




The Importance of Reading

An open book is positioned in the lower-left corner of the frame. The left page is numbered '25' and contains text, including the words 'DOOR HUNG OPEN AND' and 'light in those few'. The right page is also open, showing text. The book is resting on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a rug or a piece of fabric. To the right of the book, a portion of a wicker chair is visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige color.

Reading gives us
someplace to go
when we have to
stay where we are.

Mason Cooley

Importance of Reading

1. Exercises our brains
2. Develops creative thinking skills
3. Improves concentration
4. Teaches children about the world around them



Importance of Reading

- 5. Improves vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills
- 6. Helps relieve stress
- 7. Is a good companion / friend
- 8. Develops empathy



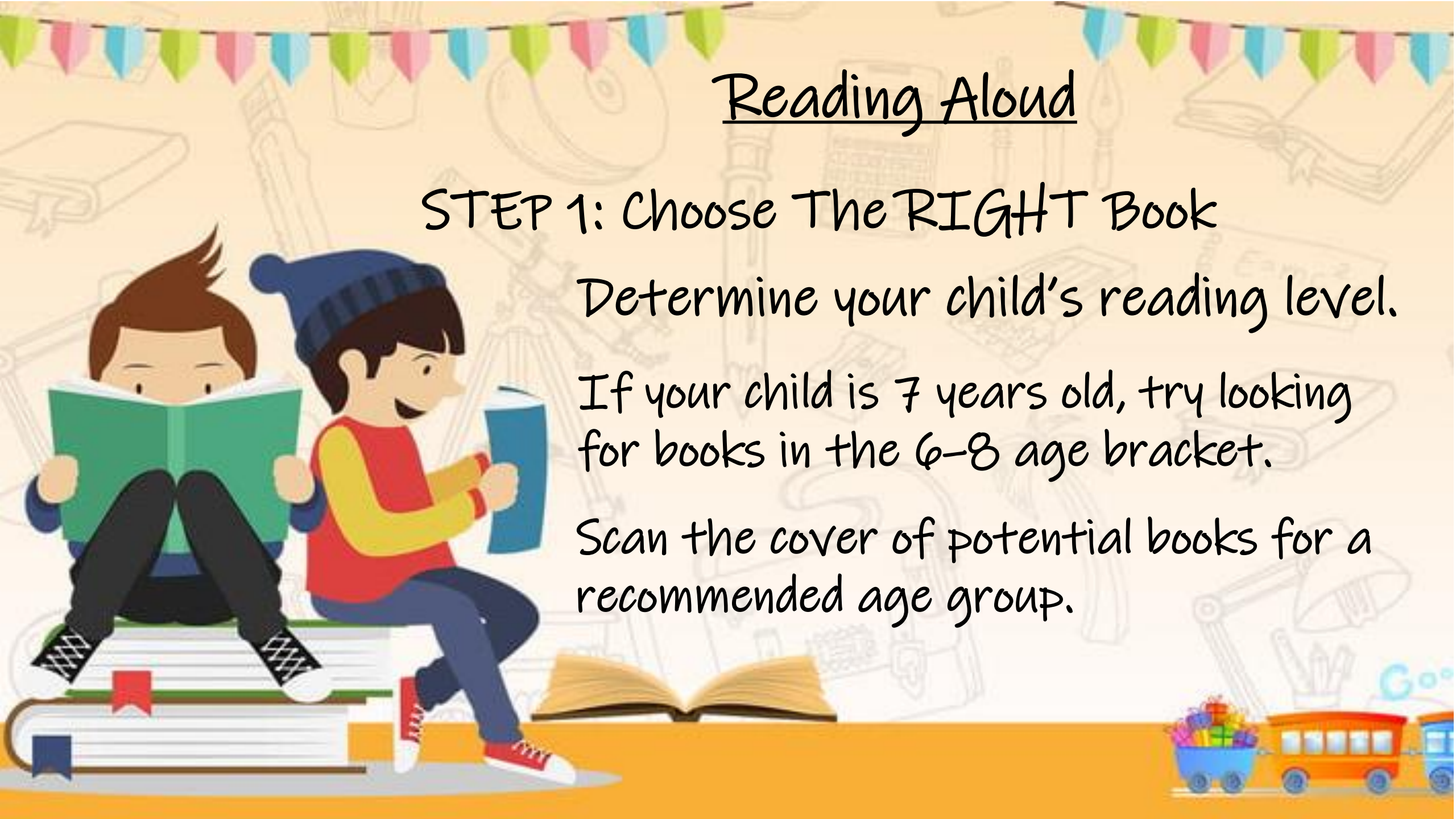
Reading Aloud

STEP 1: Choose The RIGHT Book

Determine your child's reading level.

