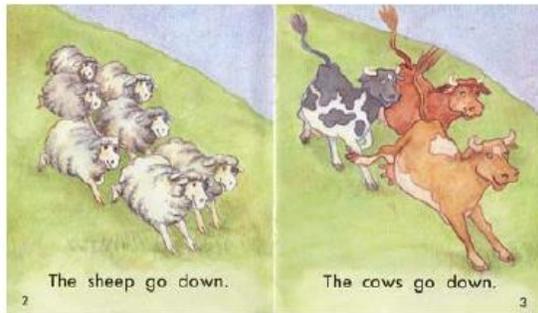
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TEXT LEVEL SAMPLES

The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is an individually administered assessment of a child's reading capabilities. It is a tool to be used by instructors to identify a student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. Each level listed below has examples of text for your child.

Book Levels 1-3

Down to Town by
Joy Cowley



DRA Level 1

These books consist of:

One line of text

Predictable text

Supportive pictures

Repeated Text

Large spaces between words



My Home by Joy Cowley

DRA Level 2,3

These books consist of:

Two or more lines of print

Predictable text

Supportive pictures

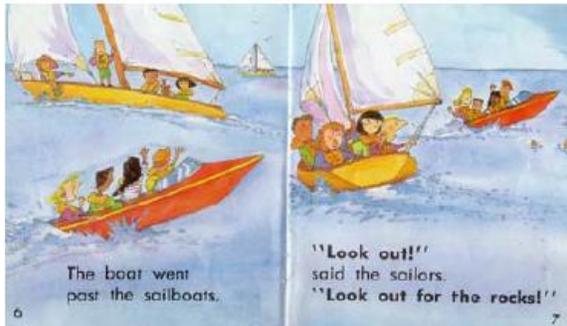
Large spaces between words

Repeated text (last page may be
different)

Book Levels 4,6

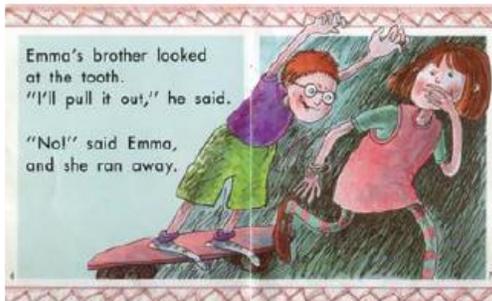
DRA Level 4

These books consist of:



The Speed Boat by
Jillian Cutting

Two or more sentence patterns
Two to five lines of print per page
Supportive pictures
Higher level of vocabulary
More of a story line



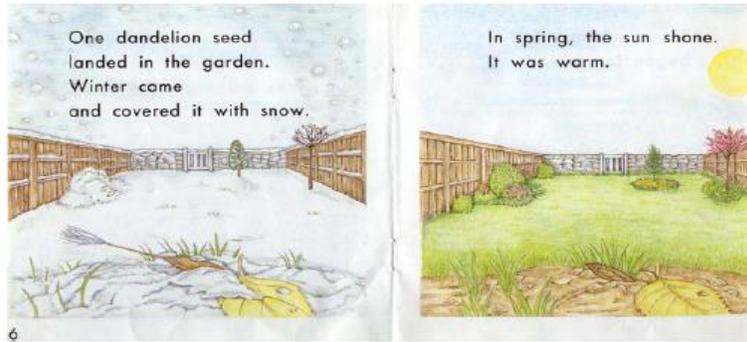
The Wobbly Tooth by
Sherryl Jordan

DRA Level 6

These books consist of:

Three or more sentence patterns
Two to six lines of print per page
Some picture support (pictures now add to story)
May contain a few unfamiliar words
Ten to twenty pages in length

Book Levels 8,10



The Dandelion by
Brian & Jillian Cutting

DRA Level 8

These books consist of:

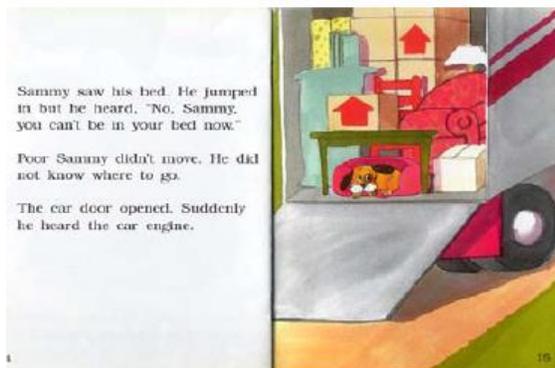
Three to eight lines of text per page

Some picture support

Variety of topics and text (i.e.. Realistic, fantasy, etc.)

