How to Select An Age Appropriate Book for a Foster Child 0-2

- Bright, colorful illustrations that depict scenes or objects that interest the child
- Books/pages the child can touch and hold
- Books with familiar objects, items, or actions that child and caregiver can relate to and discuss
- Books about counting, the alphabet, shapes, or sizes that allow for caregiver to make connections to similar concepts in the child’s world

How to Select An Age Appropriate Book for a Foster Child 3-5

- Topics or themes that interest the child
- A range of both fiction and non-fiction selections
- Engaging pictures that support the text and allow opportunities to discuss relevant vocabulary
- Books that allow children to think about the experiences of others — their feelings, thoughts, and beliefs
- Sophisticated story books that will encourage the readers to infer the problem in the story. Often include more complex plot, setting, and characters
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