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With effective reading skills, learning becomes easier

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If we understand exactly what is being said and what we are being asked to do, we can answer more effectively and give better, more focused responses!



Key Idea

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The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Reading opens up the world, allowing you to travel from home

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- Why is reading so critical?



Why is Reading important?

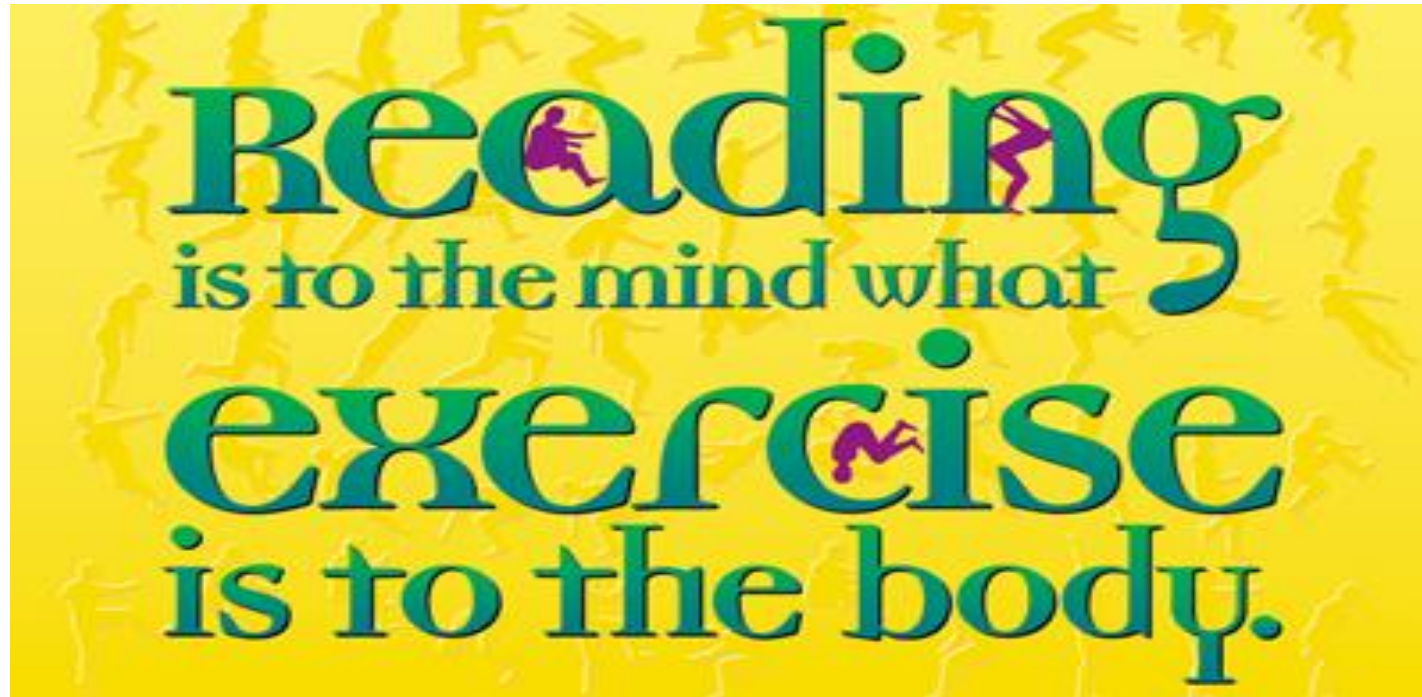
Reading is like providing the mind with nourishment. Knowledge is the food for the mind and soul. Apart from giving us the basic information about the world around us, it also provides us with the food for thought. It encourages us to think. It increases our hunger for knowledge and our thirst to learn more.

Books and the web are the richest sources of information.

