

When I made Aliyah 40 years ago, I entered my first Israeli classroom as an English teacher. I discovered how difficult it is for children to learn to read English. This is still true today. Despite many efforts, children simply do not have **enough time devoted to reading** nor access to English books.

A.H.A.V.A. has the solution! A project that *excites, encourages and rewards students to read intensively* at their level in English for 5 continuous weeks!

The rules are simple enough: **the more pages read – the more prizes earned!** Every grade has four reading levels. As a participant reaches a higher level, he/she earns more prizes.

Reading Level Table for English Speakers:

<b>Levels</b>	<b>Readathoner</b>	<b>Bookworm</b>	<b>Book-a-holic</b>	<b>Super Reader</b>
<b>1st grader</b>	200 pages	400 pages	600 pages	1500+pages
<b>2nd grade</b>	300 pages	500 pages	1,000 pages	2200+ pages
<b>3rd grade</b>	300 pages	700 pages	1,500 pages	4,000+ pages
<b>4th-5th</b>	500 pages	1000 pages	2,500 pages	6,000+ pages
<b>6th grade</b>	600 pages	1,500 pages	2,500 pages	6,000+ pages
<b>7th-8th grade</b>	600 pages	1,500 pages	3,000 pages	6,500+ pages

Readathon 2020 runs from **January 5<sup>th</sup>-February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up is via our internet site: [ahava-readathon.org](http://ahava-readathon.org) (Early registration fee - 45 NIS, registration after January 5 - 50 NIS, payable [online here](#)).

Each participant receives an account and updates the number of books and pages read. (Username is automatically generated by the participant's first name and last four digits of his telephone number.)

To celebrate all of our readers' efforts, A.H.A.V.A. holds an AWARDS CEREMONY (February 23<sup>rd</sup>) with a performance, balloons, raffles, book sale and - of course – prizes and vouchers for each reader.

*A recurring problem is a lack of easy reading material appropriate for beginning readers. The solution? We created “**Betty’s Books**”- a collection of free, downloadable books in **English** that can be found [online here](#).*

How does it work? Find a book that is good for your child, print it out and presto – he has an easy book to read! The books are available during the Readathon or any other time. We keep uploading new original content whenever we get enough funding for another book - so check back frequently to see if there is something new!

This is our 15<sup>th</sup> Readathon! Our experience teaches us that **children gain one or two reading levels** (and sometimes more!) in the mere 5 weeks of the Readathon! This edge can change a weak reader into a successful reader or a good reader into an excellent one. Children learn to love reading, improve their English and have fun earning prizes...

Join us! We welcome children on any reading level. Allow your child to blossom. **Sign your child up NOW for A.H.A.V.A.’s 2020 Readathon: [ahava-readathon.org](http://ahava-readathon.org)**



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*P.S. As a parent, my own children enjoyed the challenge of the Readathon and gained from it. They all use their English skills today in Israel. Register your child and they will benefit too. Give them this opportunity!*