

## Preface

Shaping Maths (3rd Edition) is an instructional package written according to the 2013 Ministry of Education, Singapore, primary mathematics syllabus. The package is designed to meet the learning needs of pupils from Primary 1 to 6 . The Primary 6 package consists of two Coursebooks, two Activity Books and two Teacher's Planning Guides.

## Approach

Shaping Maths (3rd Edition) adopts a thematic approach towards the learning of mathematics in the upper primary levels. These themes reflect various aspects of pupils' lives and help provide a concrete framework for the mathematical concepts that pupils learn in class. Pupils' learning is then reinforced through the use of pictures and icons before they are introduced to the formal symbolic mode of mathematical representation. The themes also provide an environment for pupils to experience the interdisciplinary nature of learning.

Continuing research in education has resulted in the introduction of new features in the third edition. Through these features, educators are further equipped with various strategies in addressing teaching and learning needs. These features include hands-on activities, group/pair work and open-ended questions to encourage exploration and in-depth thinking among pupils. This will equip pupils well for the challenges of the $21^{\text {st }}$ century.

## Features

Colourfully illustrated unit openers encourage rich and active pupil participation in learning and connections to everyday life through whole class discussion.


## Friends of Shaping Maths

The themes of the Coursebook revolve around Aini, Bala, Caili and David. The characters stimulate pupils' interest and heighten their involvement in the learning process.

Question classification helps teachers spend their time more effectively by using the appropriate questions to get pupils to master the necessary skills.

Reinforcement of current concepts
Higher-order thinking skills/enrichment

App It! helps pupils master concepts learnt through engaging and interactive applets.


Sections with this icon involve the use of calculators.

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## 0 Algebra



## Algebraic Expressions

Aini's mother is 23 years older than Aini.


When Aini was 1 year old, her mother was 24 years old.


When Aini was 7 years old, her mother was 30 years old.

Aini is 12 years old now.
Her mother is 35 years old.
Use the information above to find the missing numbers in the table.

| Aini's age <br> (years) | Her mother's age <br> (years) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 24 |
|  |  |
|  |  |

When Aini was $\square$ years old, her mother was $\square$ years old.

Aini's mother is always 23 years older than Aini.

We can use a letter to represent the unknown number.
When Aini is $x$ years old, her mother is $(x+23)$ or $(23+x)$ years old. $(x+23)$ and $(23+x)$ are algebraic expressions in terms of $\boldsymbol{x}$.

1 How much pocket money does David's brother get?


David

Our father gives us pocket money every week.

I get $\$ 2$ less than David.


When David gets $\$ 15$, his brother gets $\$ 13$.
a) When David gets $\$ 18$, his brother gets $\$$
b) When David gets $\$ y$, his brother gets $\$$

2 Find the missing numbers.


There are 16 pieces of chocolate in a box.
a) There are $\square$ pieces of chocolate in 3 boxes.
b) There are $\square$ pieces of chocolate in 8 boxes.

We write $16 \times p$ as $16 p$. $16 p$ is an algebraic expression in terms of $p$.

c) There are $\square$ pieces of chocolate in $p$ boxes.

3 Use the machine to find the missing numbers and letters in the table.


What will you get when you put $b$ in the machine?

4 The table below shows the number of toothpicks used to make figures of houses.
a) Count the number of toothpicks used to make the houses.
Figure

Number of toothpicks used $=1+4 \times$ Number of houses
b) How many toothpicks do you need to make 10 houses?
c) How many toothpicks do you need to make $n$ houses? Explain.

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5 Find the missing numbers and expressions.
a) Caili is 12 years old.
i) 2 years ago, she was $\square$ years old.
$m$ years ago, she was $\square$ years old.
ii) In 4 years' time, she will be $\square$ years old.

In $m$ years' time, she will be $\square$ years old.
b) Mary is $n$ times as old as Caili.
i) Express Mary's age in terms of Caili's age.
ii) How old was Mary 5 years ago?