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Reading helps to stretch and train our mind, making it easier to learn new things

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Reading Helps You To

Reduce stress, increase vocabulary and improve memory

Sleep better and stave off Alzheimer's disease

Improve focus and concentration

Become a better communicator and writer

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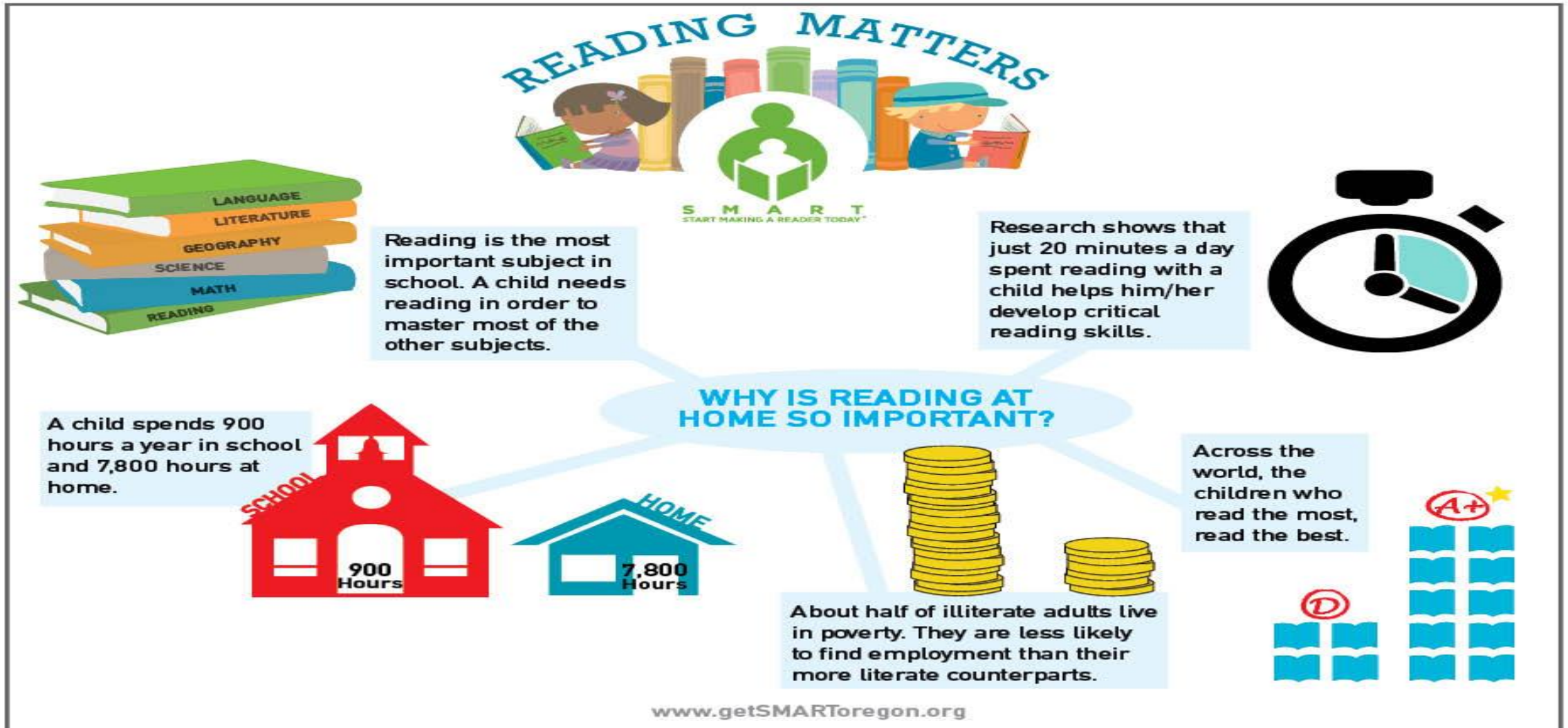
**Reading can help us to
see the world through
another person's eyes.**

READING IS AN EXERCISE IN EMPATHY
AN EXERCISE IN WALKING
IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES
FOR A WHILE.

