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## **LITERACY LETTER 2: Finding the “Just Right” Book with Your Child**

Worried about your children finding just the right book they can read?

### **Use the Five Finger Rule!**

Here is how it works:

1. Have your children pick out an age appropriate book. Open to the first page and have your child begin to read.
2. Have them count the words on their fingers that they don't know and/or can't read on the page.
3. If there is only **ONE WORD**, the book is too easy.
4. If there are **TWO OR THREE WORDS**, the book is “just right.”
5. If there are **FOUR OR FIVE WORDS**, the book is too hard.

FIRST GRADE should use “controlled-text” books in the beginning, such as:

- My First Bob Books: Beginning Readers: Set 1
- My First Bob Books: Advancing Beginners Readers
- My First Bob Books: Word Families

As children gain confidence, expand their vocabulary and sight word bank, you can move to more difficult books, **BUT** don't forget the five finger rule!