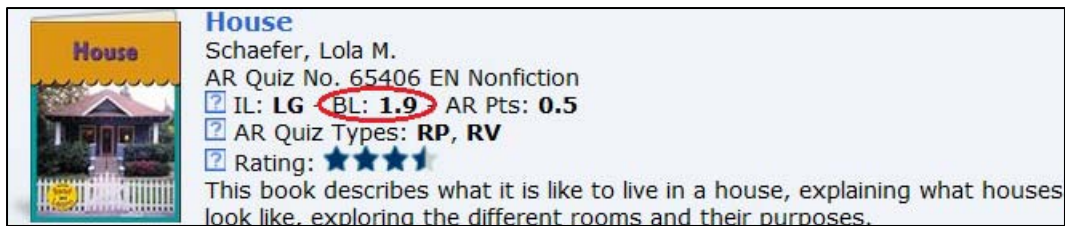


How to Determine Book Level

The STAR reading test provides information on a student's overall reading ability and suggests a range of book levels for each student called the "zone of proximal development", or ZPD.

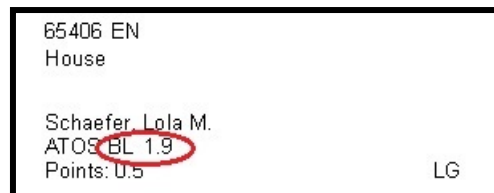
Here is a sample ZPD: **2.4-3.6**

This relates to the **Book Level** (BL) numbers you will find inside a book in our library or on the AR BookFinder website. Here's where to find it on the Book Finder website:



House
Schaefer, Lola M.
AR Quiz No. 65406 EN Nonfiction
IL: LG **BL: 1.9** AR Pts: 0.5
AR Quiz Types: RP, RV
Rating: ★★★★★
This book describes what it is like to live in a house, explaining what houses look like, exploring the different rooms and their purposes.

Here's what it looks like on a label inside a library book:



65406 EN
House

Schaefer, Lola M.
ATOS **BL 1.9**
Points: 0.5
LG

On the outside of the books in our school library, there is a colored label that says "Reading Level". The chart on the right shows how the **Book Level** relates to the **Reading Level** marked on the book.

So if a student's ZPD is 2.4-3.6, they would be looking for books with a 3rd, 4th, or 5th reading level sticker. The **Book Level** number most closely relates to a grade level, *not the Reading Level*. A **Book Level** of 2.5 means a book that is written at the comprehension level of an average student in the middle of second grade and would have a **4th Reading Level** sticker on it. A Book Level of 3.9 would be for an average student at the end of third grade and would have a **6th Reading Level** sticker.

However, these numbers are just guidelines to use for selecting a book based on reading level. Students are also encouraged to select books based on interest. Students are often able to read books slightly above their reading level if they are about a favorite topic or a current interest.

Accelerated Reader Levels	Reading	Book Level
1 st Reading Level	1.0 – 1.4	Blue
2 nd Reading Level	1.5 – 1.9	Red
3 rd Reading Level	2.0 – 2.4	Green
4 th Reading Level	2.5 – 2.9	Gold
5 th Reading Level	3.0 – 3.4	Yellow
6 th Reading Level	3.5 – 3.9	Purple
7 th Reading Level	4.0 – 4.9	Orange
8 th Reading Level	5.0 – 5.9	Pink
9 th Reading Level	6.0 – 6.9	Bronze
10 th Reading Level	7.0 – 7.9	Lilac
11 th Reading Level	8.0 +	Neon Yellow