-MALORIE BLACKMAN

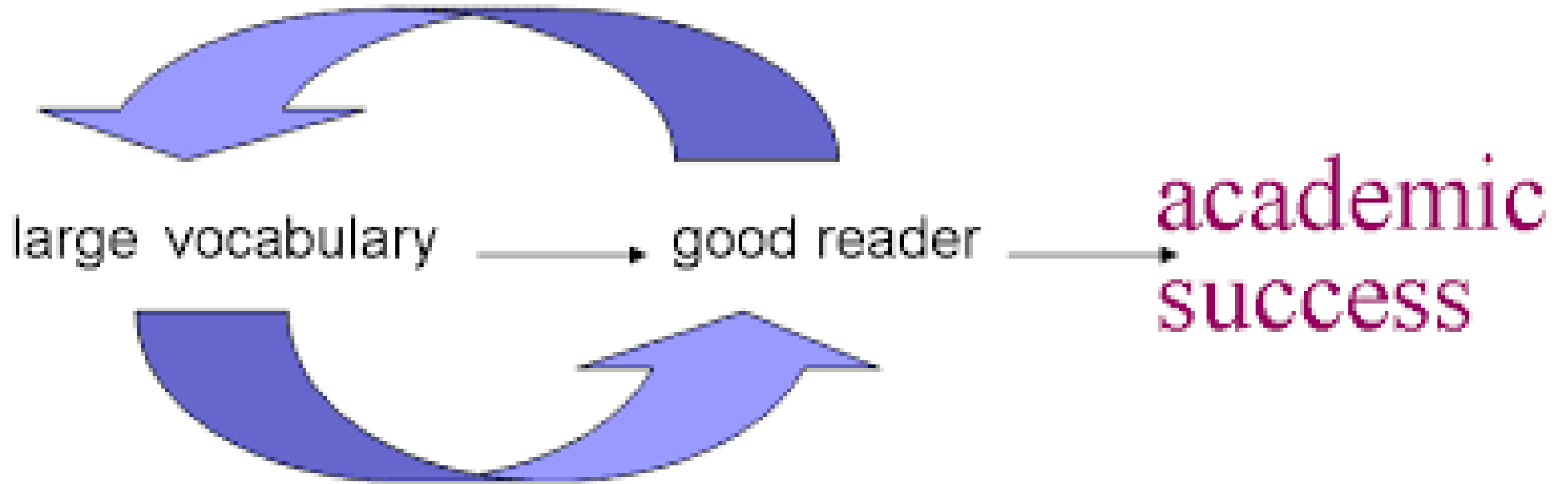
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Reading can improve your vocabulary which helps you express yourself more effectively and therefore answer questions in the best way.

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Put simply...

Reading can help us become better people and better learners, that can communicate with others and understand the world in a deeper way



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Critical Vocabulary/Verbs

- Picking a book can be difficult



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- How to pick a book at the right level for you:

Using the 5-Finger rule will help you choose a book you can read. Open a book to any page and begin to read. Every time you find a word that you can't read or understand, hold up one finger. When you complete the page, count your fingers.



