Free 2nd grade reading books to read online

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Peabody has 168 free 2nd grade reading books to read online, at reading levels 5 to 7, from 57 to 506 words each. They are Peabody's own short stories and true books, not books from other publishers. Each opens at once with no sign-up. The table shows every book's level and length. Free through the end of 2026.

Where a second grader starts

Peabody starts a second grader at level 5, a step under the grade, so the first book feels easy. Level 5 is short stories with a few sentences a page. Level 6 is the bridge to paragraphs, and level 7 is the level Peabody calls 2nd grade, with whole short paragraphs.

- Book: Where Is Ned's Hat? · Level: Level 5 · Words: 63 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Enormous Turnip · Level: Level 5 · Words: 93 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Dot and the Log · Level: Level 5 · Words: 82 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: A Bath for the Birds · Level: Level 5 · Words: 95 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Leaf for Ant · Level: Level 5 · Words: 129 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Who Lives Under the Log? · Level: Level 5 · Words: 94 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Crow and the Pitcher · Level: Level 5 · Words: 128 · Kind: Classic
- Book: A Bell for the Cat · Level: Level 5 · Words: 107 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Stuck Kite · Level: Level 5 · Words: 203 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Goats on a Plank · Level: Level 5 · Words: 122 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Pim and the Mitten · Level: Level 5 · Words: 208 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Boy Who Fibbed · Level: Level 5 · Words: 156 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Grapes Up High · Level: Level 5 · Words: 147 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Frogs Are Amazing · Level: Level 5 · Words: 100 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Sun Is a Star · Level: Level 5 · Words: 151 · Kind: True story
- Book: Just Bamboo · Level: Level 5 · Words: 95 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Three Little Pigs · Level: Level 5 · Words: 200 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Johnny Appleseed · Level: Level 5 · Words: 80 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Mouse Goes to Town · Level: Level 5 · Words: 165 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Lion Skin · Level: Level 5 · Words: 129 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Rainbow Race · Level: Level 5 · Words: 116 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Butterfly Summer · Level: Level 5 · Words: 96 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Tortoise and the Hare · Level: Level 5 · Words: 132 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Gingerbread Man · Level: Level 5 · Words: 179 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Ruby Goes to School · Level: Level 5 · Words: 131 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Bean in the Cup · Level: Level 5 · Words: 128 · Kind: Peabody story

• Book: The Fiddle and the Corn · Level: Level 5 · Words: 158 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Wiggly Tooth · Level: Level 5 · Words: 91 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Buster and the Pail · Level: Level 5 · Words: 117 · Kind: Classic
• Book: My Teeth · Level: Level 5 · Words: 78 · Kind: True story
• Book: A Rail Full of Corn · Level: Level 5 · Words: 111 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Danny Digs Doors · Level: Level 5 · Words: 125 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Henny Penny · Level: Level 5 · Words: 180 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Roar in the Cupboard · Level: Level 5 · Words: 110 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Goldilocks and the Three Bears · Level: Level 5 · Words: 175 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Monster Who Could Not Sleep · Level: Level 5 · Words: 98 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Scratch at the Tent · Level: Level 5 · Words: 95 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Piccola · Level: Level 5 · Words: 170 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Blinking Lamp · Level: Level 6 · Words: 218 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Midas and the Gold · Level: Level 6 · Words: 170 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Thor and the Giants · Level: Level 6 · Words: 208 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Mia and the Kite · Level: Level 6 · Words: 236 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Moon Follows Me · Level: Level 6 · Words: 171 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Tom and the Big Fish · Level: Level 6 · Words: 220 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Mice Hold a Meeting · Level: Level 6 · Words: 172 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Bear Who Could Not Sleep · Level: Level 6 · Words: 242 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Snail Race · Level: Level 6 · Words: 242 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Pandora Opens the Jar · Level: Level 6 · Words: 155 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Thor and the Big Fish · Level: Level 6 · Words: 209 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Sailor and the Snake · Level: Level 6 · Words: 167 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Ruby and the Rainy Picnic · Level: Level 6 · Words: 153 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Sour Grapes, Says Fox · Level: Level 6 · Words: 188 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Nobody Gives Way · Level: Level 6 · Words: 182 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Girl at the Shore · Level: Level 6 · Words: 206 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Thor's New Hammer · Level: Level 6 · Words: 190 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Ben and the Puddle Boat · Level: Level 6 · Words: 162 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Hamster Who Went Out · Level: Level 6 · Words: 212 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Ant Saves Dove · Level: Level 6 · Words: 181 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Shark Who Smiled · Level: Level 6 · Words: 168 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Bolt the Helper Robot · Level: Level 6 · Words: 166 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Danny's Short Tail · Level: Level 6 · Words: 189 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Atalanta Runs · Level: Level 6 · Words: 164 · Kind: Classic

