100 book challenge printable: a free 100 books chart, no sign-up

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A free 100 books chart for kids to print, ten by ten, plus a 100 Books tracker that fills on the device and a certificate at square 100. No sign-up.

A 100 books challenge is a chart of a hundred squares: one square coloured for every book a child reads or has read to them, until all hundred are done. Peabody's 100 books chart prints on one page, ten by ten, numbered, with a line for the reader and the start and finish dates. The same chart is a tracker on the device that fills a square with each tap and prints the certificate at square 100. Both are free, like the rest of Peabody through the end of 2026, with nothing to sign up for.

"100 Book Challenge" is also the name of a school reading programme with its own levels and colours. This is not that programme: it is a hundred squares and Peabody's own levels, with no brand and nothing to buy.

Who it is for

A hundred is a lot of novels and not many picture books. It suits:

- Kindergarten and first grade, where books are short and a read-aloud counts. A hundred books in a school year is about three a week.
- A family read-aloud year with a younger child.
- Older readers over a long stretch, a whole year of chapter books, if they want the big number.

For a shorter finish line, the Winter Break challenge is 10, 6 or 4 books by age, and Read-Aloud 20 is twenty books for the very youngest.

What counts as a book

Every book read or read to the child, start to finish. A favourite read again on another day counts again: for young readers, re-reading is how fluency comes, and a challenge that punished it would push them away from the books they love. A chapter book counts once, when it is finished.

The chart on paper

Print the chart, put it on the fridge, and colour a square with each book. The numbers are small in the corner of each square so a child can see how far along they are. At the bottom: "Finished on ____" and a line for records ("Read 100 books, from ____ to ____"), which homeschool families can file.

The chart on a device

On 100 Books, a child picks an animal face (no names; siblings each pick their own) and taps Log a book. The shelf shows Peabody's own free stories at their level from the library (425 of them, on 19 levels), books from Peabody's kids' lists and series books, and a grown-up can add a book from home by its title after a two-second hold. Each book fills a square in the colour of its level, so a shelf of level 5 books looks like level 5.

The tracker keeps everything on the device. It prints the chart, the log with a grown-up signature column, and, at square 100, the certificate.

Tips for getting to a hundred

- Keep the chart where the books are. A chart by the bed or the book basket gets coloured; one in a drawer does not.
- Let the child colour the square. The colouring is the reward, so it should be theirs, straight after the last page.
- Mix short and long. A run of picture books keeps the squares moving in a week with a long chapter book in it.
- Count read-alouds honestly. For a child who cannot read yet, every book read to them counts; once they can, agree together which ones count.
- Celebrate the tens. Ten, twenty and fifty are real milestones on the way, and the chart's rows show each one as a full line.

Questions parents ask

How long does a 100 book challenge take?

It depends entirely on the books. With picture books and read-alouds, a kindergartner can do it in a school year at three a week; a fourth grader reading novels might take a year or more. There is no end date.

Is there a prize at 100?

The certificate, printed with the dates on it. I left prizes out on purpose, so that a hundred books is about the books.

Can we print a new chart for a second hundred?

Yes. The paper chart prints as many times as you like. On the device, books can still be logged after the certificate, and a second face on the same device starts a fresh hundred.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/100-book-challenge-printable