1 finger =
very easy

2 fingers =
perfect

3 fingers =
give it a
try

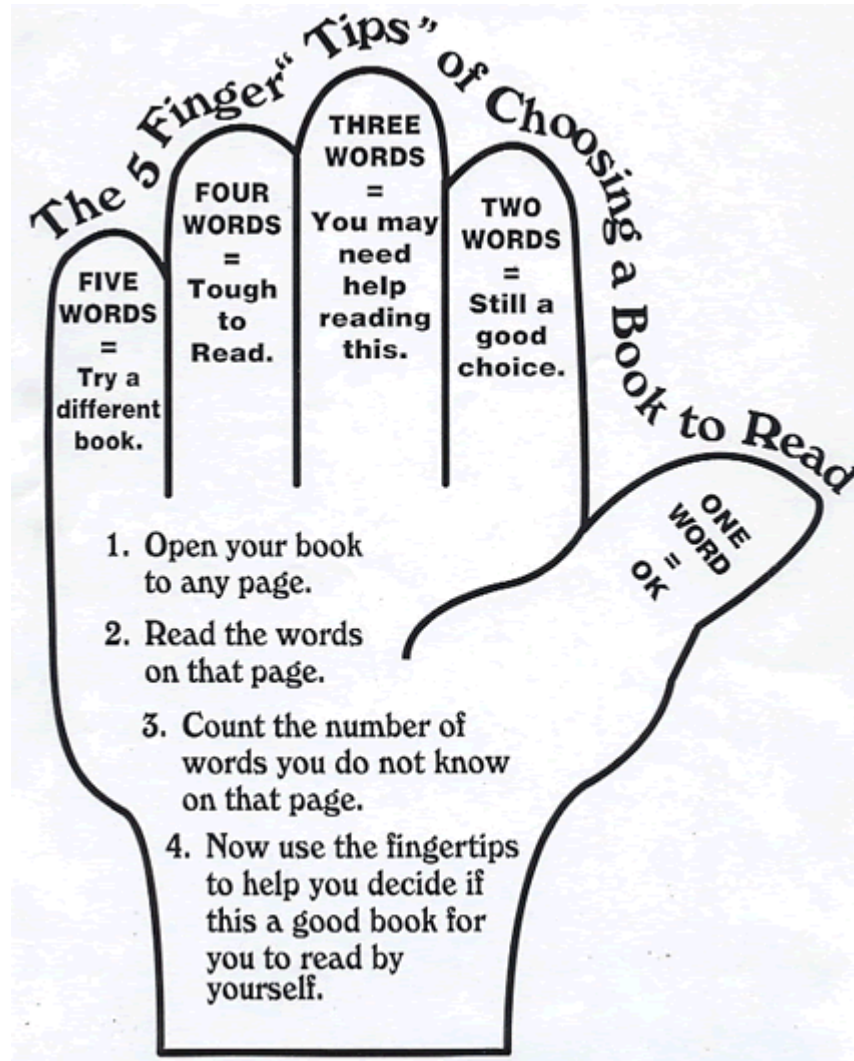
4 fingers =
challenging;
read with
help

5 fingers =
very
difficult –
make a
different
choice

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- How to pick a book at the right level for you:



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Ways to help you pick a book...

- look for an interesting title
- see how long the book is
- ask a teacher or librarian
- check the review folder for options
- ask a family member
- look to see if it has gotten an award
- look at the pictures on the cover or in the book



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Ways to help you pick a book...

- look for a particular author
- ask a friend or classmate
- read the book cover or jacket
- look for books on a particular topic
- read a few pages
- look for books I've heard about
- look in special displays at the library or book store



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Ways to help you pick a book...

- look for books that have been made into movies
- look for books about my culture
- pick one book from a series you like
- ask a friend to choose a book
- pick a random selection
- try a book with pictures
- try a book without pictures



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Ways to help you pick a book...

