



What is the best thing you can do over the summer to stay sharp?

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NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME OVERLY CONCERNED WITH READING LEVELS



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In Elementary school, each child is developing on their own continuum, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, children need lots of time to read lots of books that are "just right" for their abilities.

FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP BECOME STRONGER READERS?

Nope! Exactly the opposite can happen!

It is critically important that children not read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development. Please help your child select books that you are 100% confident your child can read independently with ease, and that are clearly written for readers the age of your child.

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