• Book: Hercules and His Jobs · Level: Level 6 · Words: 243 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Jug That Filled · Level: Level 6 · Words: 197 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Mouse Who Went Home · Level: Level 6 · Words: 205 · Kind: Classic
• Book: A Wolf at Last · Level: Level 6 · Words: 206 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Little Lantern · Level: Level 6 · Words: 167 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Scarecrow Moves · Level: Level 6 · Words: 187 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Big Wooden Horse · Level: Level 6 · Words: 218 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Arachne Weaves · Level: Level 6 · Words: 168 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Ra Sails the Sky · Level: Level 6 · Words: 192 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Paddy's Strange House · Level: Level 6 · Words: 185 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Arion Sings · Level: Level 6 · Words: 199 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Baby Hermes · Level: Level 6 · Words: 195 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Wings of Wax · Level: Level 6 · Words: 172 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Max and the Magnet · Level: Level 6 · Words: 151 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Grasshopper Plays All Summer · Level: Level 6 · Words: 207 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Paddy Builds a Dam · Level: Level 6 · Words: 184 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Donkey Is Found Out · Level: Level 6 · Words: 166 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Persephone and the Seeds · Level: Level 6 · Words: 156 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Idun's Golden Apples · Level: Level 6 · Words: 213 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Thor in the Little Boat · Level: Level 7 · Words: 321 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Why Does Ice Float? · Level: Level 7 · Words: 177 · Kind: True story
• Book: Look at Ants · Level: Level 7 · Words: 327 · Kind: True story
• Book: The Oak and the Reed · Level: Level 7 · Words: 230 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Dove and the Ant · Level: Level 7 · Words: 253 · Kind: Classic
• Book: My Kingdom · Level: Level 7 · Words: 202 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Fox and the Goat · Level: Level 7 · Words: 259 · Kind: Classic
• Book: Duck Says Sorry · Level: Level 7 · Words: 276 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Muskrat Is Grumpy · Level: Level 7 · Words: 253 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: Tadpoles in a Jar · Level: Level 7 · Words: 432 · Kind: Peabody story
• Book: The Dog in the Manger · Level: Level 7 · Words: 336 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Fox and the Crow · Level: Level 7 · Words: 360 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse · Level: Level 7 · Words: 311 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Two Goats · Level: Level 7 · Words: 247 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Little Fish · Level: Level 7 · Words: 265 · Kind: Classic
• Book: The Tapping in the Fog · Level: Level 7 · Words: 422 · Kind: Peabody story, scary
• Book: Window Seat · Level: Level 7 · Words: 217 · Kind: Peabody story

- Book: Wynken, Blynken, and Nod · Level: Level 7 · Words: 279 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Paul Bunyan and Babe · Level: Level 7 · Words: 506 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Tiny Arms, Big Heart · Level: Level 7 · Words: 247 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Tooth Nobody Lost · Level: Level 7 · Words: 366 · Kind: True story
- Book: Belling the Cat · Level: Level 7 · Words: 224 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Newt Is Nervous · Level: Level 7 · Words: 323 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Stag and His Reflection · Level: Level 7 · Words: 233 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Sun's Night Journey · Level: Level 7 · Words: 321 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Hercules and the Wagoner · Level: Level 7 · Words: 259 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Heron Feels Left Out · Level: Level 7 · Words: 277 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Little Red Riding Hood · Level: Level 7 · Words: 367 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Ant and the Grasshopper · Level: Level 7 · Words: 334 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Boy Who Cried Wolf · Level: Level 7 · Words: 335 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Fox and the Stork · Level: Level 7 · Words: 383 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Bundle of Sticks · Level: Level 7 · Words: 228 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Book That Came Back · Level: Level 7 · Words: 275 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Pandora and Hope · Level: Level 7 · Words: 229 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Swing · Level: Level 7 · Words: 98 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Three Billy Goats Gruff · Level: Level 7 · Words: 386 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Hen Parade · Level: Level 7 · Words: 414 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Left-Footed Goalie · Level: Level 7 · Words: 226 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Moon's Night Off · Level: Level 7 · Words: 344 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Whisper in the Vent · Level: Level 7 · Words: 259 · Kind: Peabody story, scary
- Book: The Milkmaid and Her Pail · Level: Level 7 · Words: 248 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Singer and the Dolphin · Level: Level 7 · Words: 279 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Dwarfs' Forge · Level: Level 7 · Words: 299 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Heap of Snow · Level: Level 7 · Words: 242 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Kind Old Pair · Level: Level 7 · Words: 314 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Donkey in the Lion's Skin · Level: Level 7 · Words: 239 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Fox and the Grapes · Level: Level 7 · Words: 292 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Why Do Leaves Change Color? · Level: Level 7 · Words: 180 · Kind: True story
- Book: Rain's Long Trip · Level: Level 7 · Words: 193 · Kind: True story
- Book: Crunch Goes the Panda · Level: Level 7 · Words: 386 · Kind: True story
- Book: Washed Up on the Island · Level: Level 7 · Words: 304 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Boats Sail on the Rivers · Level: Level 7 · Words: 72 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Giants' Contests · Level: Level 7 · Words: 318 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Three Rocks in a Shoebox · Level: Level 7 · Words: 313 · Kind: True story

