



LEARNING TO READ

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What is an Independent Reading Level?

- Independent reading level is the level a child can read at without the help of an adult.
- What level should my child be reading now? **Level K**

Independent Reading Level

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
Kindergarten			First Grade						Second Grade	Second Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade		

Where you should be at:

1st quarter

2nd & 3rd quarter

4th quarter

Level C Text: Kindergarten



Can the duck get in?
Yes, it can.



Can the dog get in?
Yes, it can.

Level G Text: First Grade



Tosh wants a snack.
Peace bumps it off the plate.
Quiet bats it into the air.



Tosh puts clothes out to dry.
Peace hangs from the line.
Quiet tears the clothes
to shreds.

Level J Text



He goes door to door asking people if he can walk their dogs.

"Can we help walk dogs, too?" asks Jupe.

"I'll do it by myself," Bonk says.

"I'm saving my money for a new bike."

Level K Text



"We need to get the bear down before our **yard sale** starts," Sam said.

"We could always cancel the yard sale," Mrs. Miller said.

"I put up so many signs," Sam groaned. "I know we can get the bear to come down if we just **brainstorm** the right idea."

Helping your child learn to read:

- Sight words
- Decoding/ Phonics
- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Vocabulary



What are Sight Words?

- → Sight words are common words that do not follow the phonics rules and are important for students to read automatically.
- Ex) said, listen, enough

What is Decoding / Phonics ?

- Learning the relationship between letters and sounds

Ways to Take Action & Solve Words

Eagle Eye



Look at the picture.

Think "what is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?"

Lips the Fish



Get your mouth ready!

Say the beginning sound.

Stretchy Snake



Slowly stretch each letter sound to make the word.

shp = sh || p

Chunky Monkey



Break the word into chunks you already know.

ma
t
fla
t
spl
a
ter

Tryin' Lion



Try to re-read the sentence.

Think "what makes sense?"

Skippy Frog



Skip the tricky word.

Read to the end.

Go back & try it again.

Flippy Dolphin



Flip the vowel sound.

Try the long & short sounds.

- ALWAYS**
- Make Sense
- Sound Right
- Look Right

What is Fluency?

- → Reading with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. (Reading smoothly)



What is reading comprehension?

- → The ability to accurately understand written material
- Students should be able to:
 - **Ask and Answer Questions** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, How)
 - **Identify Main Topic and Key Details** in multi paragraph text (What the text is mostly about)
 - **Identify Text Features** (Table of contents, captions, glossary etc.)
 - **Use Context Clues** (determine the meaning of unfamiliar words)
 - **Compare and Contrast**(how the text is the same & different)
 - **Author's Point of View** (author's perspective on a topic)
 - **Author's Purpose**
 - **Identify and Describe Images** in order to clarify a text
 - **Describe and Identify Events or Ideas**

Teach your child to ask and answer questions about the text:

- → Ask and answer *who, what, where, when, why, and how* questions to help with your child's understanding of the text.

Asking questions :

→ Students come up with a question about what they have read.

- Ex) “Why do hedgehogs hibernate?”

Answering questions:

→ Students should be able to answer questions about the text in complete sentences.

- Ex) Q: “When do hedgehogs eat a lot of food?”

A: “Hedgehogs eat a lot of food in the Fall.”

Ready for Cold Weather

Slowing Down

Hedgehogs sleep in winter.

A hedgehog gathers leaves. It carries them in its mouth and makes a pile. Why? The animal is making a winter nest. It will soon hibernate (HIGH-behr-nayt). That means it goes into a long, deep sleep.



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Some hedgehogs live in places where winter is cold. Food is hard to find. The hedgehogs eat a lot of food in the fall. They store fat in their bodies. When the animals hibernate, they live off the extra fat.

During their long winter sleep, the animals use very little energy. They do not move. Their body temperatures drop. Their hearts beat slowly. They breathe slowly too.



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When the weather gets warmer in March or April, the hedgehogs are hungry. They leave their nests to eat again. What do hedgehogs like best? Insects, worms, snails, and slugs!

Let's Practice!

Apples



Apples are a healthy snack. They contain Vitamin C to help your body fight illnesses. Eating apples can help protect your heart. The juice in apples can kill germs that cause cavities. Doctors think apples might even protect your brain. Next time you enjoy an apple you can be sure it is doing your body good.

1. Write one question to ask about the paragraph.
2. Answer the following question in a complete sentence:
→ **Why are apples a healthy snack?**

Homework



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