

Choosing a “Just Right” book

When choosing a new book to read, think of the following:

LENGTH

- Is it a good length for you? (too short, too long, just right?)
- Do you feel like committing to reading this book and/or series?

LANGUAGE & TEXT

- Does the language feel natural or forced? (Read a bit to find out)
- Do you understand what you are reading?
- Do you understand most of the words? Are they too easy?

GENRE

- What is the genre?
- Have you read this genre before?
- Do you like or expect to like this genre?

INTEREST

- Are you interested in the topic of this book?
- Do you like the author/illustrator?
- Have others recommended it?
- Do you have a connection to the story?

SUITABILITY

- Are you comfortable with the topic/content of this book?
- Do you feel ready to read about this topic?