

Bio/brief overview

I am Laurie Beesting: B Ed Hons – teacher and math tutor of 28 years.

I taught in UK mainstream schools 1990-2011 holding several senior positions, then began as 1:1 math tutor in Canada 2011 to present day.

I am excited to launch my new and different resource to *help and support parents... to help and support their children!*

Bridge the Gap Math™

JUST the ‘hand-picked, golden key essentials’... the ‘often-missing-but-really-need-to-know-bits’ from the G4-7 math curriculum.

It is a ‘script-like’ program of what I teach daily to ensure my **Intermediate math** students are better prepared for G7 and high school;

- *The timing is good as there is much media coverage both in Canada and UK presently about Intermediate math and how we can best help our students be firm in math fundamentals.*
- *After trialing for 6 years, I am excited to share it with parents; my key moment was when I realized that what I was doing with my math students could be shared with thousands more students if I told parents **WHAT** I do and **HOW** I do it.*

It helps to untangle the knot of anxiety felt by parents and students alike.

Bridge the Gap Math™... ‘nail the essentials; move on’



FAQ /possible interview Questions

What is Bridge the Gap Math™?

It begs the question: Will your child be ready for high school math?

If G4, 5, 6 or 7 (or maybe already G8+), this question is a concern for us all.

Are, or will the fundamentals be in place?

Bridge the Gap Math™ is a NEW & DIFFERENT parent/student handbook to equip and empower parents to tutor their child in ***JUST the often-missing-but-really-need-to-know-bits from the Intermediate math curriculum.***

It targets JUST core essentials – the Intermediate math ‘GOLDEN KEYS’; it aims to firm up math fundamentals, to equip students to hit the ground running in G7 and high school.

It’s so good to hear students say, “Yes! Nailed it... let’s move on!”

Why did you decide to write it?

I realized that the methods I use for the 1:1 lessons to help students gain confidence in math, could be shared with thousands more students if I showed parents WHAT I teach and HOW I teach it.

I had the list of skills... and ways to get them across simply; it was time to share.

Who would benefit from this book and why?

I felt I had created a resource which could help **anyone who wanted to firm up fundamentals**, and the timing was good as there was lots of National and International news coverage and heartfelt concerns about HOW to best ensure math fundamentals are in place.

Initially it was to help **G5, 6 & 7** students preparing for high school, but then I used it with students who were already in **G8 & 9** (or further) who needed to backtrack – but in a ‘sensitive’ way which didn’t talk down to them – I had found a way to help, where students could keep their dignity. I have used it with **adults** too who needed to pass math tests for new jobs!

I also started using it with bright **G4** students who wanted to get ahead.

Another important person I had in mind was **‘the concerned parent’**: many parents asked me to make the book ‘script-like’ and easy to deliver – they told me they didn’t really feel secure themselves to teach the math concepts in the ‘right way’, as methods change.

How did your educational experiences in UK and Canada influence the book, and why do you consider yourself worthy of being called a specialist in the field?

As both a teacher in mainstream school for 20+ years in UK (therefore having a realistic view of coping with class sizes of 30+/trying to keep on top of government guidelines about what to teach and which methods to use), and then over 7 years 1:1 in Canada, having the luxury of being able to focus JUST on Intermediate core elements, I believe I am able to count myself as a specialist in this area; my experiences, research and trialing have been extensive... and results from using the program have been excellent. I still teach it daily.

How is your book different from all other math resources out there?

There are two main differences:

1. Bridge the Gap Math™ is NOT another single Grade text book; it does not have every single math concept you would see on a curriculum list for a particular Grade, level or age group... INSTEAD it has only the concepts I identified in my experience as being *common sticking points*, and this makes it different.

To firm up fundamentals, it is not practical to revisit every individual Grade – the thought of that feels overwhelming and depressing; this book is unique in that it has ONLY the main essentials selected from G4-7 so you can zoom right into the core issues.

2. It is NOT simply another ‘work-through-these-questions’ text book – it TEACHES the learning objectives via a script of what to say and do, *before* you try out questions. It provides instant parent/student self assessment: “Have we achieved this?” If yes, move on; if no, revisit. It provides a ‘*do-able in the busy family home*’ solution to nailing the vital bits.

It has 100 learning objectives and uses the words of a math teacher of 28 years’ experience. There is only one page per concept: a straight forward learning objective, a concise teaching section, 8 questions to try with support... then 8 questions to ‘test’ to see if the student can say, “Yes! Check it off – I’ve got it!”

When is it available?

Canada edition: January 2019

UK and USA editions to follow in 2019

Where can people find more information?

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Presentations, talks/discussions about math... and the official book launch will all be taking place on Bowen Island in early 2019, and in Vancouver from spring onwards.

Testimonials

My son was missing foundational math pieces that left him discouraged and confused. Laurie's program filled those gaps and maybe more importantly built his confidence in math. He went from barely passing, to an easy A.' – Sandra (parent)

'My grades skyrocketed with these methods and my understanding of math deepened. I highly recommend not only for struggling students but anyone who wants to strengthen their basics.

