

# Assessing children's progress in reading

Children's progress in reading usually follows these stages.

## 1 Beginner stage

(Beginner to Level 1)

At the first stage, children start to identify the sounds made by the letters, and will rely on their knowledge of the general meaning of the story. They will use clues from the pictures and the shape of a word.



## 2 Mastering decoding

(Levels 2 to 3)

At this stage, young learners will be able to recognize familiar words and read short parts of the text with clear pronunciation.



## 3 Reading independently

(Level 4)

At this stage, young learners are ready to read on their own and to choose their own books.



## 4 Established readers

(Levels 5 to 6)

At this stage, young learners will be confident readers, able to categorize information from the text, retell and summarize the stories, predict events, and understand the characters and their motives.

