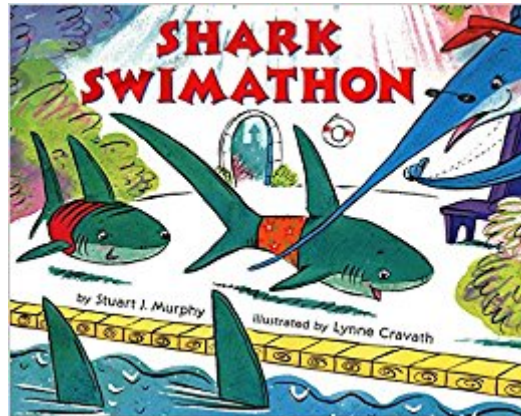




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# Shark Swimathon (MathStart 3)



## Synopsis

Shark Swimathon The Ocean City Sharks have to swim 75 laps by the end of the week, and every day they figure out how many laps are left to go. Swimming and subtraction are all part of the fun!

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 380L (What's this?)

Series: MathStart 3

Paperback: 40 pages

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Product Dimensions: 8 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 5.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 11 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #91,496 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #35 in [Books > Children's Books > Sports & Outdoors > Water Sports](#) #73 in [Books > Science & Math > Mathematics > Popular & Elementary > Arithmetic](#) #89 in [Books > Children's Books > Animals > Fish](#)

Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 and up

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-The Ocean City Sharks swim team needs money to attend swim camp. Fortunately, a local bank has promised to send them if the sharks can swim a total of 75 laps by the end of the week. Each day, Coach Blue subtracts the number of laps completed from the total, providing examples of two-digit subtraction. Bright cartoons show a group of enthusiastic sharks carrying book bags and wearing colorful bathing suits. The coach writes the math problems out on a big sign and discusses each new subtraction, allowing readers to follow along and cheer the team on.

Regrouping is included, but the concept of changing tens into ones is not fully explained. Still, this entertaining story would work well as a supplement to lessons on two-digit subtraction. Melinda Piehler, North Tonawanda Public Library, NY Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Gr. 2-4. Like other books in the MathStart series, this presents a mathematical concept in the

framework of a story. Here, a shark swim team practices subtraction of two-digit numbers as it tries to reach a goal of 75 laps. The focus is on the subtraction, which gets progressively more difficult as the predictable story goes on. Swordfish Coach Blue explains the process in each example. Perceptive children will note that the swimmers' performance improves with practice and that one shark uses division to determine the number of laps each teammate must still swim. Lynne Cravath's illustrations, in swimming-pool hues, feature amusing details and an interesting assortment of sharks, from twin hammerheads to Tiny, the hair-bowed whale shark. An appendix suggests activities to extend the lesson and includes a list of other books with a subtraction theme. Sharks, sports, and subtraction--a winning combination. Catherine Andronik Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Cute book!

Great book for teaching Habits of Mind.

This is also an Accelerated Reading book.

kids like it

This is a book that is good on so many levels --+ goal setting+ team work+ tallying+ subtraction There is merit in the story itself -- a group works together to meet a goal. And there is real math value -- the double-digit subtraction is clear to understand and presented in several formats -- verbal (as you say the subtraction aloud), visual (as you see the subtraction problem solved) and as part of the text. This book is a keeper.

great book

as a birthday gift to my husband, great, love it . perfect weight , perfect size ! cuts everything so neat ! I really recommend it ! best product.

Great book for my 2nd graders to understand and learn subtraction. This book puts it down to their level using what they like especially boys using sharks and other sea creatures.

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