



Pick the right book.

Purpose--why do I want to read? (To learn something? For fun?)

Interest--does it interest me?

Comprehend--do I understand it?

Know--do I know most of the words?

Picking the right book is a skill that can help you improve your reading and make reading more enjoyable. You probably have a favorite genre and a few favorite authors. You can continue reading what you like, but to improve your vocabulary and reading comprehension skills we want you to look for new books that will expand your horizons.

Who can help?

- Ask your parents what they liked to read at your age.
- Ask a friend for suggestions.
- Ask your local librarian.
- Check out these websites:
 - [Realistic Fiction for Middle Schoolers](#)
 - [Scholastic Top Picks for Middle Schoolers](#)
 - [NY Times Middle Grade Bestsellers](#)