

Choosing a **just right** BOOK

When reading, it is important to have books that are “just right” for your child. You don’t want there to be a sense of frustration because the book is too hard but there should be a little bit of challenge so your child can grow as a reader.



WHEN THE BOOKS ARE TOO EASY,
YOU’LL NOTICE THAT YOUR CHILD...

- Reads all the words smoothly with an interesting voice
- Recognizes all of the words
- Understands the story
- Reads through the words quickly
- There are only a few words on the page
- There are only a few pages in the book
- The book uses a larger font



WHEN THE BOOK IS “JUST RIGHT”,
YOU WILL NOTICE THAT YOUR CHILD...

- Reads most of the words
- Understands what they are reading
- Enjoys the book
- Reads the book smoothly but there are some choppy places
- Reads just right, not too slow and not too fast
- Figures out the tricky words and still gets the meaning of the story



WHEN THE BOOK IS TOO DIFFICULT,
YOU WILL NOTICE THAT YOUR CHILD...

- Cannot decode many of the words
- Doesn’t know what the tricky words MEAN
- Reads in a choppy manner rather than smoothly
- Loses focus while reading
- Doesn’t enjoy the book because it is too much work
- Reads really slowly
- Gets confused while reading
- The book uses a small font and has a lot of words on the page