- Book: Why Is the Sky Blue? · Level: Level 7 · Words: 218 · Kind: True story
- Book: Icarus Flies · Level: Level 7 · Words: 295 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Midas Touches a Rose · Level: Level 7 · Words: 242 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Floor With No Number · Level: Level 7 · Words: 255 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The First Flight · Level: Level 7 · Words: 261 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Princess and the Pea · Level: Level 7 · Words: 344 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Four Big Pages · Level: Level 7 · Words: 451 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Little Blue Engine · Level: Level 7 · Words: 476 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Wolf and the Crane · Level: Level 7 · Words: 235 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Nausicaa Helps a Stranger · Level: Level 7 · Words: 324 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Be My Robot · Level: Level 7 · Words: 400 · Kind: True story
- Book: Where Go the Boats? · Level: Level 7 · Words: 88 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Atalanta and the Three Apples · Level: Level 7 · Words: 283 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Grandfather Frog Plays Asleep · Level: Level 7 · Words: 230 · Kind: Classic
- Book: A Horse at the Gates · Level: Level 7 · Words: 331 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Christmas Cuckoo · Level: Level 7 · Words: 392 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Strongest Man in Greece · Level: Level 7 · Words: 315 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Mia and the Two Rabbits · Level: Level 7 · Words: 390 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Turtles Made It · Level: Level 7 · Words: 330 · Kind: True story
- Book: At the Sea-side · Level: Level 7 · Words: 57 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Chatterer Laughs Last · Level: Level 7 · Words: 232 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Mrs. Hedgehog's Umbrella · Level: Level 7 · Words: 352 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: Odile and the Fizzy Cup · Level: Level 7 · Words: 267 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Tale of Peter Rabbit · Level: Level 7 · Words: 401 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Thread That Glowed · Level: Level 7 · Words: 297 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Octopus Who Got Out · Level: Level 7 · Words: 203 · Kind: Peabody story
- Book: The Girl Who Wove · Level: Level 7 · Words: 209 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Girl and the Pomegranate · Level: Level 7 · Words: 219 · Kind: Classic
- Book: The Cows That Walked Backward · Level: Level 7 · Words: 336 · Kind: Classic
- Book: A Sip, a Fan, a Lid · Level: Level 7 · Words: 357 · Kind: True story
- Book: The Gods Grow Old · Level: Level 7 · Words: 341 · Kind: Classic
- Book: Ottilie Gets Pluto · Level: Level 7 · Words: 396 · Kind: True story
- Book: Mostly Blue · Level: Level 7 · Words: 405 · Kind: True story

What these books are like

The level 5 books have 63 to 208 words each and the level 7 books 57 to 506, in short paragraphs, with a clear plot where one thing happens. The words stay everyday words.

Stories and true books

23 of the 168 are true books about real things, and the rest are stories. The Kind column in the table says which is which.

If a book is too hard or too easy

Go down a level if your child stops on many words or loses the thread. Go up a level if they read it without effort and want more. A strong reader can try short stories for 3rd graders.

Printable passages with questions

Every story here is also a free printable reading passage with comprehension questions and an answer key, for a classroom or the kitchen table. No sign-up.

- Where Is Ned's Hat?: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Enormous Turnip: reading passage — level 5, 4 questions
- Dot and the Log: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- A Bath for the Birds: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- The Leaf for Ant: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Who Lives Under the Log?: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Crow and the Pitcher: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- A Bell for the Cat: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Stuck Kite: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- Goats on a Plank: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Pim and the Mitten: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- The Boy Who Fibbed: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Grapes Up High: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Frogs Are Amazing: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Sun Is a Star: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- Just Bamboo: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- The Three Little Pigs: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Johnny Appleseed: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- Mouse Goes to Town: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Lion Skin: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Rainbow Race: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- Butterfly Summer: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- The Tortoise and the Hare: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Gingerbread Man: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Ruby Goes to School: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Bean in the Cup: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- The Fiddle and the Corn: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions

