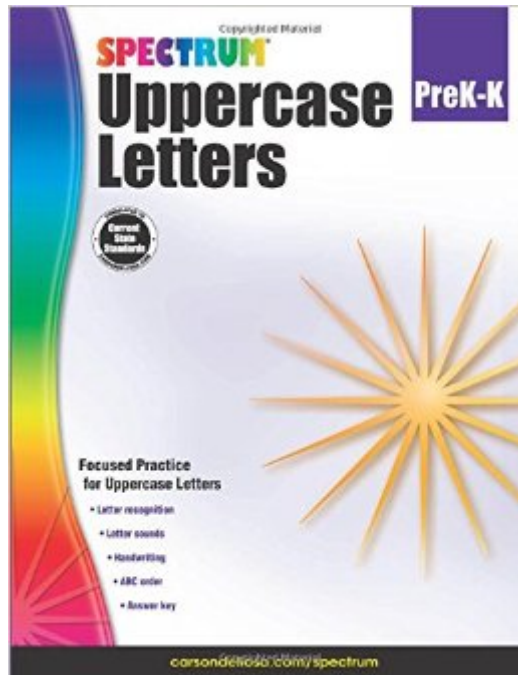


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# Uppercase Letters, Grades PK - K (Spectrum)



## Synopsis

Spectrum(R) Uppercase Letters for prekindergarten to kindergarten provides practice in recognizing and writing uppercase letters. Aligned to state standards, this title offers activities in identifying letters, finding letters within words, and using proper handwriting strokes. The Spectrum series offers early learning workbooks that help your child thrive in today's standards-based classroom. Spectrum Uppercase Letters builds reading and writing readiness with focused instruction and rigorous practice to support mastery of this essential language arts skill. Spectrum is your child's path to academic success. This best-selling workbook series provides quality educational activities that meet your child's needs for learning achievement. These comprehensive workbooks address essential skills in reading, language arts, math, and science. Students in prekindergarten to grade 8 will find lessons and exercises that help them progress through increasingly difficult subject matter. Complete answer keys, content reviews, and assessments help students track their progress and locate areas for improvement. No matter your child's academic need, Spectrum is with you every step of the way.

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## Customer Reviews

Not all workbooks are created equal, and while the activities in the Spectrum series have a multitude of activities for various learning styles, these books are better for enriching rather than teaching as there are no lessons, unless caregivers take it upon themselves to teach the skills prior

to completing the assignments. The first section of this Uppercase Letters book has children find each uppercase letter in a variety of visuals and words, and then there's a review followed by each letter with a picture. The children are instructed to sing the alphabet while pointing to each letter, naming the objects for each letter, and coloring the pictures, so there are numerous ways to reinforce letters for children. After that there is also an alphabetical maze and connect-the-dots. The next section takes children's knowledge of the alphabet and applies it to writing. It starts with drawing basic lines horizontally, vertically, diagonally, circles, and finally curved lines. After each style is practiced, that skill is then applied to writing letters with those lines (A, X, V for diagonal, etc.). This is done through tracing, free form, and completing words. After each style there is a review for those letters learned, as well as a comprehensive free-style writing review where children write the first letter for a pictured object. All of this is followed by an Answer Key. Most children learn their capital letters first, but if you're using this to teach rather than reinforce, be sure to read books, especially alphabet ones, and have children look for letters in the home as well for more kinetic learning.

This book and the one on Lowercase Letters seem far better than the two on Numbers & Counting and Shapes. The Uppercase Letters starts with finding and recognizing uppercase letters and knowing the abc's and then illustrates how to write the letters with plenty of writing exercises. The writing section has four parts with a review at the end of each part. Illustrations really help the child visually to identify and write each letter shown. The main part of the book starts at page 4 and goes through page 77. The first part on finding and recognizing the uppercase letters contains what many children would consider games, perhaps with some of them as guessing games to start, but as the child learns, skills grow. The writing section requires children to be able to hold a pencil or crayon and direct it well enough to make the letters. That may be difficult for some 4 year olds, but with practice their control will improve and they will enjoy that section as well. There is an Answer Key at the end of the book from page 78-96 that helps a child to see what the correct letters are and how they are written. I can see this book being used either as a supplement to children's classroom PreK-K experiences or as an excellent resource for homeschooling. It is organized just like the one on Lowercase Letters making it easier for a child to transition from one to the other.

We find value in adding workbooks into our children's learning lessons, but the Spectrum series is especially useful. Many of their workbooks focus on specific target areas where help is needed most, and the books correlate with current state standards. Getting a strong grasp of fundamentals

at an early age is so importantâ "Spectrum has lots of workbooks for the PreK-K range. Theyâ™ve helped our younger children better understand addition and geometric shapes; we recently added uppercase letters to the mix. As with all Spectrum workbooks, instruction is progressive and builds on basic skills. This workbook starts out with letter recognition through coloring exercises, mazes and connecting letter dots. The game-like atmosphere makes learning letters fun. Lessons progress to writing letters the correct way, and is divided into three groupsâ " learning to write letters that have slanted lines, circle lines and curved lines. Kids get lots of practice writing their letters and adding them to short three and four letter words (with easy-to recognize pictures included for additional help). The biggest challenge in the book is a writing reviewâ "only pictures are shown, and kids must write the uppercase letter of the word that each picture begins with. An answer key is provided and pages are perforated for easy rip-out. This book has definitely helped our little ones master letter recognition and sounds, ABC order and handwriting skills.

This is a pretty standard workbook for preschoolers. I like that it's professionally laid out and colorful, but I thought it could have had a little more depth. For the first half of the book the activities are basically a mix of three different things (a "maze" with letters, find the letter in a set of pictures, find the letter in a word). There's just two activities on each page, and it took about two seconds for my preschooler to complete those. After introducing each of the capital letters, it moves on to some new activities such as picking out the capitals from a row, alphabet reinforcement, practice drawing straight lines, Then moves on to letter formation in order of difficulty (straight letters to curved letters). Overall it has a lot of diversity and covers a lot of material and at \$8 is reasonably priced. But it does move very quickly and most kids will need more practice to really absorb the material. It's a good workbook but there's nothing particularly unique about it and nothing really blew me away.

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