

Reading

Children should be reading books which they understand but which introduce them to new language – if they know every word, the book is probably too easy; if they are struggling to get through each page without help, it is probably too hard.

Suggested Reading Book List

Please remember that when we say we have ‘read’ a book we should mean we have read, understood and can explain about the various characters, plots and sub-plots of the book. Being able to simply sound the words out on the page is not reading! Additionally you should know who wrote the book. Below are some suggested books to help improve vocabulary. Some are harder than others and some may not be on a topic which you may enjoy so choose carefully and once you have decided upon a book, read it carefully and completely. Deciding a book is ‘boring’ once you have begun probably means it’s difficult! Don’t give up! None of the books below is ‘abridged’ and the difficulty ratings are simply my personal opinion.

Book Title	Author	Difficulty Rating
Beast Quest series	Adam Blade	**
Famous Five series	Enid Blyton	**
Astrosaurs series		*
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	****
The Twits, George’s Marvellous Medicine, The Enormous Crocodile	Roald Dahl	**
Lightning Lucy, Karate Princess,	Jeremy Strong	***

100 Mile an hour dog		
Mallory Towers	Enid Blyton	**
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	****
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	****
The Sheep-Pig	Dick King Smith	***

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The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Graeme	*****
Watership Down	Richard Adams	*****
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	*****
Harry Potter Series	J.K. Rowling	****
Danny the Champion of the World	Roald Dahl	****
Anne of Avonlea Series	L. M. Montgomery	*****
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	*****
The Golden Goblet	Eloise Jarvis	*****

	McGraw	
Holes	Louis Sachar	***
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C. O' Brien	****
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	***
The Animals of Farthing Wood	Colin Dann	*****
I am David	Ann Holm	*****
The Time Machine	H.G. Wells	*****
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	****
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome	*****
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	C. S. Lewis	*****
Stig of the Dump	Clive King	****
Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling	*****
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	*****
There's a Boy in the Girls'	Louis Sachar	****

Bathroom		
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken	****
No Such Thing as Dragons	Philip Reeve	*****
The Snow Spider	Jenny Nimmo	****
Carrie's War	Nina Bowden	*****
Orphans of the Tide	Struan Murray	***
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	***
The Secret Keepers	Trenton Lee Stewart	***
Rooftoppers	Katherine Rundell	***