

Choosing and Using Picture Books with Adult English Language Learners

Choosing Books—What to Consider

- Student level
- Cultural background
- Time available
- Whether class is in-person or online
- Language level in the book
- Adult theme
- Design and layout
- Price and availability

Using Picture Books

Before Reading

- Generate interest (e.g. with a picture)
- Brainstorm what story could be about, or discuss a topic
- Go over important vocabulary students may not know

While Reading

- Read the story aloud once without stopping
- Read segment by segment, stopping for students to repeat
- Call on individual student to read a segment.

After Reading

- Check comprehension
- Discuss a topic related to the story
- Review vocabulary
- Expand, using other skills (writing, listening, etc.)



[Link to google spreadsheet with suggested books](#)