

“It’s summer vacation! Do I have to read?”

The answer is YES! A research report titled, "Lost Summers: For Some Children, Few Books and Few Opportunities to Read," created by The Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University shows that for elementary school children who do not read during the summer, “Reading skill loss during the three summer months accumulates to become a learning gap of 18 months by the end of sixth grade. By the end of middle school, summer reading loss produces a cumulative lag of two or more years in reading achievement *even when effective reading instruction is present during the year.*”



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Summer Reading Recommendations for All Ages



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How to choose “just right” books



Summer reading should be a combination of “Easy” and “Just right” books

1. **Easy** books help children read more fluently and are fun to read aloud. They include: books your child has read multiple times and a book your child can read almost every word easily and smoothly.
2. **Just right** books provide just enough challenge. Your child should be able to figure out *most* of the words *and understand* what is he or she is reading. In helping your child select a “just right” book, try the “five-finger” rule: If there are five or more words on a page that your child is unable to read, the book is too hard.
3. **Hard** books do more harm than good! If your child is interested in the book, read it aloud to him/her.

Reading Rockets

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