Either more pages or lines of text

May contain a few unfamiliar words



Sammy's Moving by
Kathleen Urmston

DRA Level 10

These books consist of:

Three to eight lines of text per page

Sentence patterns may not be repeated

Story has a beginning, middle and end

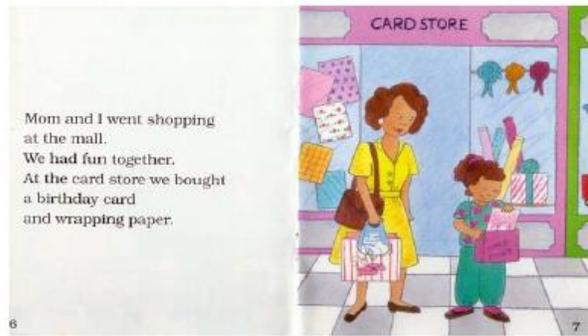
Some picture support

Text begins to resemble a true story lines

Story contains more actions and events

Ten to thirty pages in length

Book Levels 12, 14



Shopping at the Mall
By Kathleen Urmston
and Karen Evans

DRA Level 12

These books consist of:

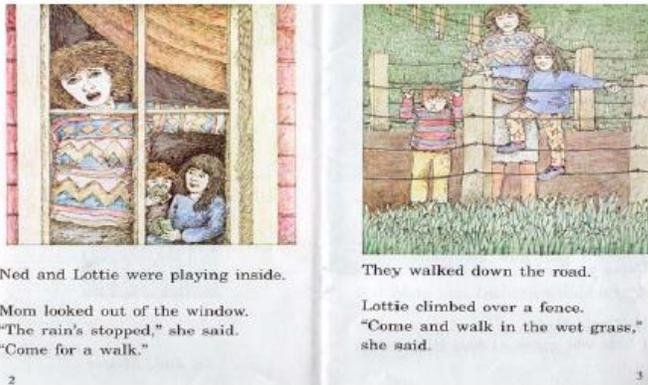
Four to eight lines of text per page, longer sentences

Episodes may repeat to support story predictions

Some picture support

Reading vocabulary continues to expand

Stories begin to relate to children's experiences



Wet Grass by
June Melser

DRA Level 14

These books consist of:

Sentence patterns are no longer apparent

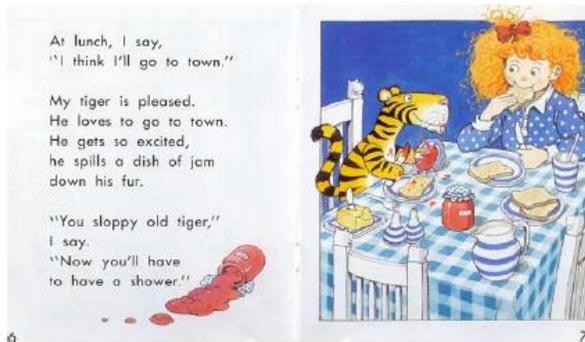
Some picture support

Stories are longer and more complex or short with difficult content

Stories begin to be categorized as realistic fiction, fantasy, folktales and informational books

New sentences begin on the left margin

Book Levels 16, 18



My Sloppy Tiger
By Joy Cowley

DRA Level 16

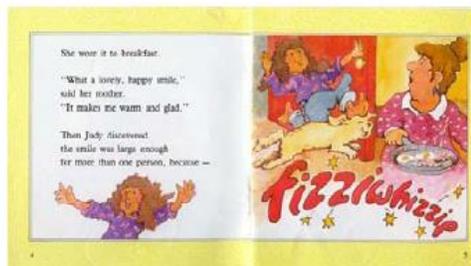
These books consist of:

- Pictures provide low level of support

- Some books are longer with more sentences per page (30-40 pages)

- Most stories are fictional, non-fiction stories are short with more difficult content

- New sentences begin on the left margin or are otherwise indicated by a large space after punctuation



