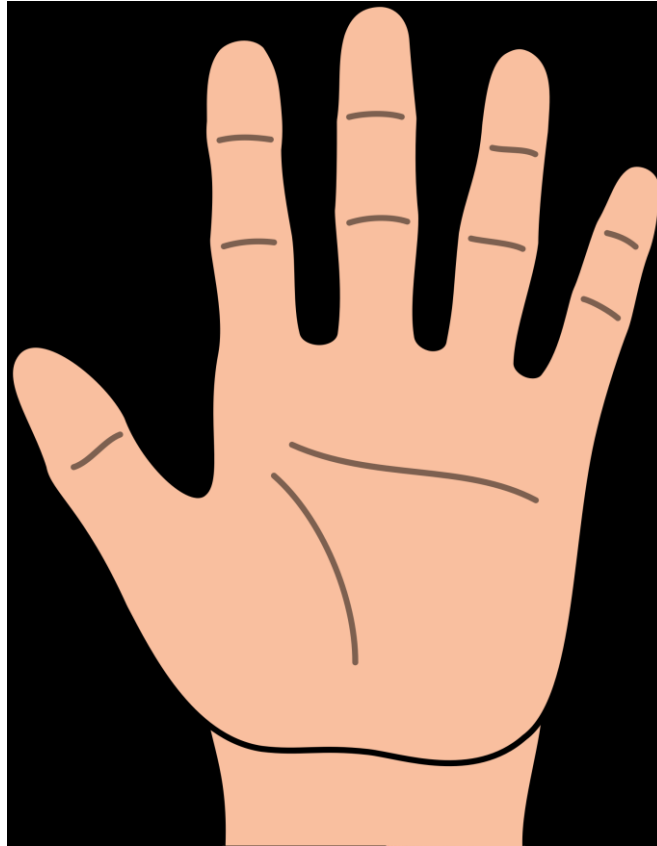


The Five Finger Test



If you think a book may be too hard for you, try the "five finger test!"

To check the reading level of your book, take this simple test:

1. Open the book to the middle and choose any page to read.
2. Read the page. (aloud if possible)
3. Put out 1 finger for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.
4. If you have 5 fingers out, the book is too difficult to read without help.
5. If you do not get any fingers up, but are reading very slowly and decoding almost every word, you will not enjoy the book.

Here's the finger guide:

- 1 Finger:** This book is o.k. for you.
- 2 Fingers:** Still good.
- 3 Fingers:** Could be a bit hard for you to understand.
- 4 Fingers:** Will be too difficult to read and understand.
- 5 Fingers:** Choose another book.