

CAN YOUR LEVEL H READER DO THESE THINGS?

- They read smoothly with expression and change their voice because of punctuation.
- They have strategies for figuring out a word they don't know. They can reread the word or break the word up into chunks, say each part, then put the parts back together (grass-hop-per).
- They can read more complicated letter-sound combinations in words, like *scratch*, *friend*, *wrench*.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD MOVE TO THE NEXT READING LEVEL?

- Build in 20 minutes (or more) of reading time per day. Your child can read a short book, then listen to a read aloud or picture book with a parent.
- When reading to a child teach them about "author's purpose," or why the author wrote the book. Do they think the author wrote this book to entertain us with a good story, to teach or to persuade us?
- Point out a new or challenging word, give them a kid-friendly definition (*Dehydrate means when the body loses a lot of water*).

WHEN MY CHILD READS TO ME:

- Have your child read a level H book to you every day, or a level I book with your help.
- Read a page or two, then stop and think - what's happened so far? Encourage them to ask questions about parts of the story they wonder about.
- Make connections - Does a character in this story remind you of someone you know?
- If it's a fiction story, ask them who the characters are, the setting, the problem of the story and how it was solved at the end.
- If it's a non-fiction book, ask what the "topic" is, or what the book mostly tells about, for example, "This book is mostly about the moon." Have them retell you the important facts.

Practice sight words assigned by school each day to help improve your child's reading.

Aim for your child to practice reading a sight word 5 different times to master it.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT THE LEVEL OF A BOOK?

- Instantly get the Guided Reading level letter of any book by entering the title or scanning the barcode using the free app, *BookWizard*.

LEVEL H BOOKS:

If You Give a Pig a Party by Laura Numeroff

Scuba-Cat (Pete the Cat) by James Dean

Super Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp by Syd Hoff



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