The Smile by
Janet Slater Redhead

DRA Level 18

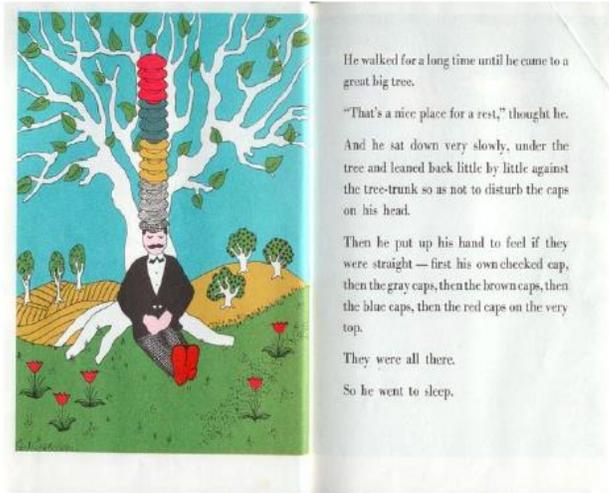
Generally marks the beginning of 2nd grade

- Some books are beginning chapter books (30-60 pages)

- May use shorter sentences and familiar vocabulary so readers can read more rapidly

- Book series are common at this level

Book Level 20



Caps for Sale
by Esphyr Slobodkina

DRA Level 20

May contain long stretches of text

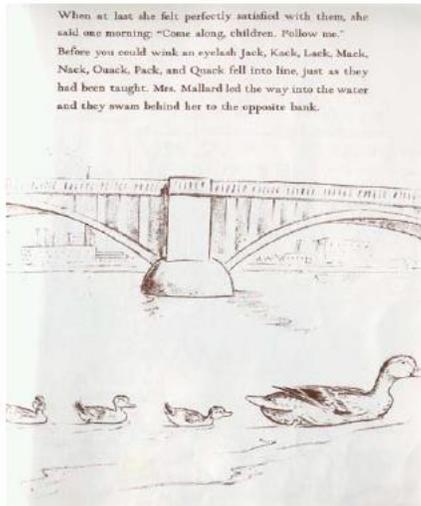
Easy chapter like books - usually have pictures on every page or every other page

Shorter texts have difficult vocabulary, challenging content, or complex themes

Books are 15-75 pages long

Illustrations are often black and white and children do not need them to read text with high accuracy

Book Level 24



Make Way for Ducklings by
Robert McClaskey

DRA Level 24

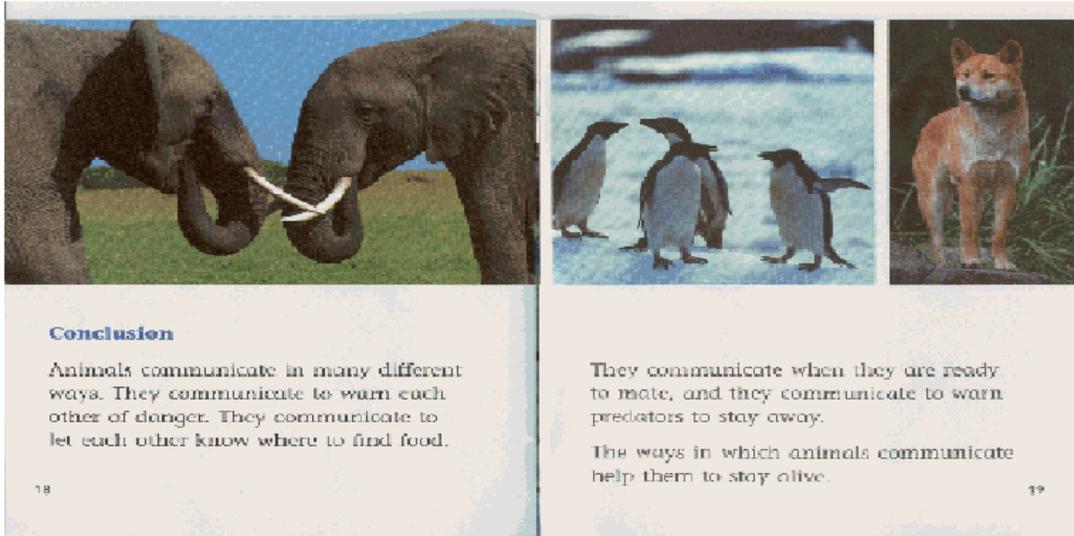
Many texts are longer chapter books with a few illustrations

