

Choosing a "Just Right" Book

It is important your child reads the book appropriate to their reading level. "Just Right" books provide students with a great deal of success and few opportunities to use reading strategies successfully. These books build self-confidence and develop fluency.

The chart below will guide whether the book is right for your child.

- 1. Your child should begin reading the picture book or a passage from a chapter book.*
- 2. Tell your child to hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know or cannot read.*
- 3. Can your child remember what they read? If not, put the book down and choose another. If he/she can remember what they read, look at the number of fingers they have up.*

0-1 Fingers

Easy Book (can read, but not every time)

2-3 Fingers

Just Right Book

4-5 Fingers

Challenging Book (may need a partner)

5 or more Fingers

Too Hard! (Try again later)