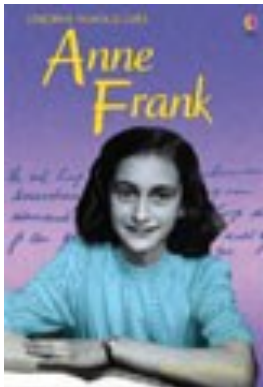


Young Reading Level One (Red) Age 5+

Series One titles are for children who have just started reading on their own, and are 48 pages (1,000-1,500 words) in length. They use fairly short, simple sentences and everyday vocabulary. Typically, Series One books contain several short stories or one longer story divided into chapters.

Young Reading Level Two (Blue) Age 6+

Series Two titles are for children who are reading more confidently, and are 64 pages (2,000-2,500 words) in length. They use varied sentence lengths, more complex sentence structure and more challenging vocabulary. Most Series Two books contain a single narrative divided into chapters.



Young Reading Level Three (Purple) Age 7+

Series Three titles are for fully confident readers who still need to gain the stamina needed for standard length books, and are 64 pages (3,000-5,000 words) in length. They use advanced sentence structure and vocabulary, and have more complex plots with sub-plots. Series Three books contain one main narrative divided into chapters.

Starting to read

a guide to reading schemes available in your local library



Usborne Reading Programme

Learning to read is an important stage in a child's life. There are numerous books for beginner readers but the many various reading schemes available from different publishers can be confusing. This guide is a rough outline of some of the most popular schemes we have available in the library. It will show you the various levels in each scheme helping you to progress clearly through a programme you are using or to find a comparable level in another scheme.



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Very First Reading:

series of fifteen books for children who are just starting to learn to read. The series is based on the principles of synthetic phonics and offers:

- ◆ imaginative rhyming stories and irresistible illustrations
- ◆ the enjoyment of shared reading with an adult

Just starting out, books 1-7:

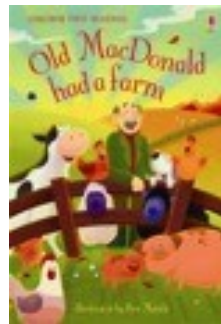
In the first seven books, **adult and child take turns to read**, with the child's share becoming bigger and more challenging in each book. These books cover material that is normally taught during a child's first year at school. Give your child time to progress from one book to the next. Re-reading helps to build a child's confidence and fluency.

Growing in confidence, books 8-15:

From Book 8, the **child reads the whole story** with the adult providing help and support if needed. These books explore material that is often taught during a child's second or even third year at school.

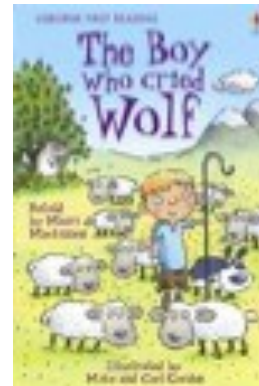
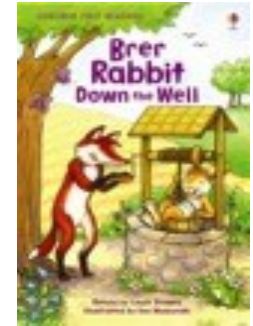
First Reading Level One: Age 4+

Level One titles are designed to be the first real books a beginner reader will tackle, with very light support from a parent or teacher. They are 32 pages in length, comprising the main story, up to 150 words.



First Reading Level Two: Age 4+

Level Two titles stretch the reader a little more, with more advanced story-lines, sentences and vocabulary, plus reading-related puzzles. They are 32 pages in length, comprising character pages or maps, the main story, up to 250 words.



First Reading Level Three: Age 4+

Level Three titles encourage the reader to develop reading stamina, increasing to 48 pages consisting of character sheets or maps and the main story, up to 450 words. The story includes a strong element of reprise or repetition, with the familiarity of repeated language chunks helping the reader to gain in confidence.

First Reading Level Four: Age 4+

Level Four titles build readers' stamina still further, and are 48 pages entirely devoted to the story, up to 750 words. The narrative is more developed, there is more text on each page, and sentence structure and vocabulary are more descriptive.