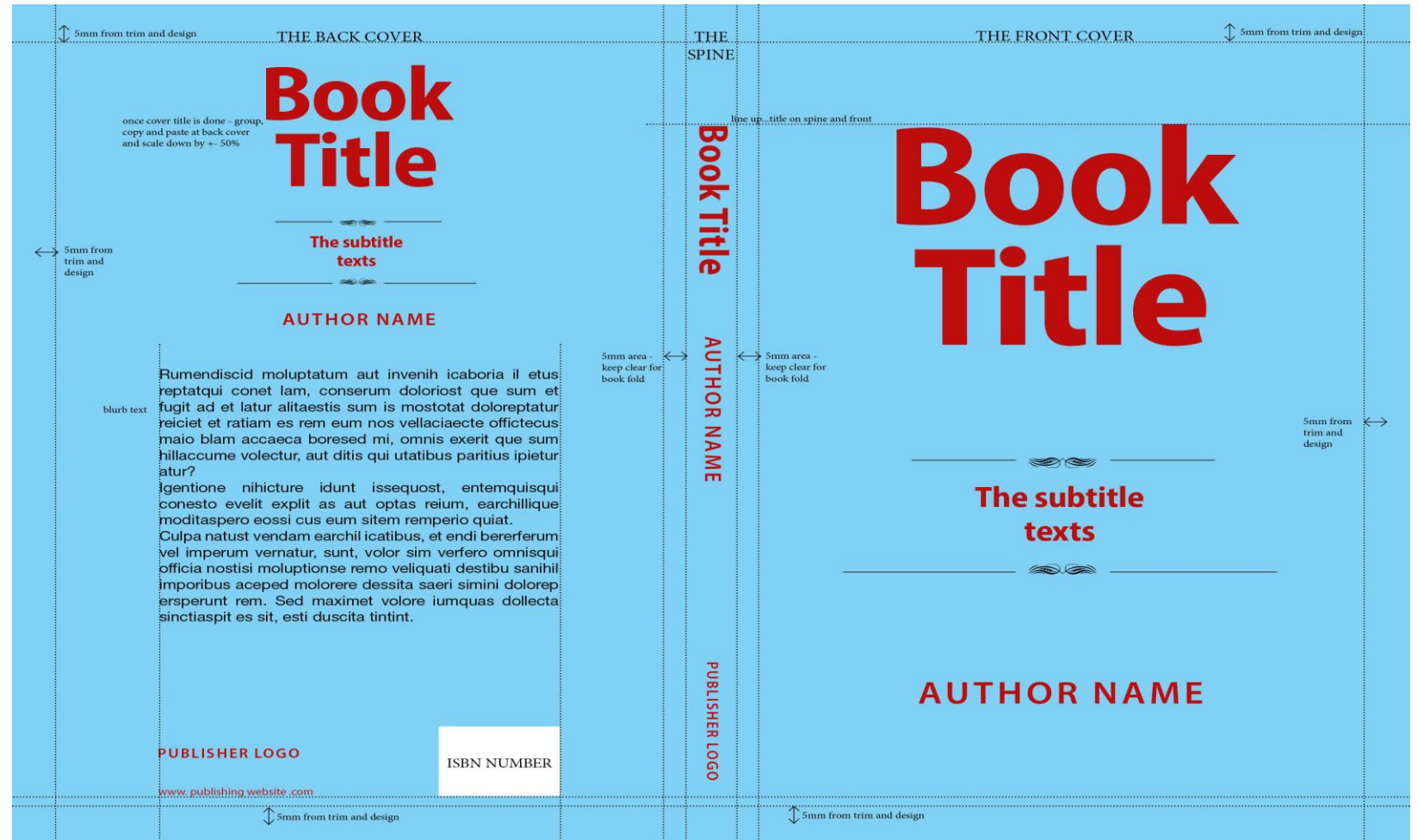
- look for particular kinds of books (dramas, horror, etc.)
- try the following websites for suggestions:
 - <http://www.openingthebook.com/whichbook/>
 - <http://whatshouldireadnext.com/>



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Looking and
being aware
of all the
parts of a
book's cover
can be
helpful

