LITTLE NIHAO · LEVEL CHECK

Which level should we start with?

One page. Read the free 你好 · Hello book with your child, then use this check.

LEVEL	AGE	NEW WORDS	BOOK PAGES	CHILD CAN…
Seedling 种子级	3–4	27	19	follow a picture story; new to Chinese
Sprout 嫩芽级	4–5	35	19	recognise a few characters
Bud 花苞级	5–6	52	27	read a Seedling book with help
Bloom 开花级	6–7	72	27	read short sentences
Branch 树枝级	7–8	91	27	read longer stories
Root 树根级	8+	89	27	ready for independent reading

The three-page test

Open the free 你好 · Hello book and read the first three pages together. Then choose:

- **They ask for more** — start at Seedling (or the level you just read).
- **They lose interest or you translate every word** — go one level down, or repeat the same level with a different series.
- **They read it fluently** — go one level up.

> **Do not rush.** Each level revisits the previous vocabulary. A child who rereads Seedling for a month is doing the work correctly. The ladder is a guide, not a race.