

How to choose a good book

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Changing life stories

Look!

Browse the bookshelves - it's a great idea to have a good look at the books.



Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?



READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it makes you want to read the book?

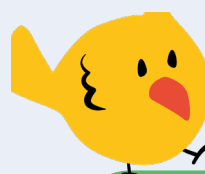
TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.



Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?



ASK

...the school librarian, teachers, parents or carers and your friends to recommend a book!



The RIGHT one

Use the five-finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word on the page that you don't know, count one finger.

If you get to five, the book is probably too hard, so put it back and try another one.