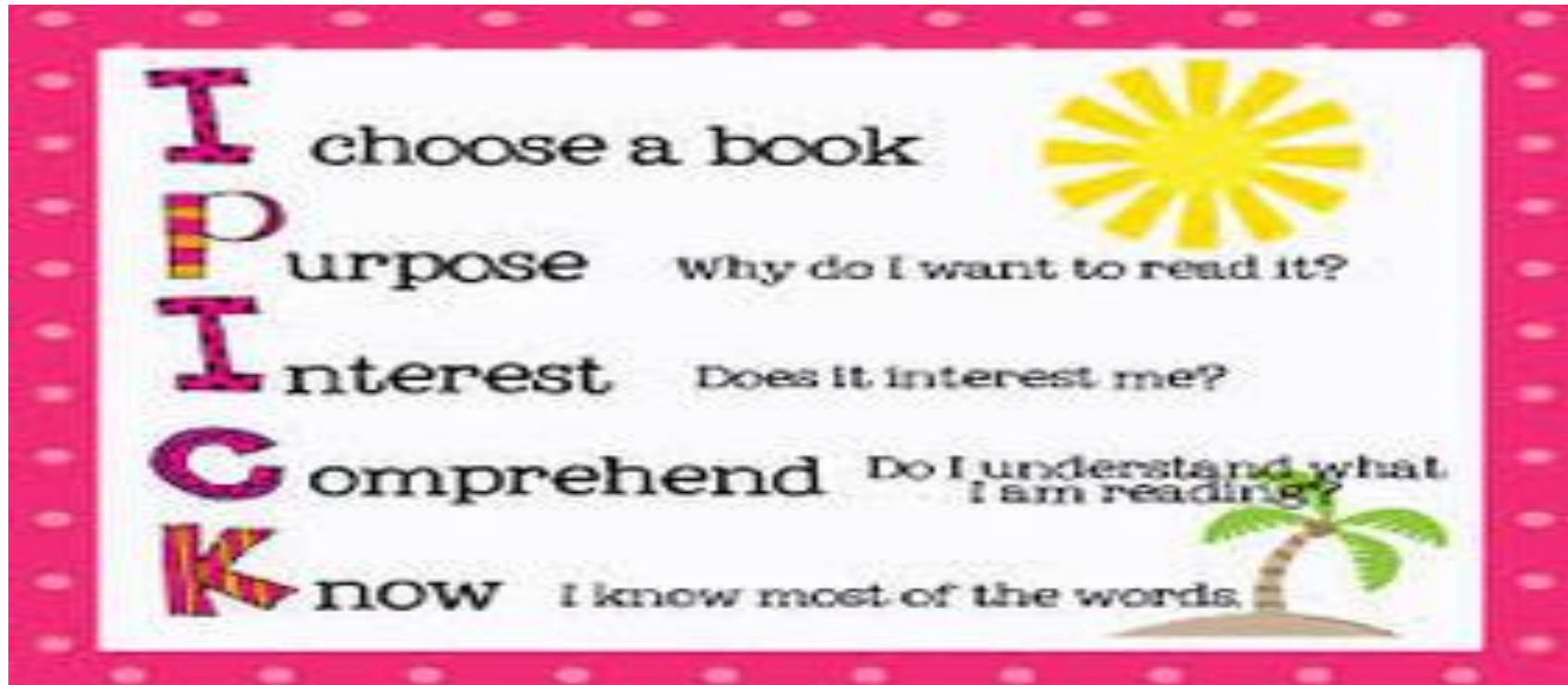


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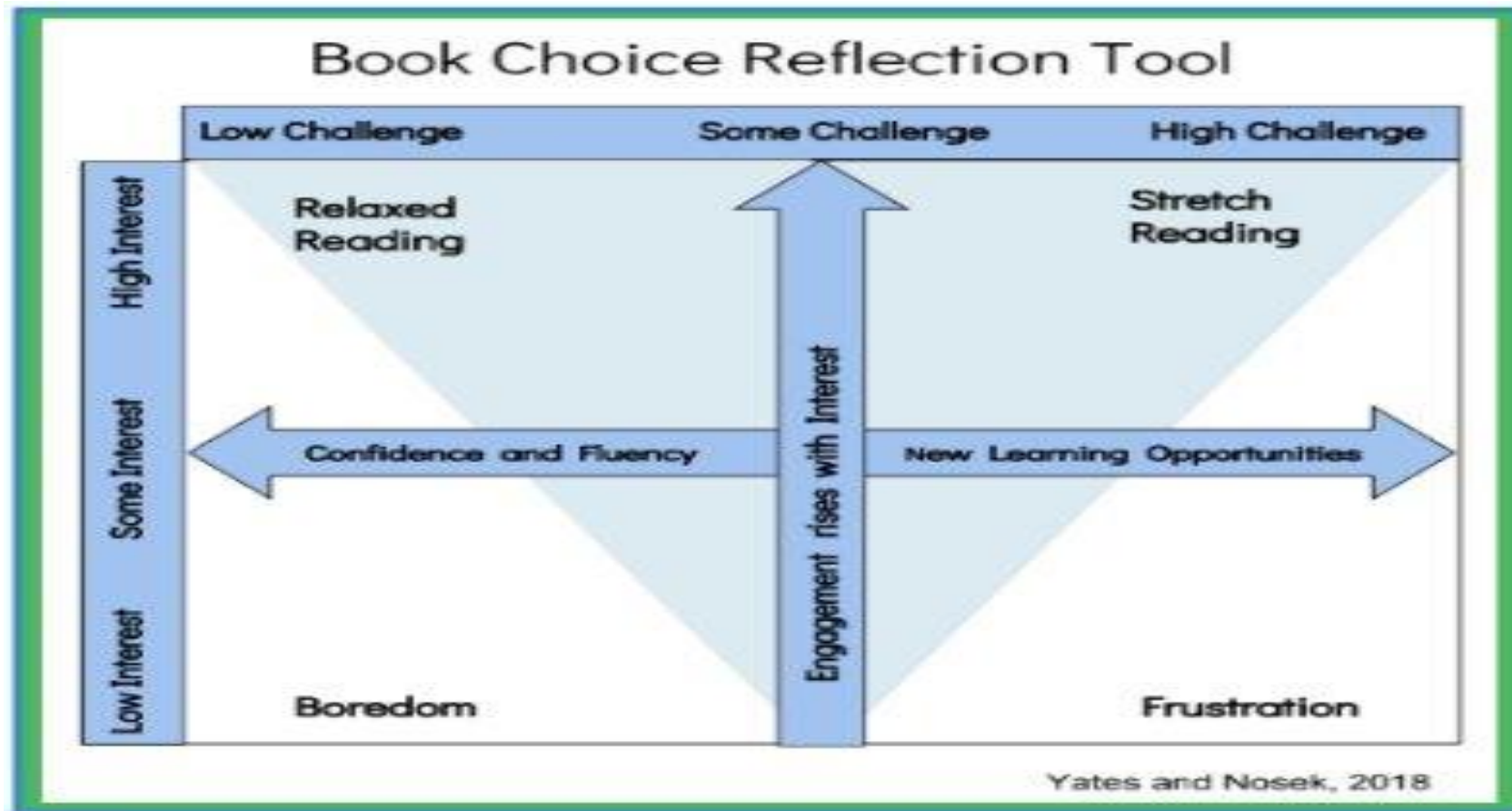
Ways to help you pick a book...

- If that all seems too complicated, try the following:



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- Be reflective and think deeply about your reading choices

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When things get complicated...

Everyone, at some point, will have a problem when they read. This may be an unknown word or phrase, confusion over what is being said or sometimes it is easy to get completely lost! Here are some ways that you can get back on track. You can...



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What to
do when I
get
“stuck”
when
reading:

- ✓ Skip the difficult part.
- ✓ Skip the difficult part and come back to it later.
- ✓ Reread it.
- ✓ Read it aloud.
- ✓ Try to put it into your own words to help you understand it.
- ✓ Look at other information on the pages (pictures, words in bold or italic, captions).
- ✓ Explain it to someone else.
- ✓ Ask others (friends, parents, teacher etc.) for help.
- ✓ Try to draw it (or somehow see it).
- ✓ Ask someone else to read it out loud so i can hear it.
- ✓ Ask questions about text
- ✓ Look up difficult words in the dictionary
- ✓ Look at illustrations/pictures for clues
- ✓ Make predictions
- ✓ Read around the word/section to give it context
- ✓ Try to link it to something in your own life
- ✓ Try to link it to something in the rest of the text



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**Remember
to have fun!**



**Audiobooks/podcasts can be great
also to help our communication skills**

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- **Reading is great to:**

- Help you relax
- Create better answers When you understand the words, you can understand and ANSWER the question
- Feel comfortable with answering