Some longer picture books may be included

Print size is varied and often much smaller

Books range from fiction to biography to fantasy

Book Level 28



DRA Level 28

Animal Communication by Jenny Feely

Generally Marks the beginning of third grade

Shorter books are more literary or contain new information

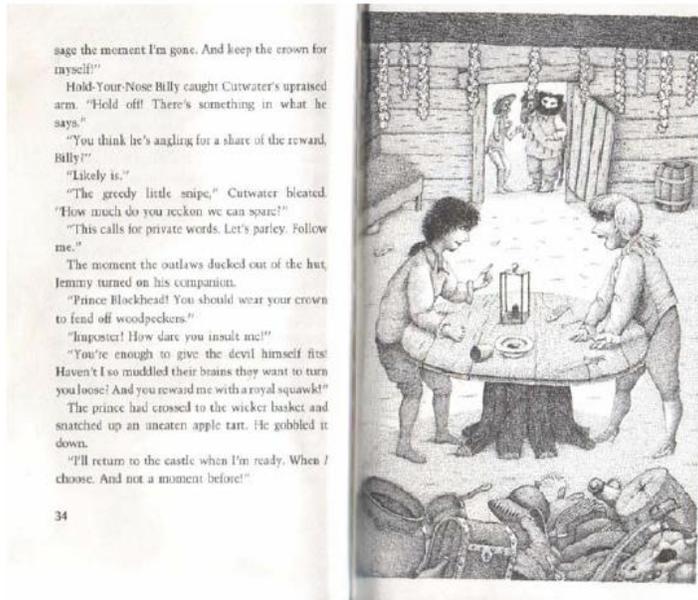
Longer chapter books may feature everyday adventures

Chapter books are longer with few pictures (60-100 pages in length with shorter chapters, 5-15 pages)

Informational books are generally shorter (between 15-30 pages)

The may contain text features such as indexes, glossaries, time lines, and historical information

Book Level 30



DRA Level 30

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

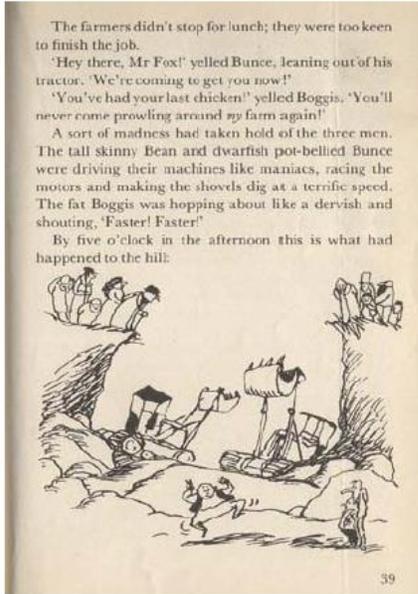
Chapter books are about 100 pages or more with short chapters (5-15 pages)

More complex and sophisticated themes (immigration, death, and slavery)

Non-fiction titles are usually shorter

Books are beginning to be used to gain experiences that will help the reader understand the world

Book Level 34



DRA Level 34

The Fantastic Mr. Fox By Roald Dahl

At the end of the year, many 3rd graders will be able to read this level independently with understanding and fluency

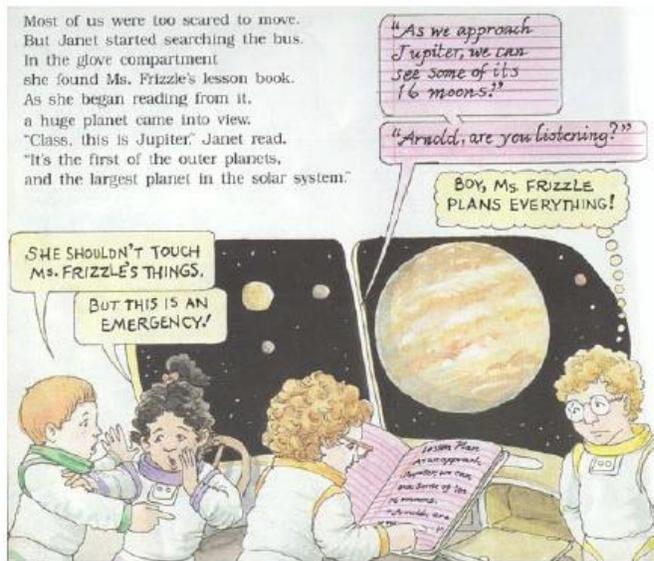
Longer chapter books with a range of problems

Most books have between 50-200 pages

Some black and white illustrations are included

Vocabulary is sophisticated and varied

Book Level 38



DRA Level 38 The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System by Joanna Cole

A variety of literary and informational texts, including history and biography

Many texts are long, a maximum of 200 pages

Length is not as important in calculating the difficulty of the text--the complexity of the text structure, the sophistication of the theme, and the amount of background experience required to understand the text are factors to consider