

Graded Reader Builder: An Introduction

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Chapter 1: I want to make language education rewarding and fun.

What is a “graded reader”, and why do I care? - GRs books have a range of difficulty, so there are some more appropriate to beginners, and some tailored for, say, intermediate level. The idea is that you know about

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Why is a GR fun? - Even with a limited vocabulary, you can read short stories that cover any topic at all - action, mystery, diary... whatever you like!

How is a GR different from textbook reading passages? - GRs have a few neat tools. The most important one is having a few of those 我想看一下^{1.2}, 但是^{1.1} 我还在吃我的三明治^{1.4}! 我吃晚饭的时候, 我爸爸 (詹姆斯) 不让我出去厨房。这次真的是可惜的, 因为我从来想看烟花。。。 - Another great feature is that Graded Reader Builder can also annotate which page a word first appeared on, so you can quickly find it again later on.

How does this Graded Reader Builder work? - Firstly, focus on writing your story! Then decide 1) Your title, 2) which vocabulary is important, 3) key character names. Put these in the appropriate input files, and run the code as detailed in the instructions. If you want, you can read the source code (on Github). It's that simple.

1. 但是 (dàn shì) but

2. 一下 (yī xià) for a short while

1 4. 三明治 (sān míng zhì) sandwich

Vocabulary

1. 但是^{1.1} dàn shī: but
2. 一下^{1.2} yī xià: for a short while
3. 今天^{2.3} jīn tiān: today¹
4. 三明治^{1.4} sān míng zhì: sandwich