

What Is Inside the Box?

Nine programs, six strands. Marked with one rule from each publisher's own pages, read October 2026.

PROGRAM	FAITH LABEL <i>(publisher's words)</i>	READ	SPELL	GRAM.	WRITE	HAND.	LIT.
All About Reading + Spelling Reading: pre-reading + 4 levels Spelling: 7 levels	No faith statement found	●	●	—	◐	—	—
Logic of English Foundations ages 4–7 Essentials ages 8+	No faith statement found	●	●	●	◐	●	○
The Good and the Beautiful Preschool to high school	Says Christian, non-denominational	●	●	●	●	○	●
BookShark Language Arts Ages 5–18, levels A–J	Says faith-neutral	●	●	●	●	◐	◐
Easy Peasy All-in-One Free online, preschool to grade 8	Says Christian	●	●	●	●	●	●
IEW Writing, grades 3–12	No faith statement found	○	○	◐	●	○	◐
Easy Grammar Grammar, grades 1–12+	No faith statement found	—	—	●	◐	—	—
Handwriting Without Tears Print TK, K–2; cursive 2–6	No faith statement found	○	—	○	○	●	—
Khan Academy ELA Free online, grades 2–10	No faith statement found	●	—	●	—	—	◐

● inside the program (at one level or more) ◐ light, optional or in some packages ○ separate product, same publisher

— no course found on the pages read

How to read this grid

Read = reading and phonics. Spell = spelling. Gram. = grammar. Write = writing. Hand. = handwriting. Lit. = literature. "No course found" holds only for the publisher pages we read (October 2026; a passing mention is not a course), so ask the publisher. Only Easy Peasy lists all six: its handwriting is a kindergarten course, its spelling course is optional and its literature is one grade 8 course.

My shortlist _____

Which One Fits My Child?

Check one box per question, then test one sample page per strand you plan to buy.

Child _____ Age _____ Date _____

1. Where is my child with reading?

☐ Not reading yet ☐ Sounding out words ☐ Reads fluently

2. Who will teach most lessons?

☐ Me, from a teacher's guide ☐ A video teacher ☐ My child, mostly alone

3. Which strand is weakest right now?

☐ Reading ☐ Spelling ☐ Grammar ☐ Writing ☐ Handwriting

4. Which faith label do I want?

☐ Christian ☐ Faith-neutral ☐ No preference

5. All-in-one or separate subjects?

☐ All-in-one ☐ One all-in-one + one specialist ☐ Fully separate

6. Daily time for language arts?

☐ Under 30 min ☐ 30–60 min ☐ Over 60 min

Budget and reuse (write your own numbers)

☐ Free only ☐ Reusable for the next child ☐ Consumable workbooks ☐ Needs a printer

What I can spend this year _____ Extras to add _____

STRAND	SAMPLE-PAGE TEST (ABOUT 10 MINUTES)	PAGE I TRIED	RESULT
Reading	Does my child read the first decodable page with only a little help?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No
Spelling	Can we do the first dictation calmly, and do I see why the word is spelled that way?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No
Grammar	Can I teach the first lesson in five minutes without reading ahead?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No
Writing	Does the first assignment give my child a way to start?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No
Handwriting	Are letters formed one way everywhere, and is practice short?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No
Literature	Would my child pick the sample book on a free afternoon?		☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

12-Week Tracker & Buying Checks

Write minutes or a tick for each strand. Notice which one gets skipped.

Child _____ Program(s) _____ Start date _____

WEEK	READING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR	WRITING	HANDWRITING	LITERATURE	NOTES
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							

6 checks before you buy

- ☐ I know which strands are inside the program and which I must add.
- ☐ I printed one sample page for each strand I will use.
- ☐ I know the faith label in the publisher's own words.
- ☐ I read the publisher's own scope and sequence or sample.
- ☐ I know who will teach each lesson and how long it takes.
- ☐ I read the return policy and know which items are consumable.

Skipped strand?

If one column stays empty for three weeks, the lesson is probably too long or too much prep. Shorten it before you change programs.