# What should I read next? A three-question quiz for kids

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A free what-should-I-read-next quiz for kids: three questions, three big boxes each, and one book back, a free story, a book from a list or a series.

Peabody's what-should-I-read-next quiz asks a child three questions, each with three big boxes to tap, and gives back one book: a free Peabody story to read now, a book from one of Peabody's kids' lists, or a series to start. It never comes back empty, "Another one" shows the next pick, and the answers are not kept. Try it here. Like everything on Peabody, it is free through the end of 2026.

## The three questions

- Question: What kind of book do you feel like? · The three boxes: Something funny · Something true · An adventure
- Question: How long a book? · The three boxes: Short: one sitting · Long: a chapter book · Surprise me
- Question: Reading on your own, or together? · The three boxes: On my own · With a grown-up · To someone little

If the device doesn't already know how old the reader is, one question comes first, with three boxes: 5 to 7, 8 to 10, 11 and up. Nothing is typed, and every box has a picture as well as words.

## Why only three

A long quiz about favourite colours and favourite animals is fun, but most of the answers don't change the book. These three do. The kind of book is taste. The length is how much time and patience there is tonight. And "on my own or together" changes the book entirely: one a child reads alone, one a grown-up reads with them, and one an older child reads to a little brother are three different books.

Three boxes a question also keeps it quick. The whole quiz is three taps, or four on a new device, and then there is a book.

## What comes back

One pick, not a list of twenty. A list hands the choice straight back to the child who asked for help choosing. The pick is one of three things:

- A free Peabody story to read now, chosen for the reader's age, from the 425 stories in the library. One more tap opens it, and it can be read aloud on request.

- A book from one of Peabody's kids' lists, for a book from home or the school library. The buy links on those lists are plain searches with no affiliate tag: nobody is paid.
- A series to start, with a page that has the books in order, such as Dog Man or Bone.

"Another one" walks on to the next pick, and the day decides where the walk starts, so the same answers on a different day can give a different first book. A child who asks every evening doesn't get the same answer every evening.

## Answers that aren't kept

The quiz doesn't save the three answers, and it doesn't build up a picture of what your child likes. If they want a different kind of book tomorrow, they tap a different box. I would rather a child's taste be free to change than have a page that thinks it already knows them.

## When the pick isn't right

Tap "Another one". If it keeps missing, change an answer: "Surprise me" for the length leaves the most room, and switching from "Something funny" to "An adventure" opens a different shelf.

If the trouble is the level rather than the kind of book, the books by level page has "which level?" in three lines, read aloud, and the books for each level from 0 to 18. Peabody's levels are measured from each story's own text, never from a child. The Top 10 of ways to pick a book at the right level has more ideas for the grown-up.

## With a reluctant reader

Let the child do the tapping. Read the question out if they need it, then wait: the choice is the point. When the pick comes back, agree to read one page before deciding. If the first page doesn't work, "Another one" costs nothing, and saying no to a book is part of learning what you like.

For a child who always picks the same kind, Book Bingo is a gentle nudge sideways: squares like "A true book" or "A myth or a legend" ask for something different without taking the choice away.

## Questions parents ask

## Does my child need an account?

No. The quiz works for anyone, on any browser, and nothing is typed. A device that already knows the reader's age skips the age question.

## Why doesn't it ask about my child's favourite books?

Because it would have to keep them, and it keeps nothing. Three answers about tonight are enough for a good next book. If your child wants more books like one they loved, a series page or one of the kids' lists by grade is the next step.

## My child always picks "Something funny". Is that a problem?

No. A funny book read to the end is a book read. If you want to stretch them a little, try the bingo card, or tap "Long: a chapter book" together one evening and see what comes back.

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