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# Logic Countdown, Grades 3-4



## Synopsis

This classic series will excite students' imaginations while enriching skills in logical thinking. Logic Countdown problems are easy to incorporate into lesson plans and are formatted to enhance the fullest spectrum of curriculum areas while sharpening thinking skills. Challenging and instructional, these thought-provoking books present sequential exercises in logical reasoning that include relationships, analogies, syllogisms, sequences, deductive reasoning, inference, truth-values, and logical notation. Simple grids coupled with intriguing problems evoke enthusiasm and inspire students to higher and higher levels while of thinking acuity. Each book builds on concepts presented previously in the series to offer a comprehensive logic adventure for young thinkers. The skills students build by using this book are applicable to several areas of the curriculum. Academic skills used for reading, math, writing, and science all depend on the ability to perceive and define relationships and to form inferences. But beyond the academic world, students will find logical thinking an integral part of everyday life. This is the first in a three-book series designed to sharpen children's logical thinking skills. Once students master the skills presented in this book, they will be ready for new challenges in Logic Liftoff and Orbiting with Logic. Grades 3-4

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Blast Off With Logic is a series of three books that build upon one another at increasing levels of

difficulty. Logic Countdown, written for grades 3-4, introduces relationships, analogies, sequencing, "all" and "no" statements, syllogisms, if-then statements, deduction, and making inferences. Logic Liftoff for grades 4-6 reviews and expands all of these topics, continues into deeper logical reasoning, and introduces logical notation. Orbiting with Logic for grades 5-7 builds on the previous two books, expands logical notation, and adds logic diagrams and logical fallacies. While it is possible to use any one of the books alone, they really work best as a sort of continuous course . . . Most of us parents will find many of the lessons new and challenging, so we should tackle them right along with our children to improve our own thinking skills. --Cathy Duffy, Cathy Duffy Reviews - January 1, 2009

Bonnie Lou Risby grew up in the Illinois woodlands atop the limestone bluffs across the Mississippi River from St. Louis. These woods were her playground where she and her siblings camped out, played detective, and enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors in every season. After attending college at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, she taught school in Columbia, IL, for 13 years. She has taught elementary school, middle school, and high school, concentrating on the subjects of French, English, and gifted education. When Risby helped write the grant to establish Columbia's Gifted Program in the early 1970s, there were few materials readily available that fit well with a one-period per week pullout program. After the birth of her son, Risby retired from teaching and joined a family and marriage counseling practice for 12 years, continuing to write and create logic books in her spare moments. Retired from her therapy practice, she now works in a family business with her husband and son in Ballwin, MO. Risby has continued to write classroom books, chapter books, magazine articles, and books for young adults. Besides writing, Risby loves taking float trips down Ozark streams, biking, long walks with her dog, gardening, family history, and travel.

The kiddo loves the puzzles, and the they are done in a way that the logic relationships more intuitive and make sense. The book breaks down the types of logic puzzles, and how to look for the relationships between the comparison words.

My son is using this workbook in our homeschool. He does find a challenge in some of the exercises but seems to enjoy doing them. He is eight. The book begins with the child having to identify the uniting element in a group of words, such as 'money, grass, iguana, avocado' and next to the word group is a space where the child should write 'all the objects are green'. That is not an example from the book, but gives an idea of what to expect. Overall I am glad we purchased this

and I plan to get another Logic Countdown book for my older child.

Bought this for my 4th grader. I wanted to make sure my son was getting enough practice with Logic. I was fortunate enough to find this series. It's a great introduction to logic for young students. We're only doing a couple of lessons a week as we're also using another logic book. I liked it so much that I'm ordering this again for my upcoming 3rd grader and ordering the next in the series for my oldest.

Got this for my bright 10 yo DD who had not tried logic problems before. She's had great fun with it and been introduced to some things, like analogies, for the first time. I worried that it would be too easy for her, but it's actually just right. It stretches her thinking without being overwhelmingly difficult.

I think that this book is a little remedial for 3rd graders.... The problems are good, just too simple.

My son enjoys this book a lot. It may be a tad on the easy side for this age range.

My third grader thought this was way too easy and never opened it again. She might be abnormal though!!

I bought this book to prepare my daughter for GATE exam. Not only it helped her but she totally enjoyed it and was sad that it was over.

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