

Advanced 2nd Grade Text Characteristics and Independent Reading Behaviors

It is important to note that even though your child may be assessed at a higher level and able to read more advanced books, their reading interest may still be in stories/topics written for 2nd grade. Talk with your child to find out what topics and types of books they are excited to read. The most important activity to help your child grow as a reader is to let him/her talk about the books he/she is reading.

Text Characteristics:

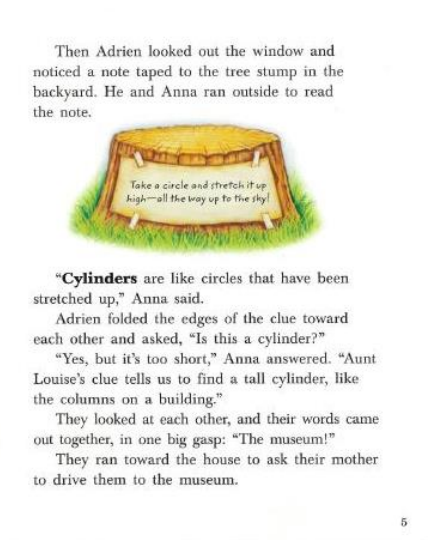
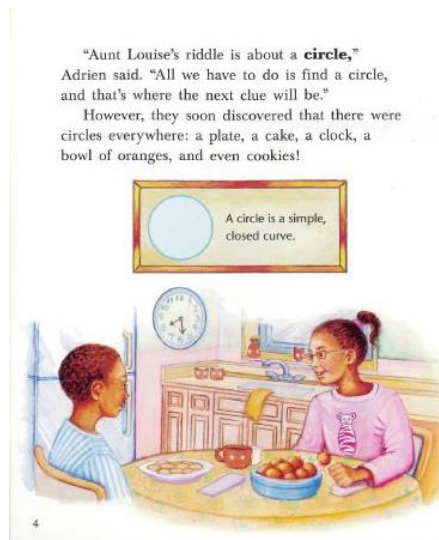
- Multiple characters are developed through what they say, think and do or what others say about them (fiction)
- Characters deal with everyday experiences or more serious problems (fiction)
- Genres expand to include historical and science fiction
- Settings are very detailed
- Highly complex sentences employ a wide range of punctuation necessary for understanding the text
- Various connotations of words (other meanings)
- Complex vocabulary
- Longer and more developed paragraphs
- Fiction contains more characters that speak with dialogue not assigned
- Fiction and novels have longer chapters



Non-fiction text

Readers at this level:

- Begin to understand figurative language
- Understand and discuss more complex characters
- Understand more complex themes and main ideas
- Use context to understand complex vocabulary
- Do a majority of their reading silently
- Sustain interest and attention to what they are reading over several days



Fiction text

