

The Goldilocks Rules for Choosing a Book That is "Just Right"



Too Easy Books

- I have read the book many times before.
- I understand and can retell the story without much effort.
- I know and understand almost every word.
- I can read the book smoothly and fluently without much practice.

Too Hard Books

- There are five or more words on a page that I do not recognize.
- I am confused about what is happening in the story.
- When I read the words I sound choppy.
- I need help when reading this book.

Just Right Books

- The book is new to me and the topic is interesting to me.
- I understand what is happening in most of the story.
- I can retell what I have read.
- I recognize most of the words on the page, but there are some words to work on.
- I can read the book by myself but may need help if I hit a tough spot.