

BOOKS AT THIS LEVEL HAVE

- Richer Vocabulary
- Few or no pictures
- 8 or more lines per page


WHY RICHER VOCABULARY, FEW OR NO PICTURES, AND 8+ LINES?

At this stage, children have become fluent at decoding and are beginning to read for meaning. Books at this level, often called “Transitional Chapter Books,” are created with newly independent readers in mind. They have a richer vocabulary, sentences that are relatively short, direct, and uncomplicated, brief episodes, chapters, or intervals that stand out to the reader, and content that is compelling enough to hold a child’s interest, but not so complicated that it’s hard to follow.

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!

Children at this stage need to build self-confidence as they make the leap from easy readers to chapter books. Transitional books serve as a bridge. Some children may cross this bridge quickly, while others need to take their time. No matter how long it takes to cross, it is worth the journey!

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

Read favorite books again and again.

Have your child ask library staff to help find more books by a favorite author, in a series, or by genre (for example, mystery or funny books).

Listen to audiobooks in the car or at bedtime so your child can enjoy more complex stories.

