

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 subfolder Data\Reader.

Start Bloom.

Choose a Collection

1. The main window appears. Click **Other Collections**.

The **Open/Create Collection** dialog box appears.

2. Select the **English Books** 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 reader levels 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 24. Set the **Maximum Unique Words per Book** to 10. Set the **Max Average Length of Sentence in Book** to 3.
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 7. Set the **Maximum Words per Book** to 40. Set the **Maximum Unique Words per Book** to 20. Set the **Max Average Length of Sentence in Book** to 4.
7. Now we want to define the other levels using the same basic steps we used for Level 1 and 2. This will be left as an exercise.
8. We can remove a level by clicking the level and clicking **Remove Level**.
We can change the order of the levels by dragging 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 **Things to remember for this level** textbox.
9. After all levels have been defined, we are ready to create our reader. Click **OK**.
10. 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 Runs**) for the book and insert a picture from the **Image Galleries**.

Add a **Basic Text & Picture** page to the book. In the new page, insert a picture of a boy from the **Image Galleries** and enter some text (e.g. **See Dick run.**). Change the font size of the text by clicking the **Gear** icon

Add a **Basic Text & Picture** page to the book. In the new page, insert a picture of a girl from the **Image Galleries** 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**. Why?

Exercise

1. Redefine Levels 3, 4 and 5 to your preferences. Remove Level 6, 7, etc., if they exist.
2. Create a Level 2 reader of four pages.
3. Create a Level 3 reader of six pages.