

EASY READER LEVELS

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Pre-emergent – **white** spine label

Reading Recovery levels 1 – 4, Kindergarten to beginning first grade

*These books could be memorized by a student

- High level of picture/photo support
- Large print
- Exaggerated spacing between words
- Words in the same spot on each page
- Repetitive, predictable, and/or rhyming text
- One or two lines of text on each page.
- Use of high frequency (the “top forty”) words
- Book topics that are familiar to children and their lives
- Simple and/or natural language
- Very little punctuation
- Simple, short stories

Emergent – **orange** spine label

Reading Recovery levels 5 – 8, End of kindergarten to mid-first grade

*Students need to be able to use the one or more or the three cueing systems and decode unknown words to read at these levels.

- Continued high level of picture/photo support
- May be a range of print sizes
- Spacing between words still somewhat exaggerated
- Words in the same spot of each page
- Some repetition, may still be some rhyming
- More words on each page, more high frequency words used
- More complex sentences
- More lines of text per page – can be up to 8 lines per page
- Use of inflected endings (-s, -ed, -ing)
- Some literacy language (“once upon a time”)
- Wider variety of punctuation (?, !, “”)

Early fluent – green spine label

Reading Recovery levels 9 – 12, mid-first grade to end of first grade

*Students should be able to quickly use the three cueing systems together, cross-checking for accuracy as they read.

- Still some picture/photo support – more text, less pictures on a page
- Normal spacing between words
- Words may be on every page, or in different places on the page
- Smaller print
- More and more text, significant decrease in repetitive patterns/rhyming in text
- More complex story structure (may be sub-plots) and language structure
- More episodes and action in the story
- May be some genre stories – fantasy, science fiction, etc.
- Multi-syllabic words

Fluent – blue spine label

Reading Recovery levels 13 – 22+, end of first grade to beginning second grade

*Early chapter books - *Henry and Mudge*, *Frog and Toad*

- More literary structures and genres
- More challenging ideas and themes
- Episodes are extended, books have chapters
- More complex vocabulary