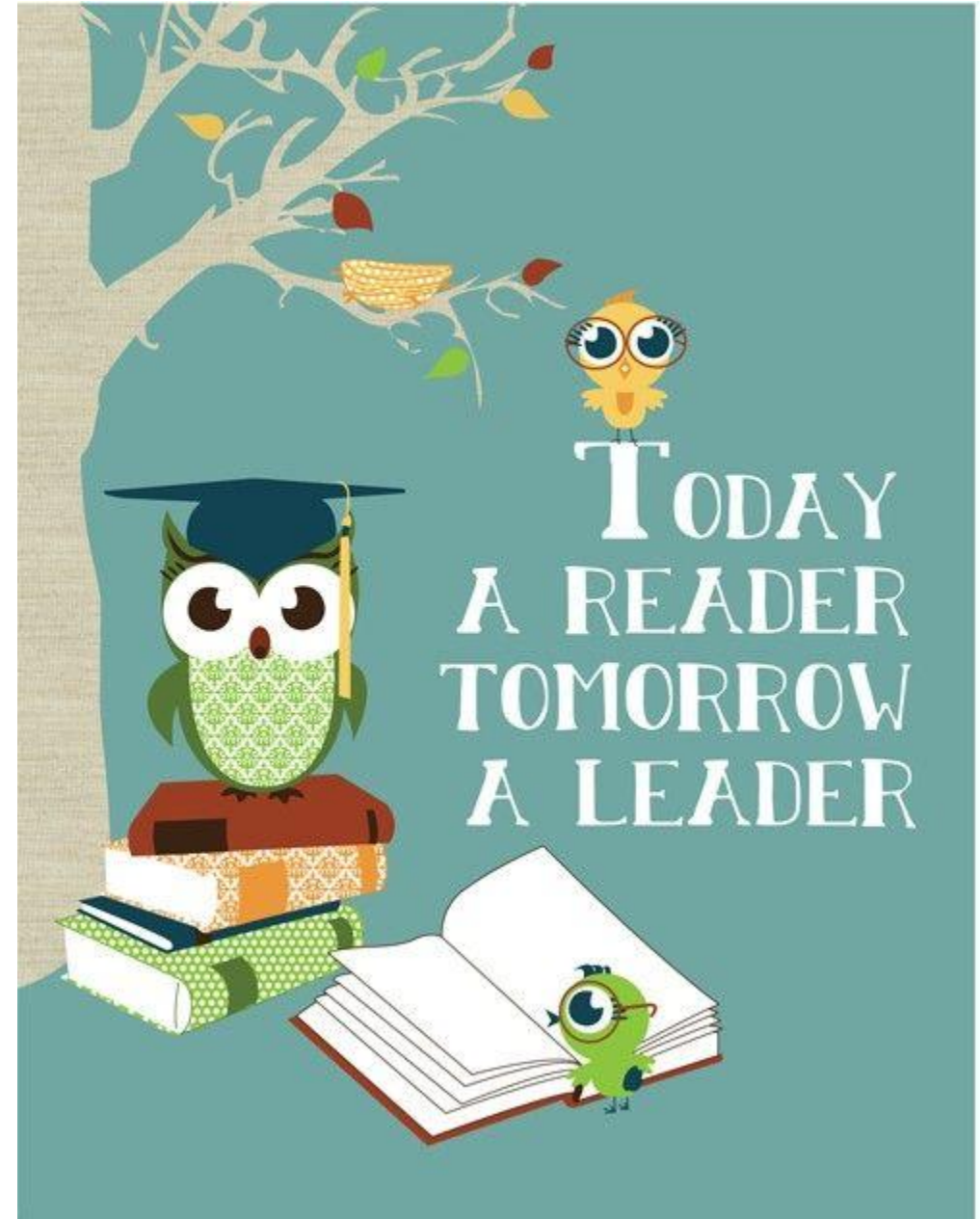
- Become familiar with words that require higher order thinking skills



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Deeper thinking,
Deeper learning



If you are
not willing to learn,
no one can help you.

If you are.
determined to learn,
no one can stop you.
—Anonymous

LEARNING
IS A TREASURE THAT WILL
FOLLOW ITS OWNER
EVERYWHERE.

Chinese Proverbs
InspirationBoost.com