Bloom Session 8

In this session, we will learn how to create a leveled reader in Bloom. The data files for this session are found in the *Reader* zip folder.

Start Bloom.

Choose a Collection

1. The main window appears. Click **Other Collections**. The **Open/Create Collection** dialog box appears.
2. Select the **English Book**s collection. The main window reappears.

Create a book

1. In the **Sources for New Books** pane, select the **Leveled Reader** template.
2. Click **Make a book using this source**.
3. This template has a tool for setting the levels for a book. In the **Leveled Reader Tool** pane, click **Set up Levels**. The **Set up Leveled Reader Tool** dialog box appears On the left hand side, a level summary table is given. On the right hand side, we can see the rules for a given level.
4. Now we want to define each level according to our rules. Note that they are six levels preliminary defined. We will want to change them.
5. Select **Level 1**. Set the **Maximum Words in each Sentence** to 3. Set the **Maximum Word in each Page** to 3. Set the **Maximum Words per Book** to 20. If desired, we could set the **Maximum Unique Words per Book** to a number.
6. Now we want to define level 2. Select **Level 2**. Set the **Maximum Words in each Sentence** to 5. Set the **Maximum Word in each Page** to 6. Set the **Maximum Words per Book** to 40. Set the **Maximum Unique Words per Book** to 20.
7. Now we want to define level 3. Select **Level 3**. Set the **Maximum Words in each Sentence** to 6. Set the **Maximum Word in each Page** to 10. Set the **Maximum Words per Book** to 60. Set the **Maximum Unique Words per Book** to 30.
8. Now we want to define the other levels using the same basic steps we used for Level 1 and 2 and 3. Have the participants do the rest of levels on their own.
9. We can remove a level by clicking the level and clicking **Remove Leve**l.

   We can change the order of the levels by draging the rows.

   We can add a level by clicking **Add Level**.

   If we do not want a rule to apply to a given level, we uncheck the appropriate box.

   We can put notes to the author in the**Things to remember for this level** textbox.

10. After all levels have been defined, we are ready to create our reader. Click **OK.**

11. Note you are now ready to create your reader for a level 1 reader. If you want to create a reader for another level, change the level number by click the adjacent arrows.

    In the **Front Cover** page, enter a title (e.g. *Dick and Jane*) for the book and insert a picture from the *Art of Reading* collection.
    Click **Add Page** and select **Basic Text & Picture** and then click **Add New Page**. In the new page, insert a picture of a boy from the *Art of Reading* collection and enter some text (e.g. *See Dick run.*). Change the font size of the text by clicking the **Gear** icon. What happens when you add the following sentence, See Sam run. Why?

Click **Add Page** and select **Basic Text & Picture** and then click **Add New Page.** In the new page, insert a picture of a girl from the *Art of Reading* collection and enter some text (e.g. *See Jane run*). What happens if you add *fast* to the sentence?   Why? What happens if you add the following sentence, *Mom sees Jane running.* Why?

12. Show **Keep in mind and explain.**

Exercise

1. Create a Level 2 reader of four pages.
2. Create a Level 3 reader of six pages.