

Goldilocks' Strategy to Choose Books



Good readers spend time with **EASY, JUST – RIGHT** and **HARD** books but mostly “just-right” books.¹

Easy Books: help you read more smoothly and are fun to read aloud and silently. If you answer yes to these questions below, this book is probably an EASY book for you. “

- Have I read this book before?
- Do I understand the story (text) very well?
- Can I read just about every word?
- Can I understand just about every word?
- Can I read it quickly and smoothly?

Just-Right Books: help you learn because you can figure out most of the words and understand what’s going on in the text. If you answer yes to these questions below, this book is probably a “JUST-RIGHT” book for you.

- Is this an exciting book? Do I want to read it?
- Am I familiar with the content, author, series, and genre?

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- Can I tell another person what is happening in the story?
- Can I tell others about what I am learning?
- I sometimes need to reread a part to understand it.
- There are a few words per page I don't know.
- I read most places smooth and some choppy.

Hard Books: need you to spend a little time with them to learn what you can. Perhaps, someone can read the book to you. Give it another try on your own later, but don't give up. Try again a few months later. If you answer yes to the questions below, this book is probably a HARD book for you.

- Am I interested in reading this book?
- Am I confused about what is happening in most of this book?
- Is it hard to understand even when I reread it?
- Do I need lots of help to read this book?