The skills Laurie provides are easy to follow and fun to learn.' – Lucy (student)

'We can't thank Laurie enough. She made a huge difference in our daughter's life.' – NS (parent)

'Laurie has helped me feel a lot more confident in my math skills. She has ways of helping me remember things that I usually forget in math, and she simplifies things so they are a lot easier to understand. She is a very good math tutor – she is the only person who has ever made me understand what is going on in math.' – Adrienne (student)

'Laurie has a keen understanding of how important it is for children to have a solid grasp of math fundamentals. She manages to help kids work through gaps in their knowledge, and have fun whilst doing it. I would highly recommend her book!' – Liesl (parent)

'Laurie has a systematic program which tests a student's core knowledge skills and gives me confidence as a homeschooling parent that my child has a solid understanding of the math curriculum for his grade.' – Elle (parent)

'Laurie's approach had my pre-teen son excited about math! As he conquered each skill, piece by piece, his confidence grew. The small successes added up to a big jump in his grades.' – Sandra (parent)

'We can recommend Laurie's approach wholeheartedly. She really helped our child gain confidence in her abilities and move up in grades.' – Neil (parent)

'Laurie has lots of tricks for advanced learners to keep the subject fresh and interesting.' – EW (parent)

'2 years later, I am still using the techniques Laurie taught me. Giving me all the small bits made it easy to put it together.' – Troy (student)

'Laurie has developed a systematic program to test a student's core knowledge base, identify any weak spots, and provide focused learning in any flagged areas. The system is brilliant for advanced learners, as it allows them to progress quickly through material they already know, and keeps the student interested with fresh material.' – EW (parent)

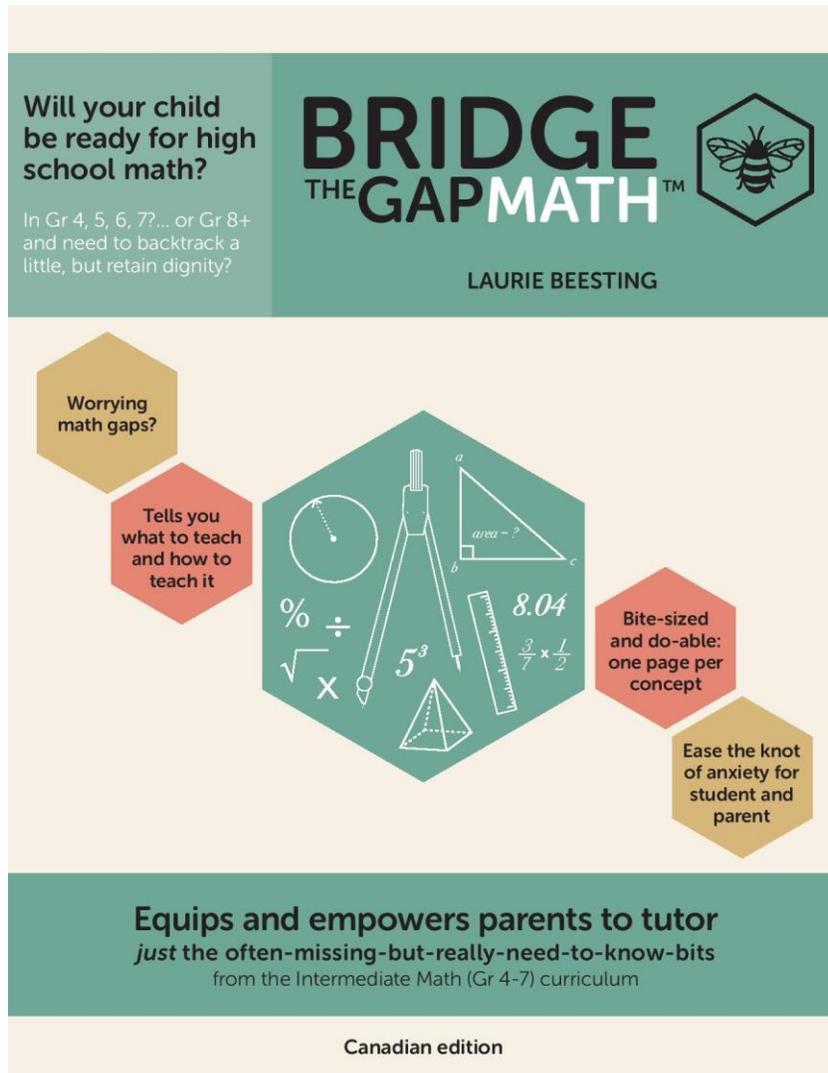
'Laurie's approach looked at math concepts from a different angle. This resonated with my son, as he step by step 'got it', his confidence grew along with his skills.' – SH (parent)

'Laurie's calm demeanour and simple, straightforward approach gave our daughter that extra something she needed to succeed in math.' – NS (parent)

'Our daughter needed help to keep her on track with math. Laurie was able to boost her confidence, and have her enjoy math too. A solid basis was formed on which she still builds.' – AVW (parent)

'Doing flash facts with Laurie is fun!' – Max (student)

Book information



Page count: 257 pages to include 100 lessons, record keeping and step by step guidance

Price: \$51.95 (less than the cost of one session with a tutor)

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Brief synopsis:

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