If your child is 7 years old, try looking for books in the 6-8 age bracket.

Scan the cover of potential books for a recommended age group.



Choosing a book



5-FINGER RULE



1. Look at the cover.
2. Read the title and the author's name.
3. Read the blurb in the back.
4. Flip through the book.
5. Read the first page.
6. Use the 5-finger rule!

0-1 Fingers - Too Easy
2-3 Fingers - Just Right
4-5 Fingers - Too Hard



Choosing a book



5 Finger Rule

What To Do: Pick up a Book. Open the book to any page. Put one finger up for each word you don't know.



1 finger
This book is too easy!



2 fingers
This book is a little too easy.



3 fingers
This book is just right!



4 fingers
This book is a little too hard.



5 fingers
This book is too hard!



Reading Aloud

STEP 2: Get Ready

- ✓ Preview the book.
- ✓ Prepare a comfortable read-aloud area, free from distraction.



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STEP 3: Start To Read

- ✓ Introduce the book & let them predict.
- ✓ Be dramatic & animated.
- ✓ Involve your child through role playing.
- ✓ Help child "see" the story by discussing.
- ✓ Ask them questions.
- ✓ Review previous chapters / pages.



Series

Larkin's Little Readers

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Brain Busters

Joke Books

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1st Grade

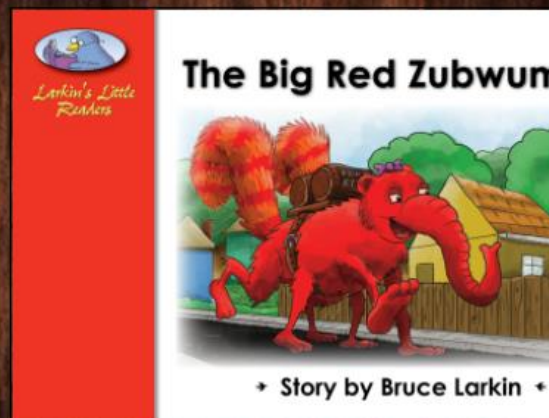
2nd Grade

3rd Grade

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Buying Cheese

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Birds Are Special



Looking at Reptiles



Pests



Bear Facts

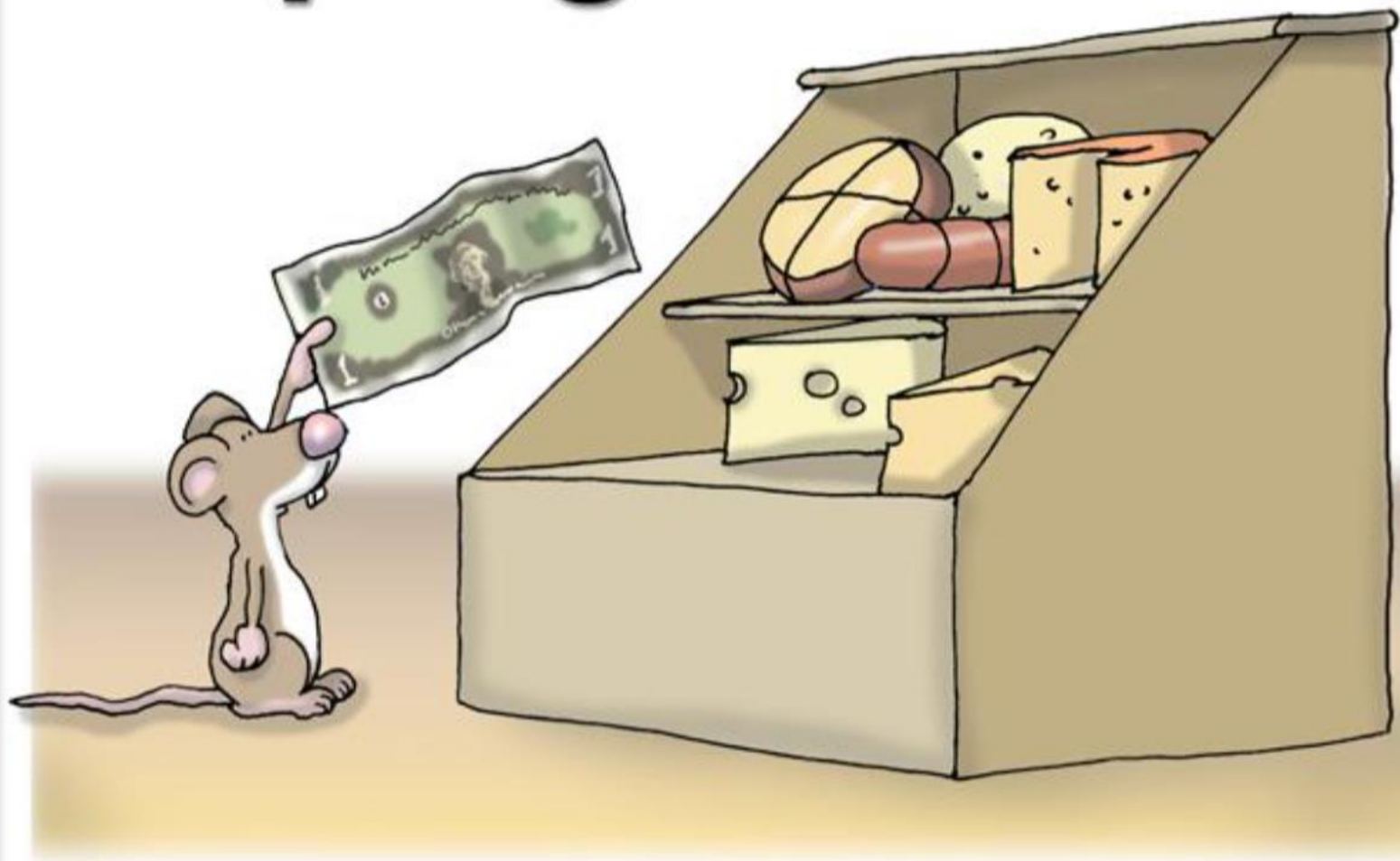
Bear Facts

Some Animals Eat Insects



*Larkin's Little
Readers*

Buying Cheese

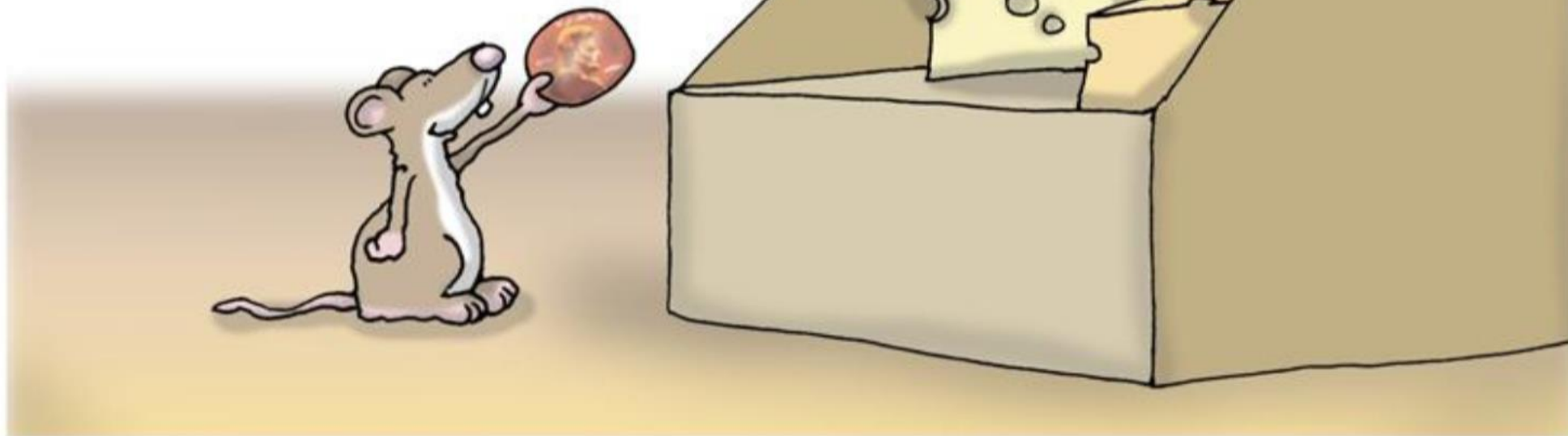


→ Story by Bruce Larkin ←



penny

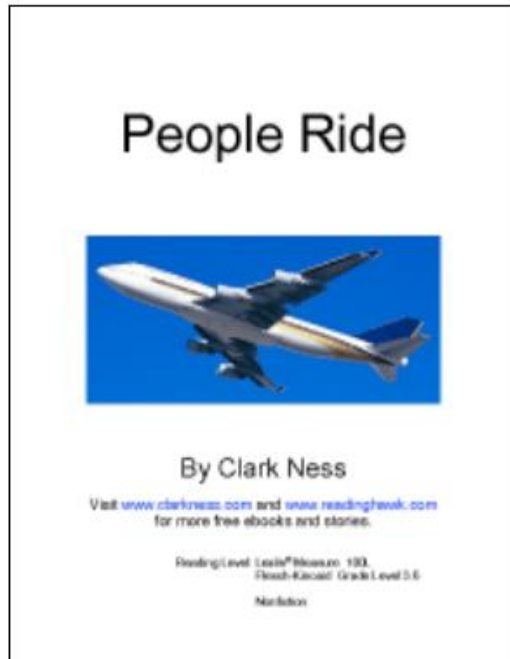
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The mouse wants to buy some cheese, but a penny is not enough money.

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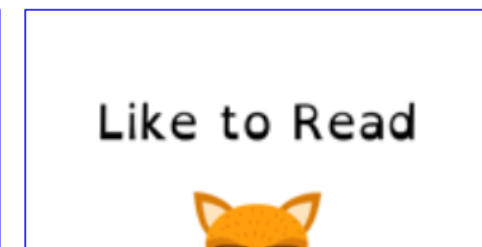
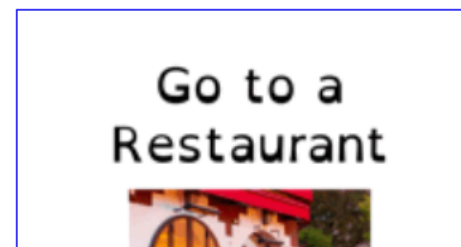
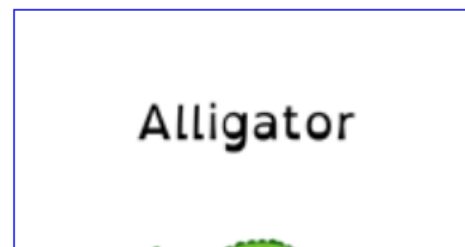
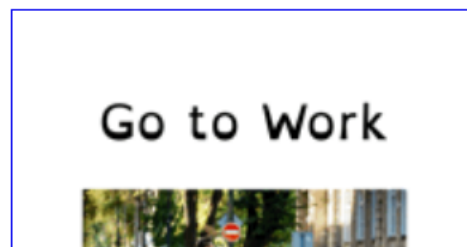
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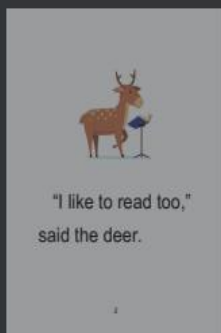




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Like to Read



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Reading Level: Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 1.1
Fiction

IT ADDS UP!

If you read just
15 minutes a day,
in one year you
will have read
over 1,000,000
words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com



Good Readers

Determine Importance!

Good readers
ALWAYS
think while
reading.

Good readers
take notice
of new
learning.

Good readers
decide what to
remember and
what to ignore.

Good readers
decide what is
IMPORTANT &
what is
INTERESTING.

Good readers
use text
features to help
them see what is
important.

Good readers
ask
themselves
questions
while reading.



A cartoon illustration of two children holding a large white sign that says "Thank You". The sign is held up by two brown posts. The child on the left is a boy with orange skin, wearing a green shirt and orange pants, with his arms raised in a happy gesture. The child on the right is a girl with orange skin, wearing a blue shirt and green pants, also with her arms raised. The background is a light blue sky with a small white flower on the left and a blue cloud on the right. The ground is a brownish-yellow surface with small black dots.

Thank
You