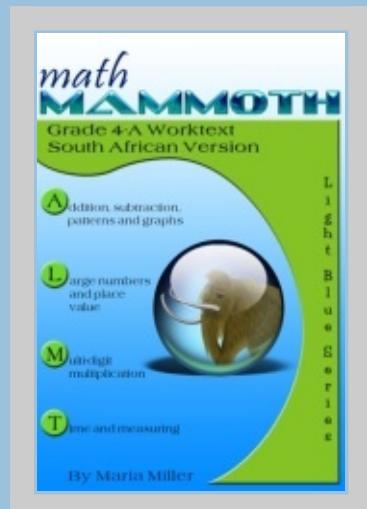
[Grade 3](#) (South African Version)

[Grade 4](#) (South African Version)

[Grade 5](#) (South African Version)

[Grade 6](#) (South African Version)

[Grade 7](#) (South African Version)



Placement

It is fairly important that you have your student(s) take a [placement test](#) or several prior to introducing the student to Math Mammoth. Many popular math curricula are easier than Math Mammoth and thus there is a danger the child is placed too high, if you simply follow the "grade level" from the child's previous math curriculum.

After much searching, reading blogs and web pages and listening to the motivations of parents believing in a whole spectrum of Maths programmes, we stumbled upon the Math Mammoth programme. We have found this to be the most accessible (electronically downloadable) and affordable option for South African homeschoolers.

We wholeheartedly endorse and recommend Math Mammoth as a very thorough, interesting, complete and appropriate homeschooling package up to Grade 6. Our kids love it!

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