

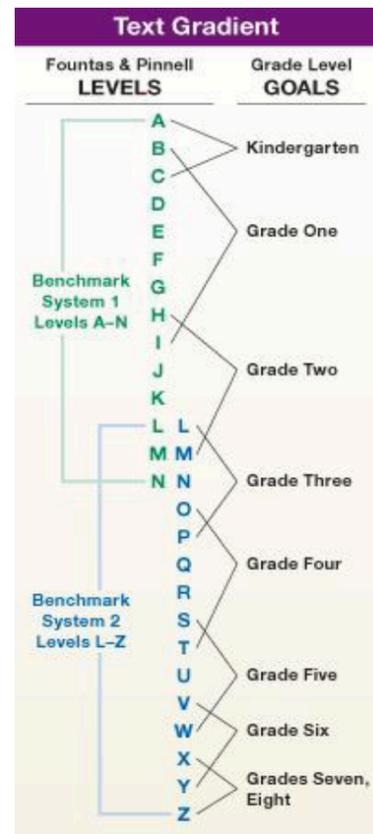
What is Leveled Reading?

Leveled reading uses various assessment tools to determine how well your child reads, then matches him to books that are challenging enough for him to make progress, but not so hard that he will become frustrated.

When the proper books are selected, your child is able to read with approximately 90% accuracy. This lets her enjoy the story because there is not an overwhelming amount of “road blocks” that interfere with comprehension. She can focus on the meaning of the story and use various reading strategies to problem solve when she do hit a roadblock in her knowledge or reading ability.

What you can do:

- Ask your child teacher for his current reading level. Request a list of appropriate books for him to read. Ask his teacher if you can borrow leveled books to use at home with him.
- Remember, it is fine for your child to pick books that are a level or two below her level to keep her interested in reading. She can also read a book above her level, especially if it's on a topic that is interesting to her and she is able to understand and enjoy the book. But most of her reading time should be spent with books at her reading level to help her learn the most from reading.
- Visit the Ames Public Library or your local public library. Ask at the youth section for leveled books that are available for checkout.
- Use the Scholastic Book Wizard below to find the guided reading level of most books:
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