

Ways to choose a book



Books can be found at all reading levels. A book can be read to, with, or by a child.



Children need to know how to determine which of these ways is the most appropriate for the chosen book.

The easiest way to choose a book the child can read by himself is to use the **five finger rule**. The child chooses any page from the book and reads it. For every word that he cannot read, the child puts up one finger. If by the end of that page the child has all five fingers up, the book is too difficult to read. It would be a better choice to have the book read to him/her, or with someone.



Suggested Kindergarten Book List

A camping spree with Mr. Magee. Chris Van Dusen.
Mr. Magee and his dog Dee go camping and have an adventure with an hungry bear.

Curious George. Rey, H. A..
The curiosity of a newly-captured monkey gets him into continual trouble.

Fish eyes. Ehlert, Lois.
A counting book depicting the colorful fish a child might see if he turned into a fish himself.

Frog counts to ten. Liebler, John.
Unable to play hide-and-seek because he cannot count, Frog goes for a ride on his bicycle and makes a discovery.

Good night moon. Brown, Margaret Wise.
Good night to each of the objects in the great green room.

Gregory, the terrible eater. Sharmat, Mitchell.
A very picky eater, Gregory the goat refuses the usual goat diet of staples of shoes and tin cans in favor of fruit, vegetables, eggs, and orange juice.

I like me! Carlson, Nancy L.
By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when no one else is around, a charming pig proves the best friend you can have is yourself.

Inch by inch. Lionni, Leo.
To keep from being eaten, an inchworm measures a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak, a heron's leg and a nightingale's song.

Love you forever. Munsch, Robert N.
A young woman tells her son, throughout his childhood she loves him, until a time when the son has a daughter of his own and passes on the same message of love.

Millions of cats. Gag, Wanda.
How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions?

The mixed-up chameleon. Carle, Eric.
A bored chameleon wishes he could be more like all the other animals it sees, but soon decides it would rather just be itself.

My five sense. Miller, Margaret.
A simple introduction to the five senses and how they help us experience the world around us.

Rosie's walk. Hutchnins, Pat.
Although unaware that a fox is after as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen manages to lead him into one accident after another.

The runaway bunny. Brown, Margaret Wise.

A little rabbit who wants to run away tells his mother how he will escape, but she is always right behind him.

Tiny goes to the library. Meister, Cari.
Tiny the dog is a big help at the library when his owner checks out too many books to carry home.

If these specific titles cannot be found, any book read is fine.