

# The five finger rule for selecting a reading book:



The five finger rule is a quick and easy way for you to check if a book is suitable to read on your own. Before you start reading, turn to a random page in the book and read it. For every word that you don't know, you should hold up a finger.

You can then use the following guidelines according to how many fingers you hold up:

**0 or 1:** Far too easy – pick another book.

**2:** A good choice that will give you a reasonable challenge and allow you to learn new words.

**3:** You might need some help, but still a good choice if you're up for a challenge.

**4:** May be too difficult for you to read on your own. If an adult is on hand to give you help or read along with you it can be suitable, but if you are reading on your own, choose a different book.

**5:** Most probably a bit too advanced - try a different book.