



Level 1 Criteria for Leveling the Books

Weeks 1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Very brief texts, 20 – 70 words in length. •Small amount of print per page. (1 – 4 lines of text per page.) •Language and syntax are simple. •Fiction and nonfiction both address familiar topics and concepts. •Pictures directly support the text. •Texts include many simple short vowel words. •Texts include many of the 100 most frequently used words.
Weeks 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Brief texts, 35 - 95 words in length. •Small amount of print per page. (1 – 4 lines of text per page.) •Language and syntax are simple. •Fiction and nonfiction both address familiar topics and concepts. •Pictures directly support the text. •Texts include many complex short vowel words and simple long vowel words. •Texts include many of the 100 most frequently used words.
Weeks 16-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Texts increase to 45 – 160 words. •Increasing amount of print per page. (Up to 6 lines of text per page.) •Language and syntax are simple. •Fiction and nonfiction both address familiar topics and concepts. •Pictures are somewhat less supportive of text. •Texts include many simple and complex long vowel words. •Texts include many of the 100 most frequently used words.
Weeks 25-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Texts are now 80 – 250 words in length. •Increasing amount of print per page. (Up to 7 lines of text per page.) •Language and syntax are simple. •Fiction and nonfiction address somewhat less familiar topics and concepts. •Pictures are somewhat less supportive of text. •Texts include many simple and complex short and long vowel words for review. •Texts include many of the 100 most frequently used words.

Note: The above leveling criteria apply to the first book (Book A) of each week’s instruction.