

## BOOKS AT THIS LEVEL HAVE

- More complex plots
- Fewer and smaller pictures
- 3-7 lines per page


## WHY MORE COMPLEX PLOTS, FEWER AND SMALLER PICTURES, AND 3-7 LINES?

As the act of decoding becomes more natural and children get used to the reading process, they are able to move on to longer, more complicated stories, with a more complicated vocabulary and sentence structure.

## HOW TO USE THIS KIT

Show your child all of the books, letting them choose which to read first. Choice means so much to young children, so empowering them to make their own reading choices is another great way to get them excited about reading!

Try the “Five-Finger Rule” to see if this kit is at the right level for your child.



Have your child select a book, open it to any page, and read. Have them hold up a finger for each word he/she is unfamiliar with.

0 – Your child is proficient at this level. This book may be too easy.

1-2 – This book would be a good choice.

3-4 – This book might be a bit difficult. If your child is really interested in the book, please don't discourage them, but give them the chance and be ready to help with supplying a few words.

5+ - This book is probably too difficult. But please read it aloud to your child!

## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER

Read together every day! This could be your child reading to you, you reading to your child, or simply you and your child each reading your own book in the same space. In addition to giving your child time to practice his or her new reading skills, reading aloud to your child is the single most important way to support learning.

Choose fun stories or fact books on topics your child loves.

It's okay to not finish a book if your child isn't into it – the goal is to keep reading fun!

Visit museums, the zoo, sporting events and so on, to help your child build experiences and better understand what he or she reads.