- The Wiggly Tooth: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- Buster and the Pail: reading passage — level 5, 4 questions
- My Teeth: reading passage — level 5, 6 questions
- A Rail Full of Corn: reading passage — level 5, 4 questions
- Danny Digs Doors: reading passage — level 5, 4 questions
- Henny Penny: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Roar in the Cupboard: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Monster Who Could Not Sleep: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Scratch at the Tent: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- Piccola: reading passage — level 5, 5 questions
- The Blinking Lamp: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Midas and the Gold: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Thor and the Giants: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Mia and the Kite: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- The Moon Follows Me: reading passage — level 6, 4 questions
- Tom and the Big Fish: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- The Mice Hold a Meeting: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Bear Who Could Not Sleep: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- The Snail Race: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Pandora Opens the Jar: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Thor and the Big Fish: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- The Sailor and the Snake: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Ruby and the Rainy Picnic: reading passage — level 6, 4 questions
- Sour Grapes, Says Fox: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Nobody Gives Way: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Girl at the Shore: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Thor's New Hammer: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Ben and the Puddle Boat: reading passage — level 6, 4 questions
- The Hamster Who Went Out: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Ant Saves Dove: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Shark Who Smiled: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Bolt the Helper Robot: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Danny's Short Tail: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Atalanta Runs: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Hercules and His Jobs: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Jug That Filled: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Mouse Who Went Home: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions

- A Wolf at Last: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- The Little Lantern: reading passage — level 6, 4 questions
- The Scarecrow Moves: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- The Big Wooden Horse: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Arachne Weaves: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Ra Sails the Sky: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Paddy's Strange House: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Arion Sings: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Baby Hermes: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Wings of Wax: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Max and the Magnet: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Grasshopper Plays All Summer: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Paddy Builds a Dam: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Donkey Is Found Out: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Persephone and the Seeds: reading passage — level 6, 6 questions
- Idun's Golden Apples: reading passage — level 6, 5 questions
- Thor in the Little Boat: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Why Does Ice Float?: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Look at Ants: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Oak and the Reed: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Dove and the Ant: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- My Kingdom: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Fox and the Goat: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Duck Says Sorry: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Muskrat Is Grumpy: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Tadpoles in a Jar: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Dog in the Manger: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Fox and the Crow: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Two Goats: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Little Fish: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Tapping in the Fog: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Window Seat: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Wynken, Blynken, and Nod: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Paul Bunyan and Babe: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Tiny Arms, Big Heart: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Tooth Nobody Lost: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Belling the Cat: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions

- Newt Is Nervous: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Stag and His Reflection: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Sun's Night Journey: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Hercules and the Wagoner: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Heron Feels Left Out: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Little Red Riding Hood: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Ant and the Grasshopper: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Fox and the Stork: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Bundle of Sticks: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Book That Came Back: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Pandora and Hope: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Swing: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Hen Parade: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Left-Footed Goalie: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Moon's Night Off: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Whisper in the Vent: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Milkmaid and Her Pail: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Singer and the Dolphin: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Dwarfs' Forge: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Heap of Snow: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Kind Old Pair: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Donkey in the Lion's Skin: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Fox and the Grapes: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Why Do Leaves Change Color?: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Rain's Long Trip: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Crunch Goes the Panda: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Washed Up on the Island: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Boats Sail on the Rivers: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Giants' Contests: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Three Rocks in a Shoebox: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Why Is the Sky Blue?: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Icarus Flies: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Midas Touches a Rose: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Floor With No Number: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The First Flight: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Princess and the Pea: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions

- The Four Big Pages: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Little Blue Engine: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Wolf and the Crane: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Nausicaa Helps a Stranger: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Be My Robot: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Where Go the Boats?: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Atalanta and the Three Apples: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Grandfather Frog Plays Asleep: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- A Horse at the Gates: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Christmas Cuckoo: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Strongest Man in Greece: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- Mia and the Two Rabbits: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
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- At the Sea-side: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Chatterer Laughs Last: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Mrs. Hedgehog's Umbrella: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Odile and the Fizzy Cup: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Thread That Glowed: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Octopus Who Got Out: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Girl Who Wove: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Girl and the Pomegranate: reading passage — level 7, 6 questions
- The Cows That Walked Backward: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- A Sip, a Fan, a Lid: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- The Gods Grow Old: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Ottilie Gets Pluto: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions
- Mostly Blue: reading passage — level 7, 5 questions

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- By level: Level 5 · Level 6 · Level 7

Questions parents ask

What reading level is 2nd grade?

Peabody starts 2nd grade at level 5 and calls level 7 second grade. Each level is worked out from the book's text, not from a grade label.

Are any of these books scary?

2 of the 168 are marked scary: The Tapping in the Fog and The Whisper in the Vent. The mark is on each story's page, and none are marked very scary or horror, which are not open to visitors at all.

Are these books from other publishers?

No. Every book on this page is a Peabody story, written for this site and free to read here through the end of 2026. For picture books to borrow, ask at your public library.

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