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## My Book Of Simple Addition: Ages 4-5-6



## Synopsis

This book teaches children to add the numbers 1 and 2. Through tracing and reciting simple numbers first, and then gradually shifting to addition using the numbers 1 and 2, children grasp the concept of basic addition without difficulty or anxiety.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4-6 years
Grade Level: Preschool-1

## Customer Reviews

I have brought all of the Kumon workbooks. Most of the other workbooks are full of bright colorful pictures with lessons containing just the right amount of sit down work. That is not true with this book. It is just pages full of problems -- too many of them for one sitting. They call it simple, because you are only adding 1 to numbers 1 to 29, but it is a bit much for a child trying to learn this for the first time. The book is fine for speed improvements, but find a different book for first time learners.

Excellent book to help young children learning basic addition skills. We started this book when my son was 4 years, 8 months. The going was slow for a while, but now we are more than halfway through the book, and I no longer have to guide him on every step. Prior to this book, he had not spent a lot of time learning to write his numbers (this was his first numbers workbook), and now he can write his number 1-29 without help.For the reviewer who mentioned the pages were full of too many math problems for one sitting, I agree. We improvise, and I divide each page in half with a
marker. He gets a sticker for each half-page he completes.Most importantly, my son's confidence has dramatically improved. When we began the book, he was unsure of himself and easily confused by the many numbers, but time and patience has won out--and he races to get his book now.

My 5-year old son used this book last year. After he completed the "NUmber 1-120" book he started this one and had no problem accepting the concept of addition. In general, I like Kumon-series, in particular the early math books. For example, "Numbers 1-30" is a great book to introduce numbers/counting, and "simple addition" is a good one to introduce addition, and so on.My personal opinion for "intro-level" tracing/writing/math books is to start as early as possible. For books recommended for "2-3-4" and "3-4-5", start as soon as your child turns 2 or 3, respectively. For books recommended for "4-5-6" and older, you can even start 1/2 or 1 year earlier than the recommended range. The key is to complete the earlier books in the same series such as Numbers 1-30 and Numbers 1-120 (consider them "prerequisites"), and your child will be ready for this one. Also, the first a few pages of this book IS counting (similar to those in 1-120) and serve as a transition from the previous book, which is nice and my son did not feel intimidated by starting a "new skill".Some followup information to share: My son finished this book and then the "Addition" and "Simple Subtraction" books and now the "Addition: Speed\&Accuracy" and "Subtraction". However, I have not found which Kumon book to do the next. In principle one should start learning grouping/re-grouping. The problem with grade-level Kumon math book is that they still start from the simple level, like " $1+1,2+1,3+1$ " etc, and this could go on for 10 out of the 50 pages of the book, while I want to see grouping/re-grouping on page 1!

I just love the Kumon workbooks because they are so well organized, with pages that are simply laid out and they introduce the information incrementally. It appeals to the learning style of my five year old. I was a tiny bit disappointed by how extremely simple this workbook is. It only covers adding 1 and 2 to the numbers 1 through 29. It says it right there on the cover but somehow I missed it. I would say it's definitely pre-school level and not kindergarten as l'd hoped. l'll probably just do a few of the pages with my five year old and order the next book to do this year with her and let my four year old use this when I need her to have busy-work. The information builds very slowly in this workbook and so it might not be ideal of the child who likes variety in their workbook pages or who struggles with being under-challenged or gets bored really quickly. However for my daughter this will be perfect.

My kids usually like the Kumon series of books. However, their math series was not one of them. The book is simply too much repetition for young kids and too slow. The first few pages were "connect the dots" and number tracing. This took out about a $1 / 3$ of the book for my kids as they already know how to count and the connect the dots was too simple. By the time it got to actual addition, it went so slowly adding +1 , then +2 , then $+3 \ldots$ they got so frustrated for variety that I ended up printing some worksheets online. For younger kids, I could see this book causing problems because it's really just problem after problem...nothing that a new young learner would most likely enjoy. This book may work for some, and yes, it probably will help speed up addition by a few seconds, but if you're looking to solidify concepts and get better tricks for learning how to add, you may want to consider a different book such as "Two plus Two is Not Five" by Susan Greenwald. That book covers more concepts, and is more relevant if you're looking for an overall teaching addition book.

Love the other Kumon books l've ordered, but this one seems too complex for a "first addition" book. It contained pages and pages on problems which I think are too much for a child learning addition for the first time. It's called simple because it is just adding 1 and 2, but my 4-year-old still needs to learn the basic concept, so I believe it is too much for him. It also doesn't contain many of the pages of fun activities for him, but rather just equation after equation.

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